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BLENDED CEMENTS – THE TCI PERSPECTIVE

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Introduction

- Prior to 1996 South Africa had a limited range of cements
 - OPC
 - RHC
 - PC15SL/FA
 - PC30
 - PBFC

Blended Cements in South Africa

- South Africa has used SCMs for a long time.
- GGBS was introduced in the early 1960s
- Fly ash in the late 1980's

Blended Cements in South Africa

- South Africa adopted EN 197 (SANS 50197) in 1996
- Adopted EN standards SANS 50450, SANS 55167 and SANS 53263 for extenders a few years ago

Table 1.1: Common cements: SABS EN 197-1

Main types	Notation of products (types of common cement)		Composition, percentage by mass ^(a)										
			Clinker K	Blast-furnace slag S	Silica fume D ^(b)	Pozzolana		Fly ash		Burnt shale T	Limestone		Minor additional constituents
						natural P	natural calcined Q	siliceous V	calcareous W		L	LL	
CEM I	Portland cement	CEM I	95 - 100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
CEM II	Portland-slag cement	CEM II A-S	80 - 94	6 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
		CEM II B-S	65 - 79	21 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
	Portland-silica fume cement	CEM II A-D	90 - 94	-	6 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
	Portland-pozzolana cement	CEM II A-P	80 - 94	-	-	6 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
		CEM II B-P	65 - 79	-	-	21 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
		CEM II A-Q	80 - 94	-	-	-	6 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
		CEM II B-Q	65 - 79	-	-	-	21 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
	Portland-fly ash cement	CEM II A-V	80 - 94	-	-	-	-	6 - 20	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
		CEM II B-V	65 - 79	-	-	-	-	21 - 35	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
		CEM II A-W	80 - 94	-	-	-	-	-	6 - 20	-	-	-	0 - 5
		CEM II B-W	65 - 79	-	-	-	-	-	21 - 35	-	-	-	0 - 5
	Portland-burnt shale cement	CEM II A-T	80 - 94	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 - 20	-	-	0 - 5
		CEM II B-T	65 - 79	-	-	-	-	-	-	21 - 35	-	-	0 - 5
	Portland-limestone cement	CEM II A-L	80 - 94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 - 20	-	0 - 5
CEM II B-L		65 - 79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21 - 35	-	0 - 5	
CEM II A-LL		80 - 94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 - 20	0 - 5	
CEM II B-LL		65 - 79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21 - 35	0 - 5	
Portland-composite cement ^(c)	CEM II A-M	80 - 94	←----- 6 - 20 -----→										0 - 5
	CEM II B-M	65 - 79	←----- 21 - 35 -----→										0 - 5
CEM III	Blastfurnace cement	CEM III A	35 - 64	36 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
		CEM III B	20 - 34	66 - 80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
		CEM III C	5 - 19	81 - 95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
CEM IV	Pozzolanic cement ^(c)	CEM IV A	65 - 89	-	←----- 11 - 35 -----→						-	-	0 - 5
		CEM IV B	45 - 64	-	←----- 36 - 55 -----→						-	-	0 - 5
CEM V	Composite cement ^(c)	CEM V A	40 - 64	18 - 30	-	←----- 18 - 30 -----→		-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5
		CEM V B	20 - 39	31 - 50	-	←----- 31 - 50 -----→		-	-	-	-	-	0 - 5

