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SUMMARY

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The 3 requirements for a revision of the methods for producing building materials, which are supposed to enable any country and any area to manufacture the quantities required by means of local raw materials and available labour have been fulfilled by the techniques and processes presented hereby.

The building material POLYSAND is won by direct conversion of ordinary sand, clay, loess, tuff or silt and by a special special process; polysand therefore does not require not only a mixture of the familiar base materials; instead a considerable quantity of material with new and better properties than all conventional materials is obtained.

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Special characteristics and properties are:

POLYSAND has the same or higher compressive strength than concrete but nearly half its specific weight.

Depending on the requirements and the application envisaged the finished articles made of polysand can be varied with a view to their physical and constructional properties so that maximum economy can be achieved. Thus any specific weight between 400 - 2000 kg/m<sup>3</sup> can be chosen, also different compressive strength and any other requirements such as the insulation against heat and sound etc. can be considered. - Thus the material can be adapted in the factory to the constructional requirements and for any application a suitable material can be produced, i.e. specific weight, compressive strength, insulating properties and abrasion resistance can be fixed and obtained as desired. Therefore it is not necessary to produce all prefabricated parts from one compound as is the case with concrete, and then adapt these parts to their application by special insulation or other additional measures (see the preceding article concrete houses with their many technical defects such as sensitivity to noise, development of sweat and mildew, insufficient ventilation qualities and uncomfortable climate of living, impossibility of subsequent installation etc).

The manufacture of polysand material is fully automatic and can be effected by a few workers. The finished parts can be built up within 24 hours. The building elements are self supporting and for the erection of buildings no steel or concrete skeleton is required. - Small or big prefabricated parts or other elements of any specific weight and compressive strength can be produced.

The expenditure required for the erection of a solid 7.5 floor can be compared to the costs of robust and efficient concrete works, the difference being that the concrete works do not produce the cement required themselves but have to buy it and can thus not really or truly save materials.

The prefabricated parts can also be produced in colour or with any surface effect desired; they can be produced with or without reinforcement, their size is merely limited by transport problems.

At present no building material besides POLYSAND can be applied so universally, has similar excellent properties and is as economic and profitable.

Polysand materials produced by cold setting can be employed for any finished product so far made out of asbestos cement, natural or artificial stone, synthetic or ceramic materials, e.g. sheets, plates, facades, floors, staircases, building elements and tubes as well as coatings and moulded parts such as basins, tubs etc.

As a rule, POLYSAND is made out of sand; however, other locally available raw materials or industrial waste and mineral or non mineral fibres may be used.

The plant required for the manufacture of POLYSAND can be operated by unskilled labour so that production is also possible in industrially undeveloped regions without risking the high quality of the products. Moreover the capital investment required for the manufacture of POLYSAND is but a fraction of the cost for the processing of asbestos cement. Neither presses nor grinding or polishing devices are required and the space required for a production line is low so that it can be joined to an existing production.

Polysand pipes can be produced from local sand too, and can also be manufactured in those regions where the production of high grade pipes so far was impossible due the lack of raw materials and qualified labour.

Polysand products can be given any colour or composition of colours; moreover they are resistant to weather and aggressive materials as well as to corrosion. Polysand materials are mostly more solid and of better durability than concrete and asbestos-cement materials.

The polysand building materials, the application of which is to find in the application field of asbestos cement, no expensive and large machinery and equipment are required.

To produce POLYSAND all kinds it will be need only sand, clay, ash, slag, lime and water or unsaturated polyester resin as raw materials also industrial wastes while cement or asbestos fibres are not necessary.

The production can be installed everywhere.

The first step should be the erection of a plant to produce sheets, plates, facades, floors, staircases, roof tiles and plates, etc. with the described small equipment (see page 47 - 52). This is the possibility to start the manufacture of new POLYSAND building materials in a short time in every country.

The cheap raw materials, the low financial and personnel requirements as well as the economic method of industrial production result now in a material which does not only combine the advantages of conventional materials but in addition has far superior qualities and is less expensive, i.e. POLYSAND!

The technique of new building materials described is therefore capable of solving any problem of construction and of the manufacture of building materials in any part of the world radically and successfully. - Building methods of tomorrow is industrialization based on Polysand the building material of tomorrow! - - -

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## "Polysand" Building Materials, their Production and Application

The recent rapid scientific and technical development has brought outstanding results.

Men stepped on the moon, remote planets were explored, medicine successfully fought diseases and epidemics and extended human life, and every 5 years the knowledge of mankind doubled!

