## Case Study

## Industry



## **GlaxoSmithKline**

## Facts about the project

GSK, Ware, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

Architect: Simons Group

Main Contractor: ISL Projects

Ceiling Contractor: Macana Construction

Project size: 2000m²

Products: Ecophon Focus™ E

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) is one of the world's leading researchbased pharmaceutical and healthcare companies, developing and supplying medicines to improve patient's quality of life.

Ecophon has been working with GSK at their Ware site for several years, most recently on Project Ellipta. This is a newly constructed tablet packing facility built by TSL Projects, the main contractor and a pharma industry specialist.

Ecophon's Andy Holler for Key Applications describes the conditions in a typical packing hall: "These areas are extremely busy working environments, where productivity and the ability to focus on the task in hand is key."

High noise levels can damage hearing as well as creating stress and fatigue, which can result in lack of concentration and increased chances of human error. GSK take their employees' wellbeing very seriously and are continually trying to reduce noise levels within their packing halls to assist their staff's concentration.



Macana Construction specialise in high care environments so therefore chose Ecophon Focus due to the excellent sound absorption and for applications where an attractive suspended ceiling is required where easy removal of individual tiles is essential. Ecophon Focus E has a recessed visible grid and a tegular edge design, creating a ceiling with a shadow effect that accentuates each tile and partially conceals the grid system.

Ecophon Ecophon Focus<sup>TM</sup> E was used in this particular project to create a quieter and more acoustically comfortable space for the people working in this challenging environment.

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