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Report Available on Compact Reinforced Composite

Compact reinforced composite (CRC) is the designation for a new type of high-performance composite material which is based on strong, brittle cement bound matrix materials given a high degree of ductility with a high concentration of fine fibers and further reinforced with densely arranged bars.

The load capacity in bending is 5 to 10 times that of conventional, good reinforced concrete and almost the same as for structural steel, the formalized ultimate bending stress (normalized bending moment: M/ ½ being in the range of 140 to 250 MPa. The matrix material remains uncracked under tensile loading right up to the yield limit of the reinforcing steel (tensile strains about 3 mm/m), whereas ordinary reinforced concrete cracks at tensile strains of only 3 to 5% of the yield limit of the reinforcing steel

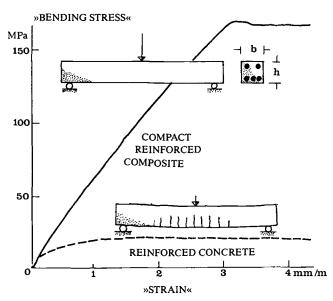
CRC is still in its infancy (the principles were demonstrated for the first time in May 1986). Aalborg Portland is interested in cooperation with regard to research and development of CRC technology. CRC is the subject of a patent application notified by Aalborg Portland.

This report, entitled "Compact Reinforced Composite," can be purchased from:

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Farkas Elected to ASTM Board of Directors

Emery Farkas, vice-president of the Construction Products Division, W. R. Grace & Co., Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been elected to serve on the ASTM Board of Directors for a three-year term.

A native of Hungary with a chemical engineering degree from the Polytechnical University of Budapest, Farkas came to the United States as a teaching fellow at Harvard University. He later attended the Sloan School for Business Executives, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Farkas joined W. R. Grace & Co. in 1957, where he served in various capacities, including research, technical services, and now business management. He has been with Grace for 29 years, although he spent two years as senior vice-president of H. G. Protze, a consulting and engineering firm in Boston.

Farkas has been a member of ASTM for over 25 years and currently is a member of Committees C-1 on Cement and C-9 on Concrete and Concrete Aggregates. He also serves on numerous subcommittees of C-1 and C-9. He is the current chairman of C09.74 Subcommittee on International Standards and C01.93 on Papers and Symposia.

In 1981, Farkas received the American Concrete Institute's (ACI's) Henry L. Kennedy Award "in recognition of many years of outstanding technical and administrative services to the institute." He is a former director of the Institute's New England Chapter.

Farkas is immediate past president of the ACI. He is also a member of ACI's Committee 201, Durability, and served for four years as chairman, Educational Activities Committee. He is also a fellow of ACI.

Farkas is a registered professional engineer and holds several patents related to chemicals for the cement and concrete industries.

Sikes Named to Post

David C. Sikes has been named director of the newly expanded west coast operations of the Skokie, IL, based Construction Technology Laboratories, Inc. (CTL). He will be based at CTL's Los Angeles office. In his new assignment, Sikes will direct programs of the Los Angeles and Seattle-Tacoma, WA, area offices and will be responsible for expanding the company's services in the western U.S. A member of the CTL staff for almost ten years, Sikes most recently served as director of the concrete materials/technical services dept. He is a member of Committee C-9 on Concrete and Concrete Aggregates.

New Quarterly Journal on Cement Announced

Palladian Publications Ltd have announced the publication of a new international quarterly journal, Advances in Cement Research. The first issue was published in October 1987. The journal focuses on the fundamentals of cement science and provides a forum for dissemination of the results of current research, for review papers collecting and interpreting available experimental information, technical notes, research and conference news and book re-

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views. It is produced to the highest technical and editorial standards: all papers are reviewed by the Editorial Advisory Board and the journal is typeset with high quality reproduction of micrographs and other half tones.

Advances in Cement Research is of interest to researchers in the field of cement and cement-based materials, in universities and polytechnics, government and commercial laboratories, cement manufacturers and users.

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- 3. Some Applications of Conduction Calorimetry to Cement Hydration" by J. Bensted.
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Other papers planned for inclusion in the first or second issues deal with: continuous monitoring of cement hydration; XRD studies of portlandite; the role of iron oxide in the formation of Portland clinker; fracture process zone and crack growth in fibre-reinforced cementitious materials; condensed silica fume and the steel-cement paste transition zone; consolidation model for bleeding of cement paste. (Subject to change.)

The Editor welcomes original papers from all parts of the world on any aspect of cement science. Instructions for contributors are available on request from The Editor, J. N. Clarke, Advances in Cement Research, Palladian Publications Ltd, 11 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EE, England.

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ASTM Publishes New STP on Cement

A book entitled *Uniformity of Cement Strength* has just been published by ASTM. The book, STP 961, provides the factors that are important in the production of uniform concrete. It is the result of the first step in an effort to improve the uniformity of concrete produced at a single source.

The papers presented in this publication document the first approaches to record the results achieved by the use of a relatively new ASTM standard, adopted in 1979 and entitled ASTM Method for Evaluation of Cement Strength Uniformity From a Single Source (C 917-82).

This standard is intended for use where the purchaser desires information on the strength uniformity of a hydraulic cement produced at a single source. The information imparted about improvements in the uniformity should significantly aid in the concrete production process.

Seven papers comprise the contents of this book covering research conducted here in the United States, Saudi Arabia, Belgium and India. The subjects addressed include:

- 1. Cement strength uniformity.
- 2. Statistical analyses of specification mortar cube test.
- 3. Uniformity in compressive strengths of cement and concrete.
- 4. Application of CCRL data in cement standards.
- 5. Detecting inherent heterogeneities in cement strength.
- 6. Quality of cements in India.
- 7. Variability of cement strength in Saudi Arabia.

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