Merely one field - civil engineering - which for the existence and well being of mankind is just as necessary and indispensable did not change remarkably if closely looked at.

Although it has to be admitted that every now and then novel conceptions and architectonic dreams are carried out, the building materials themselves - brick, concrete, steel and glass - have remained the same which had been known and used for hundreds or even thousands of years.

It is therefore obvious that the discrepancy between architectonic development and the conventional building materials available is characterized by remarkable deficiencies. The result of these deficiencies is that an ever increasing amount of housing space for the growing

world population is being produced; the procurement is linked with growing problems so that the lack of housing space cannot be balanced and the suppressed demand cannot be met. - Moreover it is well known that the comfort of modern buildings out of concrete, steel and glass - the building materials permitting technical architecture - is considerably impaired unless additional, highly technical installations such as central heating and air conditioning systems are provided for every room and can be employed. In the absence of such installations it is simply unbearable to live in such rooms during the hot or cool seasons or with fluctuating temperatures. This fact cannot be eliminated by questionable and insufficient additional insulating measures such as the use of insulating cores in prefabricated concrete parts.

Therefore central heating and air conditioning systems have to be installed simply to create a climate of living permitting to live in concrete buildings; otherwise people will suffer from "Betonitis", a permanent indisposition caused by a cold; moreover the development of sweat and mildew in such rooms increases to a catastrophic extent.

On the other hand, the present highly technical way of construction is unthinkable without concrete and therefore the quantity of cement required rises steadily.

The production of cement as base material for the mass building material of concrete is, however, linked to certain restrictions. The conditions for the production of cement do not exist in all countries - and this fact could be altered since Portland cement was invented almost 150 years ago. - The same applies to the invention of asbestos cement for sheets and tubes, which dates back more than 60 years.

It was therefore not by accident that cement as well as asbestos became world monopolies and the ever increasing demand for these materials was met by trusts which developed in the meantime.

Therefore the following claims are raised with a view to the suppressed demand of housing space and considering the procurement of living quarters for the growing world population:

- 1) The necessary building materials should be available without restriction and in any required quantity.
- 2) As far as possible, building materials should be produced from local raw materials of any type, independent of the stage of industrialisation and training of the labour in the country or region concerned.
- 3) Building materials should permit technical construction methods; moreover they should be better and cheaper than conventional building materials.

In search of building materials better than the conventional ones and able to replace concrete and asbestos cement - a group of scientists, research workers and companies made discoveries and found out new basic facts to the production of building materials - the results of their activity are administered by the 'PAPE FAMILIAR SIBI UNDE BAUSTO (S)', Reuz, Principality of Liechtenstein.

It was further stated that the search for a "replacement" often leads to unsatisfactory solutions and results. Therefore new solutions were worked out resulting in new building materials which in turn set new standards for the quality requirements and characteristics of building materials in the future. -

For cheap mass building materials which are to supply the necessary construction elements for general as well as for house and industrial building, with the properties required for the application envisaged, sand which is available almost everywhere in the world was chosen as basic material. However, clay, lime, ash and sludge as well as industrial waste were successfully used as raw material so that the statement is justified that the technical conditions of producing building materials without cement exist in any country and in any region. -

The building materials mentioned are produced by steam curing and range from extremely light building materials (with or without fibres) to heavy and steel concrete.

Due to the highly developed internal process for their production the mechanical properties have improved or novel properties have been developed, and permit maximum economy in various applications. -

In further pursuance of the idea stimulated by the excellent results obtained with using the cheap raw material of sand as their locally available raw materials or industrial waste as raw material, production in the application line of fibre-reinforced, the "poly sand" process applying cellulose was developed. -

In this process the same materials to be used are bonded by a quantity of polymer binder. Due to the properties and the reinforced condition of the finished product; the term "poly sand" means that the binder - preferably unsaturated polyester resin (or epoxy) - is added at a small ratio as compared with the sand material. -

Many building materials whose applications far exceed those of concrete could receive fibre reinforcement in themselves, they can, however, be produced or combined with fibres in any of the usual ways.

In addition to the development of the new building materials and the successful realization of previous steps, the necessary machinery for the smooth, simple, economic and industrial production was designed and built and techniques for the application of the material were developed.

Moreover the necessary coefficients as well as the static problems and conditions were created which have to be dealt with for solving all constructional questions connected with the use of "Polysand" building materials. It should therefore be mentioned that the development of the machines and the solution of the constructional and architectonic problems was effected in co-operation of Aust & Schittler, Germany, Dipl. Ing. Builders and architects Hans Fucik and I. Wessely, Austria and FAE-International, Netherlands, and others.

