

Formulation of Calcium dialuminate ($\text{CaO}\cdot 2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$) refractory cement from local bauxite

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Three types of bauxites containing aluminium hydroxide of 58.1% gibbsite and 19.3% boehmite for BX3, 95.5% of gibbsite for BX55 and 84.5% of gibbsite for BX8 were used with lime at 95% of CaO through solid state sintering in one stage to prepare a refractory clinker at 1550°C. The powder obtained after grinding the clinker showed in the XRD curves the presence of $\text{CaO}\cdot 2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ and $\text{CaO}\cdot \text{TiO}_2$ phases in the cement samples. The density of cement powder varied between 2.95 and 3.17 g/

cm³ and the specific area of the powder obtained after grinding was between 0.72 and 0.85 m²/g. The properties of hydrated cement, W/C = 0.33, after stabilization of cement components for 48 h at 105°C were showed by XRD, DTA, DTG and SEM (C_3AH_6 , AH_3 , CA_2 and $\text{CaO}\cdot \text{TiO}_2$). The Young's modulus of the cement made varied between 35.5 and 39.4 GPa, and these Young's moduli were compared to conventional CA14M cement.

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