Granulated blast furnace slag for portland blast furnace slag cement

Features

- By reducing the limestone and fuel used for the production of cement, the CO₂ generation is reduced by 320 Kg per 1 ton of cement.
- Portland blast furnace slag cement features excellent durability, with greatly enhanced long-term strength and less chloride migration.
- Portland blast furnace slag cement suppresses alkali-aggregate reactivity and can be used with recycled aggregates.

Overview

Ground granulated blast furnace slag is made by grinding granulated blast furnace slag, a byproduct of pig iron manufacturing, and features a high latent hydraulic property. Taking advantage of the property, ground granulated blast furnace slag is used as an admixture in Portland blast furnace slag cement at 40 to 45%. The slag can also be added to ordinary Portland cement at 5%, or used as an admixture in concrete products. By using the slag, the limestone and coal used in the production of ordinary Portland cement are reduced, and the CO₂ emitted by the decarboxylation of limestone or the incineration of coal is also reduced.

Introductory Track Record

- The high-quality granulated blast furnace slag made in Japan has been used in the countries listed below. South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, USA, Columbia, Peru, Chile, Brazil, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Australia, etc.

Comparison of production of Portland blast furnace slag cement and ordinary Portland cement

CO₂ emissions per 1 ton of cement (unit: kg)

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<th>CO₂ emissions source</th>
<th>Portland cement (i)</th>
<th>Blast furnace cement (ii)</th>
<th>Reduced CO₂ emissions (i) – (ii)</th>
<th>Reduction rate of CO₂ emissions (%)</th>
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<td>Limestone</td>
<td>468</td>
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<td>Electric power/energy</td>
<td>296</td>
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<td>764</td>
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(Data released in 2013)

The annual reduction of CO₂ emissions by Portland blast furnace slag cement production in Japan is approximately 4,000,000 tons.

Effects

Portland blast furnace slag cement has the following advantages over ordinary Portland cement:

(i) The long-term strength is more enhanced.
(ii) The higher resistance to seawater/chemicals and the smaller diffusion coefficient of chloride ions make the cement suitable for offshore structures.
(iii) Alkali-aggregate reactivity is suppressed and the cement can be used with recycled aggregates.
(iv) The lower heat release rate suppresses thermal cracking effectively.
(v) When used in soil stabilization, hexavalent chromium is suppressed effectively.