The above coordination of scientific and technical tasks resulted in the fact that the future has begun and the fields of building materials and civil engineering neglected so far participate in the rapid modern development mentioned in the beginning.

To demonstrate this development and pave the way for a new building era is the object of the subsequent statements. . . .

In Defence of the Towns of Tomorrow

To be happy and joyful, a man of today has plenty of needs to be satisfied. Sincerely to lead a happy family life in a spacious and comfortable house or flat, to eat sufficient and palatable dishes, to travel and see other countries and nations, to experience musical, theatrical and other cultural exhibitions, and why not - to do useful and pleasing work. Satisfying of the last mentioned need, i.e. the need for working, must render sufficient material possibilities in order to satisfy all the other costly needs.

The greatest expenses among all others are those on building a house or a flat meeting fully the requirements of today. - A family with, for instance, three or four children, should nowadays have a house or flat comprising at least the following spaces: a spacious living or parlor room used by all members of the family, a dining-room, a bedroom for the parents, a room for each child, a parlour, and all the auxiliary rooms. Thus, at least 8-9 rooms. Total area of such an abode is minimally 200 m<sup>2</sup>. Unquestionably this can be afforded even in economically most developed countries by few families only, if not to spend on dwelling more than one third of one's income. Technology and culture being in continuous development, the circle of people's needs to be satisfied is expanding rapidly. Already nowadays it is abnormal to spend one third of one's income on the rent of a flat only. The more abnormal will it be in future. Therefore, the problems associated with building of dwellings or flats are most important in the progressive society of today, and their being of importance will continue still for a long time.

They say that the total development of the city of today to be complete and finished is actually within five years already, and that in the next five years to be added to it other things will be added.

To give a possibility for all families of the world in the next 10-100 years to live in a house or a flat of 2-10 rooms, one of the main conditions is that some of the buildings, as for its structure or location, would grow out of date in the course of at least a hundred years. It is a pity that erections in the country are sometimes demanded because of their site hindering to broaden existing or to build new roads. In large towns of today building and demolishing are almost always going hand in hand. - For example, there are already 11 million inhabitants in Tokyo, and one square metre of land in the city was said to cost more than 5000 dollars. - What happens when the number of inhabitants in Tokyo will be 12 millions? -

By means of 30-stories buildings we could concentrate on every square metre of Mother Earth at least one home resident, i.e. ten thousand per hectare and a million per square kilometre. - It is quite clear that by this kind of town building the needs of people of today cannot be satisfied.

Men have been building towns for thousands of years, but still at the times of grandfathers of the present middle-aged men but a little per cent of the that time mankind lived in towns. No wonder then that the majority of town people yearn for being nearer to the country and nature. Just for this reason families from even such a small town as Salzburg/Austria, try to spend the summer and winter as much as possible with Mother Nature.

The philosopher Bacon has said that people who wish to enjoy life still in high age must certainly have a garden to take care of.

But towns offering to the people unprecedented modern conveniences have begun to demand ever higher prices for it. The majority of towns are becoming nests of high stone barracks which close to each other. The average size and height of urban buildings are decreasing at immense speed. And ever smaller become man among and inside of them. And still farther is he being removed from nature and the wise principle of the wise philosopher.

Some talented architects try to improve the situation by varying the structure of buildings or vivifying facades of similar big stone-concrete-steel-glass colossi with different colours or patterns. Others look for a solution in non-centralised planning buildings.

In some West-European region it is the vogue to build in the centre of metro cities islands with market places and parks, where modern means of communication cannot intrude and which remind of last small towns of old time.

Does this mean anything? - Does it save from wasting hours in order to work and returning home? - Are the main problems of cities - towns of tomorrow solved by creating a green strip with new gardens and a lawn for children around a house of red bricks?

Towns as they are today with their class and glory came actually into being after the birth and concentration of industry. The village was not bad at all. - A settlement or small town built around some industrial enterprise, about 100-150 years ago, was often a little closer to the philosopher's ideal. It was not so bad even at the very beginning of big industry. Two-storied buildings in the close proximity of a factory (so they were built before War I), did not bring workers too far from nature and enabled them to be at work after a few minutes walk. However, it must not be forgotten that the flats of workers' families consisted in the overwhelming majority but of one or two chambers, and these were only factory owners or technical personnel who lived in conditions



suggested by the philosopher. However, it does not follow, but the principle itself is one point.