Notes

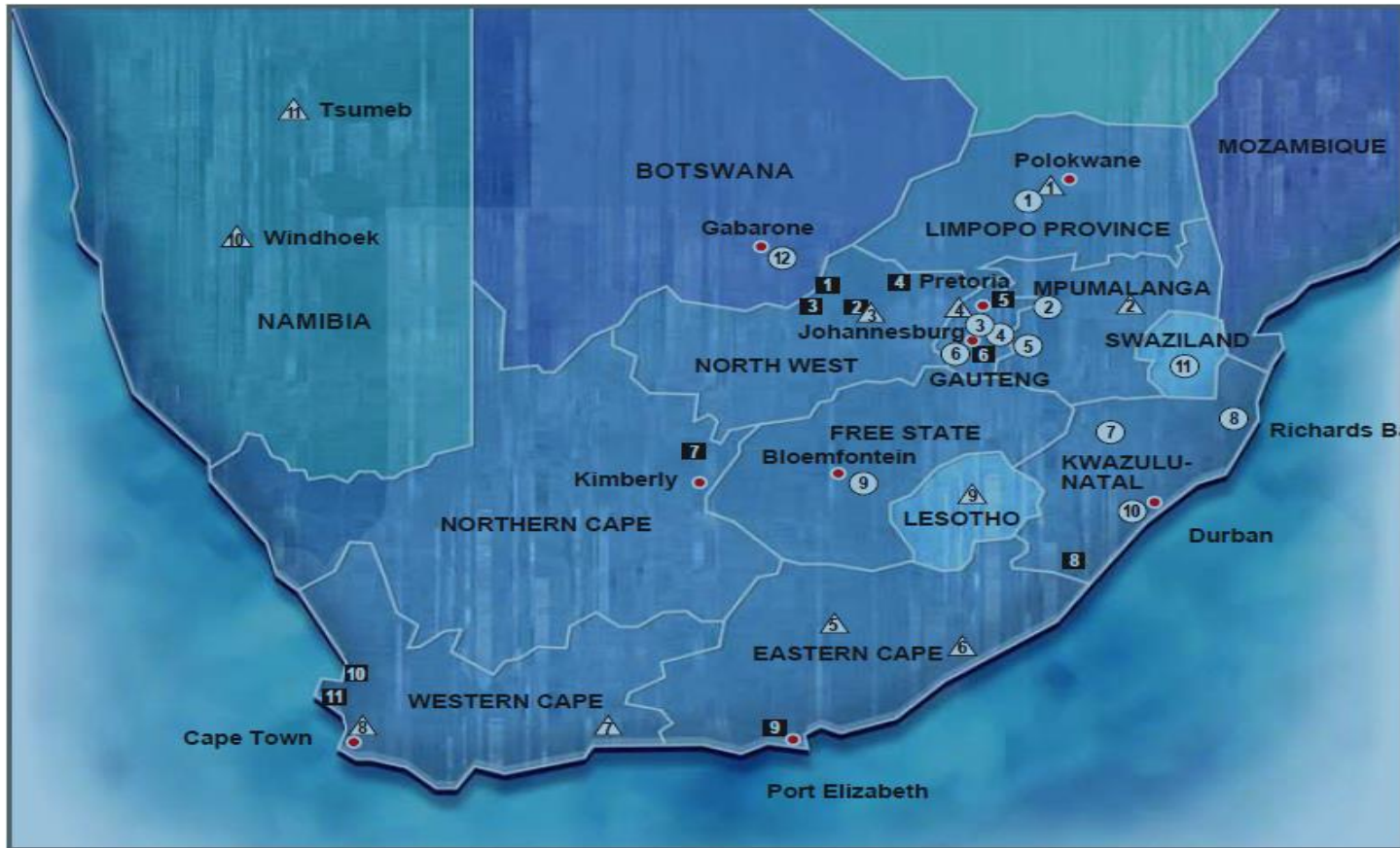
(a) The values in the table refer to the sum of the main and minor additional constituents.

(b) The proportion of silica fume is limited to 10%.

(c) In portland-composite cements CEM II A - M and CEM II B - M, in pozzolanic cements CEM IV A and CEM IV B, and in composite cements CEM V A and CEM V B the main constituents other than clinker shall be declared by designation of the cement.

Availability of extenders

- GGBS available in Vanderbijlpark and Newcastle
- GGCS available from Saldanha?????
- Fly ash from a number of power stations primarily in Mpumulanga and Free State
- Silica fume in Gauteng and Limpopo
- Poor geographic spread



Role and Benefits of SCMs

- Cost
- Role in improving durability
- Role in reducing CO2 emissions
- Role in reducing dumps

