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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document prescribes the specific rules for the implementation of the DM Third Party Product Certification System through factory assessment as applied to the specific product(s) identified herein, taking into consideration the applicable normative references and standard specifications.
- 1.2 The applicant shall comply with these specific rules, **and** to those already mentioned in the "General Rule for DM Third Party Product Certification System Through Factory Assessment "{RD-DP21-2001 (IC)}".

2. SCOPE

This specific rule specifies requirements for the composition, production and chemical and physical properties of processed pulverized-fuel ash (pfa) for use as a cementitious component in combination with Portland Cement.

3. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION AND APPLICABLE STANDARD/NORMATIVE REFERENCE

- 3.1 Product Name: Pulverized-fuel Ash
- 3.2 Applicable standard/Normative reference: BS 3892: Part 1: 1997
Part 1. Specification for pulverized-fuel ash for use with Portland cement.
- 3.3 Additional references:
- 3.3.1 ISO 9001:2008- Quality Management System –Requirements
- 3.3.2 ISO 19011:2002 - Guidelines for Quality and Environmental Management System Auditing

4. DEFINITION OF TERMS

The definitions given in BS 3892: Part 1:1997, RD-DP21-2001 (IC) and in addition, the following shall also apply:

- 4.1 Independent Testing Laboratory - Dubai Central Laboratory Department or any testing laboratory recognized by the DM Certification Body.
- 4.2 Standard Specification – BS 3892: Part 1: 1997 Specification for pulverized-fuel ash for use with Portland cement.
- 4.3 Product Quality Assurance Plan – a document being agreed upon both by the Licensee and the certification body being used to ensure continuous compliance of the certified product.
- 4.4 QMS – Quality Management System aligned with the requirements of ISO 9001:2008 Standard

5. APPLICATION

- 5.1 Manufacturer of pulverized-fuel ash for use with Portland cement shall apply to Dubai Central Laboratory through Inspection and Certification Section for the license to use the DCL Conformity Mark.
- 5.2 Application forms shall be filled-up by the applicant-company together with the following documents
- 5.2.1 Trade License

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- 5.2.2 Complete product description and specifications
- 5.2.3 Brief Description of Manufacturing Process
- 5.2.4 Copy of the Quality Manual (Controlled Copy)
- 5.2.5 Vicinity Map and Factory Layout
- 5.2.6 Valid Certification to ISO 9001 (if available)
- 5.2.7 List of key personnel and their designation

5.3 Separate application shall be submitted for each product type or group of products that refers to a different specific rules.

6. REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL FACTORY ASSESSMENT

6.1 DCL duly authorized representative shall visit the applicant company's factory/plant with the aim of ascertaining that the factory's quality management system is in accordance with the requirements of ISO 9001: 2008.

6.2 An independent certification to ISO 9001 issued by a QMS certification body recognized by DM shall be considered as having satisfied this requirement; however, the DM Certification Body will still carry out verification audit to confirm that the factory is in compliance with the QMS requirements.

6.3 Verification audit shall be conducted by designated audit team based on ISO 19011:2002 – Guidelines for Quality and Environment Management System Auditing

6.4 Minimum Required Test Equipments

The manufacturer of pulverized-fuel ash produced as per standard specification shall have the following minimum test equipment to check product compliance with the requirements of standard specification.

- 6.4.1 Chemical Properties Analyzer
- 6.4.2 Ventilated Electric Oven (capable of being controlled to 105 +/- 5 °C)
- 6.4.3 Shallow Contanier (about 20 g capacity and can withstand 150 °C without loss in mass)
- 6.4.4 Dessicators
- 6.4.5 Sieve Frame (cylindrical with nominal dimensions of 50mm diameter and 75mm depth)
- 6.4.6 Sieve Cloth (45 µm stainless steel mesh)
- 6.4.7 Spray Nozzle
- 6.4.8 Pressure Gauge (at least 160 kPa capacity with 5 kPa intervals)
- 6.4.9 Weighing Scale (capable of weighing 100 g to the nearest 0.001 g)
- 6.4.10 Compressive Strength Tester as required by BS EN 196-1:1995

7. REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL TESTING OF THE PRODUCT

7.1 Sampling

7.1.1 Three sets of samples shall be taken either from the production line or warehouse; the first set, if applicable, shall be tested in the plant to be witnessed by a duly authorized DCL representative, the second set shall be sent to an independent testing laboratory while the third set will be kept by the manufacturer as reference for future use.

7.1.2 Test sample(s) for independent test shall be prepared and packed in accordance with section 8 and 9 of BS EN 196-7:1992 in the presence of DCL representative.

7.1.3 DCL Representative shall affix his signature on the sample and shall be submitted to an independent testing laboratory.