Real towns - villages - were built in connection with the concentration of large-scale production apparatuses. Only that class - large estates - engaged on the mass movement of labor. They had a large number of people wishing to live in towns. On the contrary, 300-150 years ago leaving from the country was a process for a great number of the representatives of the present inhabitants of metropolises.

Together with the growth of industry specialization took place and the need for labor force between enterprises increased. A hundred or more thousands of semi-manufactured goods by horse stock at that time 2-3 days. There was no telephone. Discussions of technical and commercial problems between enterprises 100 km apart could be carried out, only by time-consuming commerce (once or twice a week) and tiresome travels. - This merely was the first stimulus for the concentration of industrial enterprises finally resulting in large towns. -

Today the situation has changed altogether. - A hundred kilometre distance is considered no hindrance at all. To go from one town to another does not take much time. Therefore, to solve the problems of town building, a radical means - deconcentration - may be used.

It means that in future, the distance between factories and institutions is such that people working at them may live in their neighbourhood, enjoy the days of their old age also, have a garden to take care of. It means that further expansion of large towns is eliminated and no new ones will be built.

What should be the matter then? Nevertheless, cinemas may be there, at hand. Intimate friends are made with in common work, less intimate friends need not be called on every day.

One does not go to one factory every day. And if the great theatre is located at a distance of 50-100 kilometres, to go there by means of a communication of this sort is as easy as to go by those of today from one district to another. - Coloured and spatial relations between people were and more into contact with each other of everyday life.

Factories of tomorrow are no more sources of dust and noise. Therefore, there is no need any more to bring districts of industry and living quarters far apart from one another.

In addition to all that, relations between "big cities" as a new artificial stone and building material and industrial building methods are, tomorrow, bound to show that it does not pay to erect multi-story, thin-walled dwellings with rooms of little height to economize building costs.

Why should not buildings of towns tomorrow be carried out in the following way?

A new factory or installation is built as big and high as is most fitted from the point of view of technology of the factory or organization of the production work. People attending to it live in close proximity in comparatively small houses - if possible with a garden - in places meeting their needs. Elementary schools and kindergartens are built, of course, near there.

Such scattered settlements are connected with one another and with existing towns by good motor highways and comprehensive communication services. Somewhere are built new theatres and highschools and around them dwellings for artists, professors and students. At such way of building the surface of the earth would suffice for thousand years even in case of the most rapid increase of mankind. The area of the continent of the world is 100 million square kilometres. No doubt, one fifth, i.e. 20 million square kilometres of it could be used in future to build dwellings on it and set up gardens for family utilization. The rest, i.e. 4/5 of the land remains for industrial and agricultural purposes.

Assuming a garden area of 1000 m<sup>2</sup> for each family and the latter to consist on the average of 4 persons, then every square kilometre would accommodate 1000 people, or the whole earth 150 millions. During that time forests and swamps should be changed to beautiful gardens and the earth declared to be a common homeland for the whole mankind.

Such should be the future of town building. One family houses dominating. For some time building has been going on in the country, and it will continue in future. It is possible that this kind of town building will be dictated tomorrow not only by the development of industry and communication service. There are serious symptoms of the towns of today not promoting moral development of the people in keeping with the rate of total development of mankind. The problems of town growth are not without foundation. Deconcentration may be forced also by the eternal question, "To be or not to be" -

We should like to mark here the wise politics of the Finns in selecting sites for their new institutions. They are already intensively carrying out deconcentration by locating new enterprises, state institutions and high schools in the country.

Bearing the future in mind they are already building with a view to avoid demolishing after a few years.

Summary: Building of one family houses is the main problem of the future house building.

Building Material of Yesterday, Today,  
and Tomorrow

The whole life is interlinked with building. -  
Cocals and snails build shells to protect their sensitive  
bodies, birds build nests for their young. Man, too, has been  
building continuously during his long development.

Primitive man was already dealing with building by improving  
some cave to shelter him from natural phenomena, and making it  
more comfortable as an abode. Grinding handmills of sorts  
grinding corn or making the first bow man dealt with machine  
building thousands of years ago. - There are very many branches  
of building at present - industrial building, hyrotechnical  
building, road and bridge building, e.s.o. - Of all those  
branches, housing construction has been the most important  
and the most labor-consuming. Even to such an extent that  
usually all people, including specialists of construction -  
engineering, associate the word "building" with housing  
construction only.

