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ABSTRACT

The Municipality of Riyadh has implemented a quality scheme for ready-mixed concrete (RMC) plants operating in Riyadh since 1995. The scheme has an immediate positive impact on the RMC industry resulting in substantial upgrade in the facilities and quality of concrete produced. The scheme envisaged a process of classifying RMC plants in Riyadh in order to enhance competition among the factories and also to give the consumer an objective independent evaluation of the performance of each factory. A manual describing the basis and criteria for classifying RMC plants has been completed. Accordingly, RMC plants will be divided into 3 classes; Class A for outstanding performance, Class B for good and Class C for satisfactory performance. The classification process is built on 3 indices. The first index covers plants requirement and facilities and the second index deals

with laboratory and quality control activities and the third index reflect the quality of production based on tests of concrete samples collected randomly from each RMC plant.

In this paper, the manual for classifying RMC plants will be summarized and the development stages are recounted. Also, the indices and criteria developed for classification purposes will be given and the performance of RMC plants during the last few years will be evaluated using these indices.

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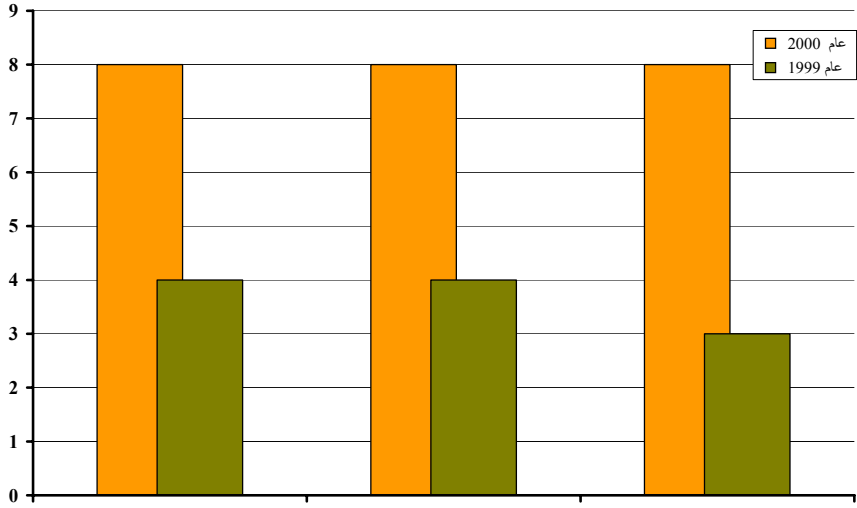
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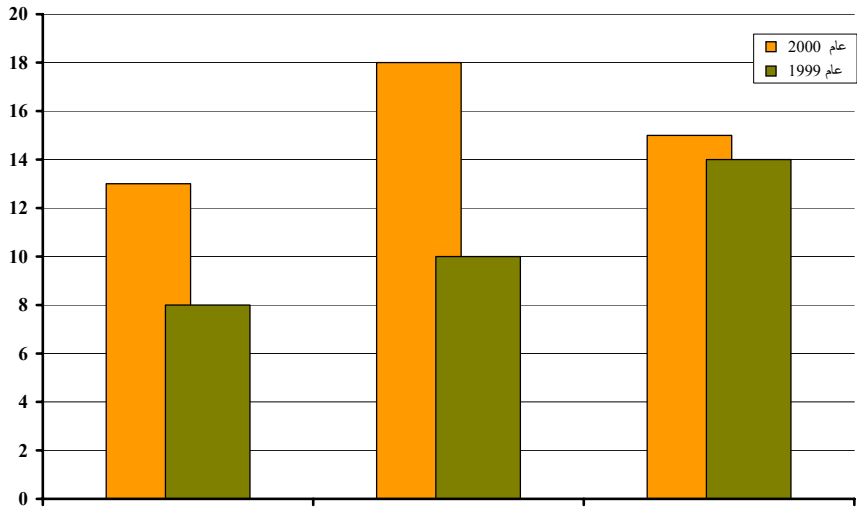
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A. Testing of Concrete Making Materials

Materials to be used for Concrete manufacturing should be tested upon first approval and when source changes. In addition routine QC testing program should satisfy the following frequency :