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7.2 Product Characteristic and Test Requirements

7.2.1 The product shall conform to the requirements as specified in clauses 5 to 12 of the standard Specification.

7.2.2 The tests to be carried out in accordance shall be as follows;

- 7.2.2.1 Moisture Content as per Annex C of BS 3892: Part 1: 1997
- 7.2.2.2 Fineness as per Annex D of BS 3892: Part 1:1997
- 7.2.2.3 Particle Density as per BS EN 196-6: 1992 of BS 3892: Part 1:1997
- 7.2.2.4 Water Requirement as per Clause 8 and tested as per Annex E of BS 3892: Part 1:1997
- 7.2.2.5 Strength Factor as per Annex F of BS 3892: Part 1:1997
- 7.2.2.6 Initial Setting Time as per BS EN 196-3:1995
- 7.2.2.7 Soundness as per BS EN 196-3:1995
- 7.2.2.8 Chemical Composition as per BS EN 196-2: 1995
 - 7.2.2.8.1 Sulfuric Anhydride as per clause 8
 - 7.2.2.8.2 Loss on Ignition as per clause 7
 - 7.2.2.8.3 Chloride as per clause 4
 - 7.2.2.8.4 Calcium Oxide as per clause 13

7.3 Independent test shall only be conducted if the result of the applicable in-plant test shows satisfactory results.

7.4 If the result of any test conducted by the independent testing laboratory shows non-conformance to the specified requirements, the provision for rejection specified in the standard shall apply. The retest shall be carried out on the reference sample kept by the manufacturer or on new samples collected by DM Certification Body, on which full testing shall be carried out, if necessary.

7.5 If the retest passed, the initial product assessment is considered conforming to product specification. If not, the manufacturer will be advised to take corrective action.

7.6 Only after reassessment and subsequent product compliance shall the manufacturer be allowed to use the DCL Product Conformity Mark.

8. COMPLIANCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LICENSEE

8.1 Compliance

8.1.1 When the results of the factory and product assessments show conformity to the requirements specified in the General Rules and Specific Rules, the license to use the DCL Mark shall be issued to the manufacturer for the type(s)/model(s)/brand(s) of the product tested.

8.1.2 The factory shall agree with the DM Certification Body for the preparation and implementation of a product quality assurance plan to ensure continuing compliance with the Standard Specifications and the requirements of this certification scheme. The plan shall consist of (1) an internal product quality assurance, and (2) an independent testing plan

8.1.2.1 Internal product quality assurance plan

The factory shall prepare and submit to DM Certification Body for approval an internal product quality assurance plan of the following properties (which shall be in accordance with clause 14 of the standard specification):

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- a. Moisture Content
- b. Fineness (45 µm sieve residue)
- c. Particle Density
- d. Water Requirement
- e. Strength Factor
- f. Initial Setting Time
- g. Soundness
- h. Sulfuric Anhydride Content
- i. Loss on Ignition (LOI)
- j. Chloride Content
- k. Calcium Oxide Content

This will include as a minimum, the following details: (1) location of sampling; (2) frequency of sampling; (3) quantities of sample; (4) tests to be carried out; (5) results acceptance criteria; and (6) responsible person to carry out the activity.

The plan shall take into consideration the production process, the volume of production, the criticality of the test to be specified, and other relevant factors.

8.1.2.2 Independent testing plan

The factory shall agree to an independent testing plan to be carried out on samples which are collected in accordance with RD-DP21-2096 (IC) – Surveillance of Licensed Establishments under the Factory Assessment Scheme, and implemented by the DM Certification Body.

8.2 Responsibilities of the Licensee

- 8.2.1 Every licensee shall ensure that his product, for which a license has been issued, conforms at all times to the requirements of the General Rule and Specific Rules and shall maintain to the satisfaction of DCL, a system of quality control including inspection and testing.
- 8.2.2 The licensee shall give the duly authorized representative(s) of DCL, access during working hours, without prior notification, to the premises of the factory where certified product is manufactured, for the purpose of evaluating the materials, production processes, finished products, quality assurance facilities, records and others in accordance with the requirements of the scheme.
- 8.2.3 The licensee shall inform the DM Certification Body in writing of any change of management, transfer of plant site, modification in the product, manufacturing process or factory's quality management system.
- 8.2.4 Upon transfer of plant site, the license shall be deemed valid only after factory and product audit at the new site has been satisfactorily completed.
- 8.2.5 Any infraction stated in the licensing agreement for the use of DCL Conformity Mark shall constitute sufficient grounds for suspension, withdrawal and cancellation of the license against a licensee.
- 8.2.6 Any dispute that may arise in connection with the licensing agreement shall be settled in accordance with the General Rule for DM Third Party Product Certification System through Factory Assessment.

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9. SURVEILLANCE

DM Certification Body shall carry out periodic surveillance to ensure consistent compliance with the requirements of this certification scheme as per RD-DP21-2096 (IC) – Surveillance of Licensed Establishments under the Factory Assessment Scheme.

10. USE OF THE DCL CONFORMITY MARK

- 10.1 The design and use of the DCL Conformity Mark shall be in accordance with the Terms and Conditions for the Use of the DCL Mark of Conformity , RD-DP21-2098 (IC).
- 10.2 The licensee shall submit a product-marking proposal for approval by the DM Certification Body. The proposal shall include drawings and/or diagrams showing the location and size of the marking for each size of the product container.
- 10.3 The license to use the DCL Conformity Mark is non-transferable.

10. FEE SCHEDULE

- 10.1 The licensee shall pay the applicable fees and charges related to the granting of the license to use the DCL Conformity Mark based on the DCL Official Fee Structure, RD-DP21-2097 (IC).
- 10.2 The fees for this certification scheme shall include but not limited to the following;
- 10.2.1 Application Fee
 - 10.2.2 Initial Assessment Fee
 - 10.2.3 Certification Fee
 - 10.2.4 Surveillance Fee
 - 10.2.5 Annual Renewal Fee
 - 10.2.6 Testing Fee
 - 10.2.7 Marking Fee

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