By the beginning of the historical period of human society  
the art of building was remarkably developed already.  
Examples of this are still admirable buildings erected by  
Egyptians during the earliest historical period. Wellknown  
are the magnificent monuments of building and architecture  
put up B.C. (before our era) in Ancient Greece and Rome.

All these splendid ancient buildings were made principally of  
natural stone. The latter was used for foundations, floors,  
walls, ceilings and even roofs. Stone, the hard shell of  
Mother Earth, offered in its grooves, splits and covers the  
first place of refuge to unprotected man. Surrounded by stone,  
man felt himself for many thousand years protected and  
sheltered. Like squirrels with tree cavities or bees with  
earth holes, primitive man was biologically connected with  
stone caves. Certainly, the influence exercised was mutual.

Man expanded caves and made them more comfortable. He began to build artificial caves, the first dwellings, from stone pieces. Stone, on the other hand, influenced biological development of man. Man got accustomed to live in more or less constant temperature held by stones and felt comfortable in the silence ensured by thick stone walling. This explains the natural liking of man for stones and for dwelling built of stone.

Of course, one must not forget that migrating to different places all over the world, people fell into different conditions and adapted them.

People in the far north are known to make their abodes from ice and snow, in the tropics from bamboo and palm leaves. In Asia still millions of people are born, live and die in boats on water. Man's adaptability is high. But the following conspicuous regularity exists also.

The farther man has removed himself from the use of stone, the lower and more primitive is his living standard.

New houses meeting the needs of people of today are built neither of palm leaves nor snow, but of stone, be it in the tropics or far north. Only commercial and industrial buildings are erected in steel and glass. To abandon stone as principal building material is not a sign of high living standard but a need dictated by poverty.

After World War II), during the time of great needs and little possibilities, Finland developed a large scale manufacture of dwellings made of timber components. These houses were in mass exported to the countries where possibilities were perhaps still small and the needs more urgent. With rising living standard and widening possibilities timber barracks lost their value.

Man is able to adapt himself quickly, nevertheless he is remarkably persistent as to principal biological changes. The advantages of stone as a material for abodes are as persistence.

A house with stone walling, the thickness, i.e. heat insulation of which is adequate, defends men well against temperature changes and various noises. The heat capacity of stone being several times higher than that of many other building materials, a large amount of heat is stored up in the walling of a house during heating. Due to the low heat conductivity of stone the stored up heat will last for a long time.

Continuously radiating it maintains a constant temperature throughout the rooms without noticeable motion of air or draught. In summer the sun is not able to make such walls too hot and even in the hottest days it is agreeably cool in the house. Rooms having all their walls, floor and ceiling of stone are especially pleasant to live in. Particularly in the case when the losses of heat are compensated for by the heating system installed in the ceiling.

A stone building is aesthetically not only from the point of view of biology. The surface of stone itself is nice both in outer finish as well as in interior. At the time when people could not make artificial stones comparing to natural ones, inner walls of houses were covered with marble or other beautiful natural stones. This, however, was too expensive and only governors or certain very rich people could afford it. - Nowadays people know how to make artificial stone of "polymer" in various shades of colours or marble effect, different density and surfaces and porosity. As to their appearance, no natural stone used in building is nicer. The finishing of interiors with the artificial stones is expected to spread still more and more. It is only because people learned to make artificial stones in far east already, that the use of stone in building to the extent of today has become possible. Particularly the

invention of Portland cement about 1800 brought about a new technical and economical progress to the general building activities all over the world and enabled the manufacture of large artificial building elements. This opened new possibilities for the use of artificial stones, far cheaper than before, the nature of natural building stones by blasting rocks has almost been still so expensive. In the manufacture of artificial stone the cost of 1 m<sup>3</sup> does not depend materially on either the configuration or the size of products, having or having several stone into suitable size and dimension is, however, costly.

The concrete technique for the first time made it possible to produce building elements of large dimensions e.g. no-fines concrete, prefabricated concrete parts etc. Thus troublesome manual work is excluded to a certain degree. For about 40 years now the concrete technique stands as an old could say, since there have been neither further important improvements of the concrete mixtures - also called concrete - nor were new application fields found. To this come the problems of having to keep up to a certain classification and quality of the sand and coarse gravel. It has to be taken into consideration also that cement bound concretes represent a so-called condensation where the amount of the addition of water has the functions of a binding or adhesive agent to the sand and coarse gravel. Consequently all concrete buildings and building elements have to be protected against excessive influences by means of insulation or others. These protective measures are not only expensive but also limited in durability, because they are subject to natural wear, alteration processes etc. Lack of sufficient properties in respect to thermal insulation is also of disadvantage, so that additional measures become essential to secure these properties to brick walls. As it is known the thermal insulation properties of a brick wall of 38 cm strength correspond to those of a concrete wall of 113 cm strength. The lack of a gas-diffusion involves to the development of mildew and condensation water and hereby the necessity of providing central heating systems.

