



## **UKMDA Statement on Retentions – July 2018**

The UK Metal Decking Association considers the withholding of retentions on metal decking contracts to be unnecessary. As such, the industry does not accept the application of retentions.

Metal decking is effectively a shutter and would not be subject to defects or poor workmanship once the concrete has been poured and reached design strength. After the concrete pour, it would not be possible to carry out any remedial work, therefore the holding of retention to cover any potential defects is not applicable to the works.

Accordingly, retention to cover any potential defects is not applicable to metal decking works.