



Rubb's star turn for pyramid project

Rubb Buildings Ltd has designed and constructed a building to protect precious historical artifacts at the Parque Etnográfico Pirámides de Güímar in Tenerife, Canary Islands.

The Güímar Pyramids in the south of Tenerife are a complex of five pyramid structures, astronomically positioned to represent the winter and summer solstices. The park offers visitors the chance to view these amazing structures. The venue also has a leisure centre, information point, sea view terraces, gardens of indigenous flowers, a museum and shop. It now also features a Rubb structure which will be used to house historic artifacts related to the location.

The pyramids have been carefully reconstructed to what is believed to be their original layout in the nineteenth century (1854 to 1881). The Norwegian scientist Thor Heyerdahl, who lived in Tenerife until his death in 2002, and the shipping giant Fred Olsen persuaded the authorities to seal off the area and founded the Parque Etnográfico museum. It was Thor who first studied the pyramids during the 1990s and discovered that the structures were laid out in such a manner that they point to the location of the sun during the summer and winter solstices.

Fred Olsen & Co came to Rubb when a tension membrane structure needed replacing on site. Rubb provided a 20m x 25m BVR structure with sidewalls of 2.5m. The frame is made from hot dip galvanized steel and is covered with a durable PVC coated polyester fabric featuring sand coloured walls and a white translucent roof. It was shipped to the site in a 40ft container and erected in just six days

Øyvind B. Kristiansen of Fred Olsen & Co said: "Thank you very much for your support and the good work your company has done in connection with the building at Piramides de Guimar. The people at the park and Mr Olsen are very pleased with the building."

Rubb Specifications

- **Span** 20m
- **Length** 25m
- **Sidewall** 2.5m
- **Overall height** 3m
- **Doors** 2x double personnel doors
- **Frame** Hot Dip Galvanised steel
- **Outer Membrane** PVC coated polyester

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Highlights include ground-breaking military buildings (aircraft hangars, shelters, storage facilities), specialist sports buildings and structures for a variety of sectors including aviation, ports, construction, bulk storage and environmental (waste and recycling).

All products are designed and manufactured at Rubb's UK plant in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear. The company was founded in 1977 and has a proud history of delivering innovative and quality structures to a wide range of clients.

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