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1 Scope

This document covers standardization in the field of geological and environmental aspects, design, construction, operation, monitoring, maintenance and decommissioning of grouted borehole heat exchangers for uses in geothermal energy systems.

This document is only applicable for backfilled and grouted boreholes, it is not applicable for groundwater-filled boreholes.

Direct expansion and thermal syphon techniques are excluded from this document.

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 1057, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round copper tubes for water and gas in sanitary and heating applications*

EN 1254-2, *Copper and copper alloys — Plumbing fittings — Part 2: Compression fittings for use with copper tubes*

EN 1254-3, *Copper and copper alloys — Plumbing fittings — Part 3: Compression fittings for use with plastics and multilayer pipes*

EN 1254-7, *Copper and copper alloys — Plumbing fittings — Part 7: Press fittings for use with metallic tubes*

EN 1254-8, *Copper and copper alloys — Plumbing fittings — Part 8: Press fittings for use with plastics and multilayer pipes*

EN 1965-2, *Structural adhesives — Corrosion — Part 2: Determination and classification of corrosion to a brass substrate*

EN 10216-5, *Seamless steel tubes for pressure purposes — Technical delivery conditions — Part 5: Stainless steel tubes*

EN 12201-1:2011, *Plastics piping systems for water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 1: General*

EN 12201-2, *Plastics piping systems for water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 2: Pipes*

EN 12201-3, *Plastics piping systems for water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 3: Fittings*

EN 12201-5, *Plastics piping systems for water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure — Polyethylene (PE) — Part 5: Fitness for purpose of the system*

EN 12449, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round tubes for general purposes*

EN ISO 15875-1, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Crosslinked polyethylene (PE-X) — Part 1: General (ISO 15875-1)*

EN ISO 15494, *Plastics piping systems for industrial applications — Polybutene (PB), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT), crosslinked polyethylene (PE-X), polypropylene (PP) — Metric series for specifications for components and the system (ISO 15494)*

EN ISO 22391-1, *Plastics piping systems for hot and cold water installations — Polyethylene of raised temperature resistance (PE-RT) — Part 1: General (ISO 22391-1)*

EN 12168, *Copper and copper alloys — Hollow rod for free machining purposes*

EN ISO 1127, *Stainless steel tubes — Dimensions, tolerances and conventional masses per unit length (ISO 1127)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

aquifer

water-bearing geological layer comprising permeable rock, fractures or unconsolidated materials (gravel, sand, or silt)

Note 1 to entry: an aquifer can be fully or partly saturated.

Note 2 to entry: its upper limit is called the “top of the aquifer” and its base is called the “bottom of the aquifer”

3.2

aquitard

body of rock or stratum of sediment that restricts but does not prevent the flow of groundwater from one aquifer to another

3.3

backfill

material used for refilling any borehole or trench, except groundwater

3.4

borehole heat exchanger

BHE

consists of vertical or inclined boreholes with a loop, to circulate a heat transfer fluid and a borehole backfill

3.5

borehole heat exchanger field

BHE field

area with several BHEs that are connected in the same hydraulic circulation system

3.6

borehole heat exchanger loop

BHE loop

pipe system in the borehole, which contains the fluid for heat transfer