Cost benefits

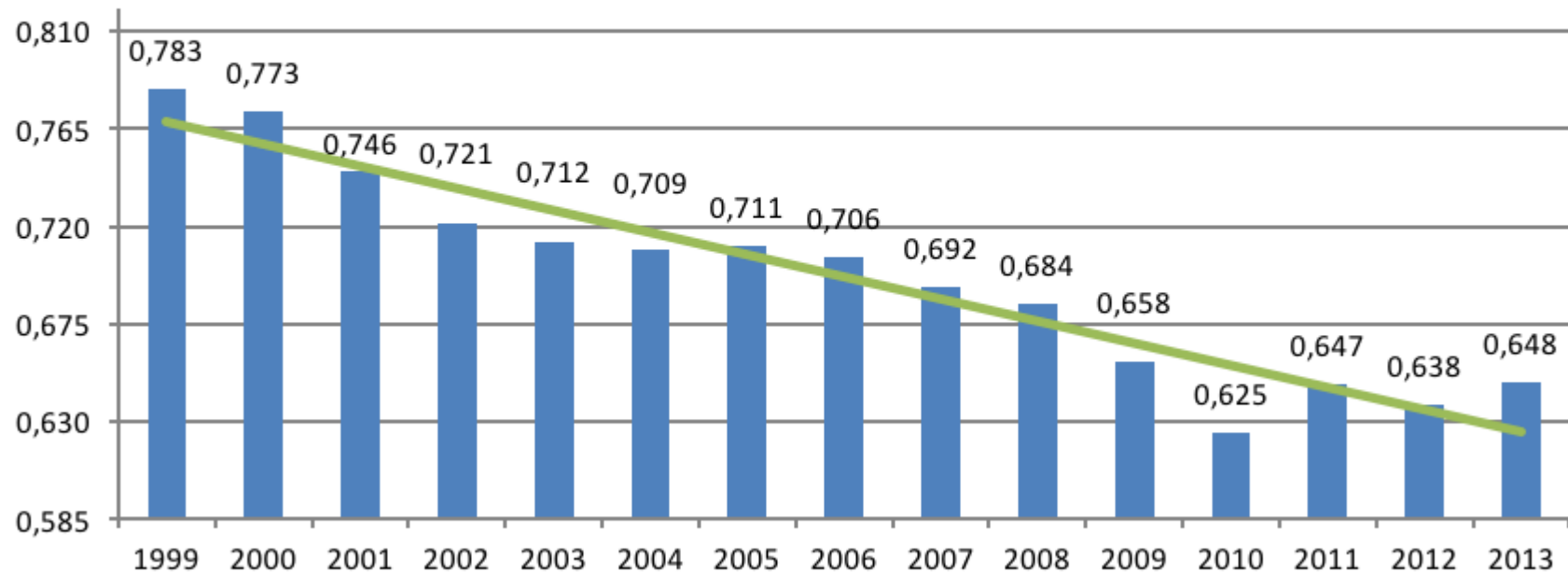
- GGBS, GGCS, fly ash and limestone cheaper than cement

Durability Benefits

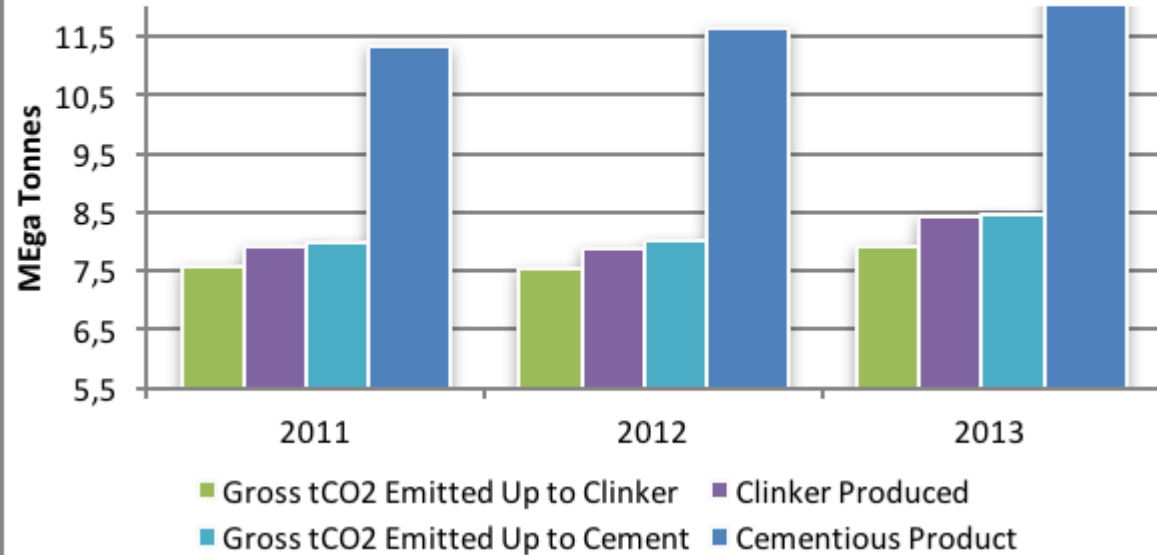
- Reduction in thermal cracking and heat of hydration
- Prevention or reduced risk of ASR
- Good for chloride capture or reduced chloride attack
- Reduced permeability preventing aggressive agent ingress
- Improvement in sulphate resistance

Role in Reducing CO2 Emissions

Ratio of tCO₂/t of Cement



Total CO2 per Tonnes Clinker and Cementitious Material Produced



Cement Type	Average Emission Values (kg CO ₂ e/ton)
CEM I	985
CEM II A-L	840
CEM II A-S	815
CEM II A-V	790
CEM II B-L	720
CEM II B-S	730
CEM II B-V	690
CEM III A	560
CEM IV A	640
CEM IV B	570
CEM V A	590
CEM V B	415



