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Elaboration and characterization of composite materials for structures with

high thermal holding

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In case of fire in works of engineering, the new regulations impose to realize a passive

fire protection, for their superstructures. Indeed these do not always answer the requirements

imposed by circulars and thus present a danger or a risk for the users and emergency

personnel. These new regulations take into account in their calculations, exposure to higher

and higher temperatures with shorter times of temperature increase, and therefore more

violent thermal shocks. This is the case with the curves called ISO 834 (heating of the

material from room temperature to 1200 ° C at a very fast rate of temperature increase: 500 °

C in 4 minutes).

New materials based on calcium sulfate hemihydrates and charges have been

developed in the form of plates and screened to meet these requirements. The study by

calorimetry of hydration of hydraulic binders (calcium sulfate hemihydrates, for example) and

additives is made in a first time to control the drying time and the rate of porosity of the

material and in a secondly to understand the mechanisms involved. The realization of

refractory compositions for transferring molecular was performed.

Conductivity, diffusivity and specific heat of the materials were determined. These

results were used to model the mechanical and thermal behavior of these materials deployable

depending on the nature of loads and their proportions.

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