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- Part 1: Principles and general rules;
- Part 2: Classification of materials;
- Part 3: Construction procedures;
- *Part 4: Soil treatment with lime and/or hydraulic binders* (this document);
- Part 5: Quality control;
- Part 6: Land reclamation earthworks using dredged hydraulic fill;
- Part 7: Hydraulic placement of extractive waste.

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Introduction

In the context of the present standard, the treatment of a material designates the operation which consists of mixing, to an agreed specification, the material with a binder, for example lime, or hydraulic binder, or both of them, and optionally with additional water. The objective is to enhance the properties of materials with poor characteristics for use in earth structures. It can also be to enhance properties of materials to enable their use in specific applications (like capping layers, abutment fills, foundations, etc.).

Although the technique has been used for a long time, its application at a large scale, for the construction of earth structures, started in the 1960s. Since then, the technique has seen a substantial increase thanks to its many benefits, among which are:

- enhancement of the mechanical properties of material;
- elimination of lorry movements for disposal of site material;
- reduced lorry movements for importation of construction material;
- reduced noise and nuisance to local residents;
- less wear and tear on the local road network;
- no tipping charges or landfill tax;
- maintained landfill capacity;
- no waste of valuable non-renewable aggregate resources;
- generally reduced construction time and cost.

Once treated properly, the material can be used in embankment, capping layer or any part of the structure, provided it meets the specification of the project.

The treatment products considered in this standard are limited to the following standardized products: cement, fly ash, granulated blast furnace slag, hydraulic road binder and lime.

For the purpose of this standard, these treatment products will be designated as binders.

For the purpose of this standard, cement, granulated blast furnace slag and hydraulic road binder will be designated as hydraulic binders.

Fly ash includes siliceous fly ash and calcareous fly ash. Siliceous fly ash is a material which requires a source of calcium oxide, e.g. lime or cement, to produce a hydraulic reaction. Calcareous fly ash contains calcium oxide and is comparable to a hydraulic binder. For the purpose of this standard, both types of fly ash will be designated as hydraulic binders.

Lime is air lime and has no hydraulic property. For the purpose of this standard, it will be designated as a binder.

Typical uses of the binders are as follows:

- lime is generally used to dry up wet materials, and/or to enhance the performance of cohesive materials;
- hydraulic binders are mainly used to quickly and significantly increase the mechanical performance of non-cohesive materials;

— in presence of cohesive material and depending on the application, lime and hydraulic binder may be used together, in two steps on site, or through a pre-blended form like a hydraulic road binder.

The materials considered in this standard are: soils, weak rocks, intermediate rocks, chalk, recycled materials, artificial materials. They can also be mixes of these different types.

The success of a treatment operation relies upon the respect of specifications as well as of good practices that closely depend on local geological and climatic conditions. Thus, in addition to the are an are requirements of this standard, reference may be made to the guidelines of good practices valid in the place of use. Some of them are included as notes in the standard or in the annexes at the end of this document.

1 Scope

This European Standard applies to the treatment with binders of natural soils, weak rocks, intermediate rocks, chalk, recycled materials and artificial materials for the execution of earthworks during the construction and maintenance of roads, railways, airfields, platforms, dykes, ponds and any other types of earth structure.

It relates only to the treatment in layers, produced for earthworks in situ or from a mixing plant, as opposed to the treatment by columns for example.

The standard specifies the requirements for the constituents of the mixtures, the preliminary laboratory testing methodology, the laboratory performance classification, the execution and control.

NOTE 1 The informative annexes also give example of good practices for execution and control.

The laboratory performance classification specified in this European Standard covers the two types of treatment: improvement and stabilization.

For improvement, the classification relates to the short term performance.

For stabilization, the classification relates to the medium to long term performance.

NOTE 2 EN 16907-4 prepared by CEN/TC 396 "Earthworks" is for improvement and stabilization in earthworks applications. EN 14227-15 prepared by CEN/TC 227 "Road materials" is for stabilization only in pavement applications.

NOTE 3 For stabilization, the performance classification specified in EN 16907-4 uses generally the same laboratory performance classification specified in EN 14227-15, except for the performance classification diagram according to " R_t and E" specific to pavements in EN 14227-15, which has been replaced in EN 16907-4 by a performance classification diagram according to " R_t and E" specific to earthworks (Figure 1).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 197-1, Cement - Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements

EN 450-1, Fly ash for concrete - Part 1: Definition, specifications and conformity criteria

EN 459-1, Building lime - Part 1: Definitions, specifications and conformity criteria

EN 13282-1, Hydraulic road binders - Part 1: Rapid hardening hydraulic road binders - Composition, specifications and conformity criteria

EN 13282-2, Hydraulic road binders - Part 2: Normal hardening hydraulic road binders - Composition, specifications and conformity criteria

EN 13286-2, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 2: Test methods for laboratory reference density and water content - Proctor compaction

EN 13286-3, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 3: Test methods for laboratory reference density and water content - Vibrocompression with controlled parameters

EN 13286-4, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 4: Test methods for laboratory reference density and water content - Vibrating hammer

EN 13286-5, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 5: Test methods for laboratory reference density and water content - Vibrating table

EN 13286-40, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 40: Test method for the determination of the direct tensile strength of hydraulically bound mixtures

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EN 13286-42, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 42: Test method for the determination of the indirect tensile strength of hydraulically bound mixtures

EN 13286-43, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 43: Test method for the determination of the modulus of elasticity of hydraulically bound mixtures

EN 13286-45, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 45: Test method for the determination of the workability period of hydraulically bound mixtures

EN 13286-46, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 46: Test method for the determination of the moisture condition value

EN 13286-47, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 47: Test method for the determination of California bearing ratio, immediate bearing index and linear swelling

EN 13286-48, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 48: Test method for the determination of degree of pulverisation

EN 13286-49, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 49: Accelerated swelling test for soil treated by lime and/or hydraulic binder

EN 13286-50, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 50: Method for the manufacture of test specimens of hydraulically bound mixtures using Proctor equipment or vibrating table compaction

EN 13286-51, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 51: Method for the manufacture of test specimens of hydraulically bound mixtures using vibrating hammer compaction

EN 13286-52, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 52: Method for the manufacture of test specimens of hydraulically bound mixtures using vibrocompression

EN 13286-53, Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures - Part 53: Methods for the manufacture of test specimens of hydraulically bound mixtures using axial compression

EN 14227-2, Hydraulically bound mixtures - Specifications - Part 2: Slag bound granular mixtures

EN 14227-4, Hydraulically bound mixtures - Specifications - Part 4: Fly ash for hydraulically bound mixtures

EN 14227-15, Hydraulically bound mixtures - Specifications - Part 15: Hydraulically stabilized soils

EN 15167-1, Ground granulated blast furnace slag for use in concrete, mortar and grout - Part 1: Definitions, specifications and conformity criteria

EN ISO 17892-7, Geotechnical investigation and testing - Laboratory testing of soil - Part 7: Unconfined compression test (ISO/FDIS 17892-7)