Extender Type	Average Emission Values (kg CO ₂ e/ton)
Fly Ash	2
GGBS	130

Material	Average Emission Values (kg CO ₂ e/ton)
Aggregates	2
Admixtures	220
Water	1

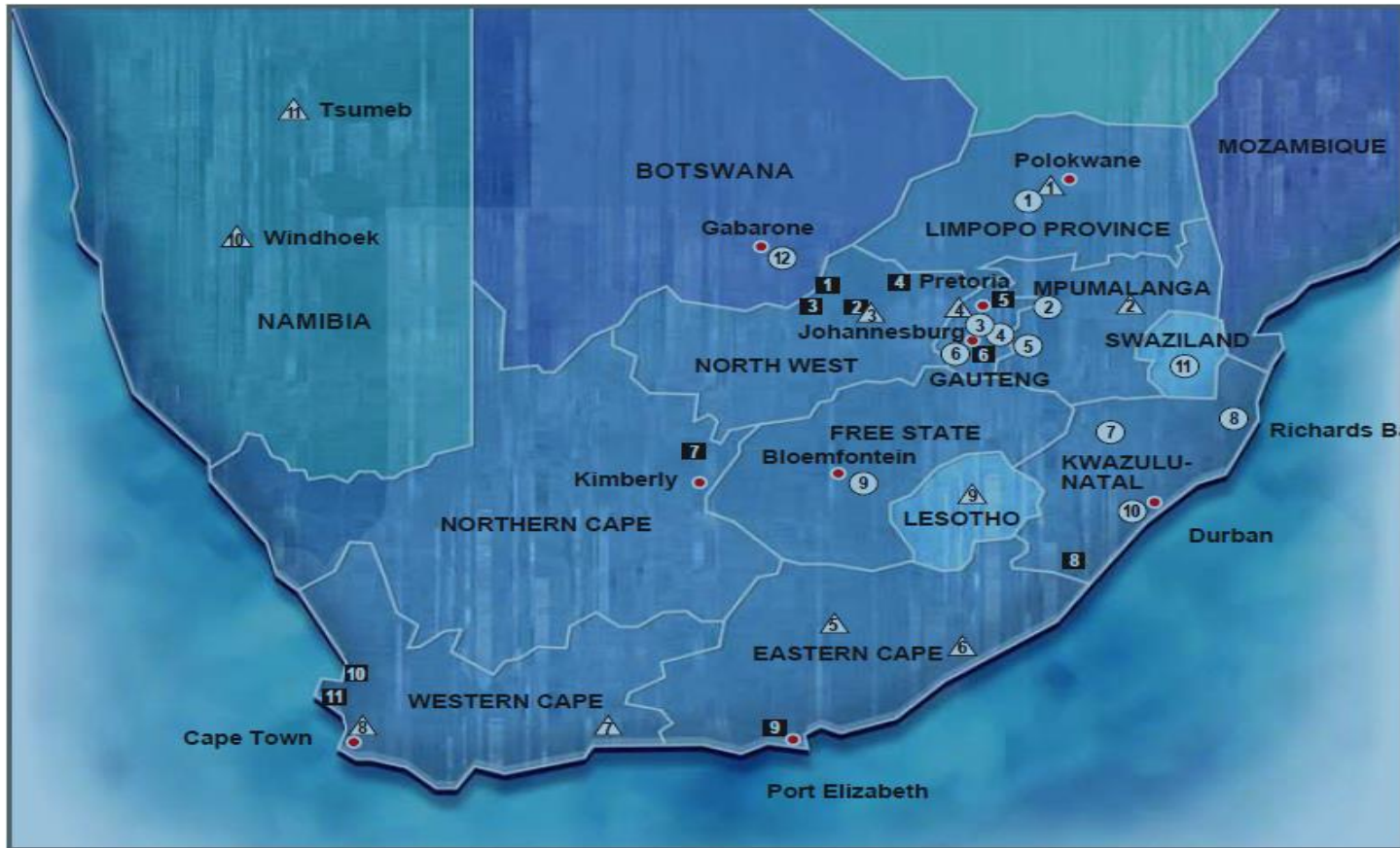


Reducing dumps

- >50 million tons of ash with 10% utilisation

Challenges

- Poor geographic spread
- Lack of SCMs in coastal areas



Challenges

- Poor geographic spread
- Lack of extenders in coastal areas
- Access to SCMs
- Inappropriate use of heavily extended cements due to lack of knowledge and understanding
- Quality of some blended products

Conclusions

- Extensive history of use
- Large number of benefits both in durability and sustainability
- There are challenges
- Blended cements are here to stay

Thank you