A- Aggregate		Frequency
1.	Practice for sampling aggregates (<i>ASTM D-75</i>)	Daily
2.	Reducing field samples to testing size (<i>ASTM C-702</i>)	Daily
3.	Sieve Analysis of Aggregates (<i>ASTM C-136</i>)	Weekly
4.	Materials finer than (No. 200) sieve by washing (<i>ASTM C-117</i>)	Weekly
5.	Specific gravity and absorption of coarse aggregate (<i>ASTM C-127</i>)	Monthly
6.	Specific gravity and absorption of fine aggregate (<i>ASTM C-128</i>)	Monthly
7.	Organic Impurities in fine aggregate (<i>ASTM C-40</i>)	4Months
8.	Total moisture content of aggregate by drying (<i>ASTM C-566</i>)	Daily
9.	Unit weight and voids in aggregates (<i>ASTM C-29</i>)	Monthly
10.	Resistance degradation of coarse aggregate (<i>ASTM C-131</i>)	4Months
11.	Clay lumps and friable particles (<i>ASTM C-142</i>)	Monthly
12.	Soundness of aggregate (<i>ASTM C-88</i>)	Months
13.	Potential reactivity of aggregate (<i>ASTM C-289</i>)	Annually
14.	Flaky and elongated particles (<i>BS 812</i>)	Monthly
15.	Chloride in aggregate (<i>BS 812</i>)	4Months
16.	Sulfate in aggregate (<i>BS 812</i>)	4Months

B- Mixing Water		Frequency
1.	Chloride (<i>ASTM D-512</i>)	4Months
2.	Sulfate (<i>ASTM D-516</i>)	4Months
3.	Total dissolved solids (<i>AASHTO T-26</i>)	4Months
4.	PH-value	4Months

C- Cement

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| 1. | Recent factory certificate on file | <i>Monthly</i> |
| 2. | Setting Time (<i>ASTM C-191</i>) | <i>4Months</i> |
| 3. | Compressive Strength (<i>ASTM C-109</i>) | <i>4Months</i> |

D- Admixture

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| 1. | Technical sheet on file | |
| 2. | Trial mixes for evaluating the effect admixture on Slump, Slump loss, Setting Time and Strength. | <i>Annually</i> |

B. Concrete Testing

A- Tests on Concrete

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| 1. | Sampling freshly mixed concrete (<i>ASTM C-172</i>) | <i>Daily</i> |
| 2. | Slump of concrete (<i>ASTM C-143</i>) | <i>Daily</i> |
| 3. | Unit weight , yield and air content (<i>ASTM C-138</i>) | <i>Monthly</i> |
| 4. | Air content (<i>ASTM C-173 or C-231</i>) | <i>Monthly</i> |
| 5. | Making and curing test specimens (<i>ASTM C-31 or BS-1881 :part 3</i>) | <i>Daily</i> |
| 6. | Compressive strength (<i>ASTM C-39 or BS-1881 part 4</i>) | <i>Daily</i> |
| 7. | Time of setting of concrete (<i>ASTM C-403</i>) | <i>6 Months</i> |

B- Concrete Curing and Testing Practice *

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| 1. | Proper protection, handling and storage of samples | |
| 2. | Method of curing of concrete samples | |
| | a-Use of lime saturated water | |
| | b-Controlling the temperature of curing tank | |
| 3. | Method of testing the concrete for compressive strength | |
| | a-Surface of the testing specimens is in moist condition | |
| | b-Proper control of rate loading | |

C. Laboratory Records and Reports *

A-The laboratory records are including the following information:

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| 1. Standard operating procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Calibration (For compression machine) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Records on lab. Personnel that document education and work experience. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Proper making and labeling of samples | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Current standard test methods and other pertinent reference material in a library | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B-Laboratory report are including the following information:

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| 1. Identification of report and date issued | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Name of the client | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Project identification | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Sample identification | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Identification of the standard test method used | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Test results | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Name of the registered professional engineer | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C-Statistical evaluation of compressive strength test results

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| 1. .Presentation of results in the form of Histogram or chart | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Documentation of average strength and standard deviation on monthly basis. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Utilization of computer for data analysis. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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