



MEL'S METTLE

"BEYOND OUR BORDERS"



Lately there has been a lot of chatter about extending the influence of the United States in territories beyond our borders. The list includes the Panama Canal, Greenland and even Canada. Whether or not you agree or disagree with these initiatives, you must admit that they are rather controversial.

Not controversial, however, is a different type of activity beyond our borders; that is, the sale of MFC products in foreign countries. A recent example is the large order of forms shipped to New Zealand for airport pavements (see Page 3, "Field Report").

Export sales are nothing new here at MFC. At the very beginning of the company's history in the early 1900's, global concrete forming installations included grain storage bins in South Africa and telegraph offices in India. Later on, in the 1930's and 1940's, massive amounts of wall forms were shipped to England to build apartments in London. Company lore has it that one of these shipments had to be replaced after it was torpedoed by the Germans during World War II.



**Poly Meta Forms®
New Brunswick
Canada**

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Export sales now extend across MFC's entire line of concrete forming and finishing products. Screeds have been sold just across our borders in Canada and Mexico as well as in Central &



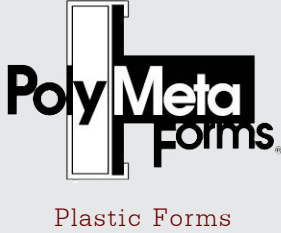
**Metaforms & Speed Screed
Honduras, Central America**

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South America, America Samoa, Japan and Taiwan. Poly forms are extremely popular in Canada, although sales extend to far-flung regions such as Iceland, Europe and the Middle East. Our steel forms have literally been shipped around the world for paving airport taxiways and runways for our armed forces.

MFC takes pride in the export opportunities that come our way and will continue to pursue sales of our "FORM TO FINISH" products beyond our borders. No matter where in the world concrete is being poured, MFC wants to be there to help form it and finish it.



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FIELD REPORT

Auckland International Airport - Auckland NZ
“The Gateway to the Land of Aotearoa-the Long White Cloud”
CONTRACTOR: Fletcher Construction Ltd. Trading as Brian Perry Civil Mt. Wellington, Auckland NZ



On-Site Down Under: Right to Left; Daniel Pike (Fletcher), Matt Michel, Dan Block, Tim Fox (MFC)

Auckland International Airport (AKL) is arguably one of New Zealand’s most valuable infrastructure investments. As with any large infrastructure asset, it is imperative to keep it updated with timely repairs and upgrades.

There is no doubt that New Zealand is committed to assuring that AKL will remain as a treasured national asset. Case in point is that AKL is currently undergoing the biggest airfield expansion since it opened in 1966. This expansion includes the long-term goal of paving a second main runway and building a new domestic terminal. The expansion is deemed necessary to handle the 40 million passengers and 260,000 flights expected to use the airport yearly by 2044.

Currently Fletcher Construction Ltd. has concrete paving projects underway in anticipation of the full closure of the main runway for major repairs and the relocation of the domestic terminal. MFC is playing an important part in the Fletcher concrete paving operations by supplying 425m x 475m (16.7” x 18.7”) dual paving forms (MetaPave®II). The order consisted of 2,676 meters (8,800’) of forms fabricated from ¼” steel in 3-meter (9.85’) lengths and equipped with detachable keyways. A similar order of forms was previously shipped to Fletcher for concrete pavements at the RNZAF (Royal New Zealand Air Force) Base in Auckland.

MFC is pleased to have partnered with Fletcher Construction on this international paving project. Fletcher Construction has been an integral part of the development and modernization of the South Pacific since 1945 as they have worked with both governments and private sectors to improve the regions transport and utility infrastructure.





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