All disadvantages of the concrete technologies and artificial stone had to be taken into account. These techniques represented the only possibility to build in a technical way being on large parts.

By embedding reinforcement steel, fibres or any other material of high strength, the problems during casting, the high weight of artificial stone and increased wear and tear during different phases. This enabled the use of comparatively thin and flat reinforced panels or sheets instead of thick and heavy stone walls. And even for large rooms, it is no wonder that artificial stone is itself capable not only in terms of strength, but also in hydrotechnical, fire and sound insulation, etc. In some cases, as for example in floor slabs, artificial stone has replaced natural stone completely. In some cases, however, artificial stone is used together with natural stone, which results in a material almost without exception which equals or exceeds the quality of natural stone.

Summary: Artificial stone can be the principal building material for many purposes.



POLYMERS AND ANTICORROSION OF  
Metals in Soil of Concrete

Things were the same as all the

Historical background

Since times immemorial man has been building. Maybe thousands of years ago neither mortars nor masonry boards existed, yet there were builders. In order to have a sheltering roof one must erect walls. This necessitated to pile up natural stone fragments of different size one upon another and bond them together. - With what? -

At first waterly clay was used which enclosed it lying between stones, and afterwards, still in very primitive, with sand-lime mixes. Our use of lime and sand, instead of sand was taken. This is still the case in many ancient buildings even today. This was done in case of all stone buildings also about 150 years ago, when masonry was first invented. And even in stone walls, built thousands of years ago, now we see again the use of sand-lime mixes in "mortar". -

The half lime clay used between the stones of a wall is a certain strength. The stones did not come in collision. Sand-lime mixes, too, had some strength, but the strength of aqualling the strength of clay mixes. For the strength of sand-lime mixes increased continuously during the last hundred of years. The slight amount of water, free in air (less than 10%), which was partly prevented the spaces between the stones, turned the soft lime into a strong substance again. Mortar of air-hardening lime were particularly used by the Greeks, the Romans and the Arabs - these last ones more-over substituted in many cases sand-lime for lime, thus obtaining a material having some hydraulic features, that was called "beton mas". -

How to obtain a good building stone has been a problem for the builders of olden times. Difficulties in obtaining wall stones were not limited to the desert. To build a neat wall from stone fragments found here and there on the ground, is very unbecoming. - It is an ideal, regular shaped stone that would meet entirely the requirements of a mason is not as simple as finding a stone on the sea-shore for throwing ducks and larks. - To cut building stones from big cliffs was a most difficult job. Stones obtained in this way have been very expensive in every antiquity with primitive tools not withstanding the cheap labour of slaves and as well as nowadays with contemporary stone-cutting, and finishing machines and their movement.

Thus, one of the most urgent problems of builders has been and is the making of an inexpensive artificial stone of high quality.

It is quite certain that people tried to make the first artificial stones from well mortars, half-liquid clay or sand-lime mixes.

Soon they mastered the art of forming clay into angular shapes which turned to drying into finely hard bricks. Such bricks of dried clay are used to some extent even nowadays in industrially developed countries having a dry climate.

Before long people managed to increase the strength of dried clay brick and make them resistant to all climatic conditions by ribbing. The first artificial stone, red clay brick with technical properties exceeding those of several natural stones came into being.

As to mud-brick bricks, the matter was not so simple. Angular stones formed of it were too weak to be used in walls. In kilning they fall apart altogether. To be known that these bricks at drying were said to stand for hundreds of years well under the weight of the heavy stone beside in air. But having

bricks is not clearing woods for the future generations. The work of a builder must either delight or grieve him during his lifetime. -

### Once More a Bit of History and Chemistry

For untold centuries people did not succeed in obtaining high-grade artificial stones of simple sand-lime mixes. Hundred and fifty years ago this problem was solved in a roundabout way - by means of ferrous cement. -

It is interesting to note that until recently some leading scientists of all countries have not worked in this area. From this aspect, it was the "old people" who

With the help of some chemical knowledge the solution will be simple.

The formula of lime is  $\text{CaO}$  and that of silica is  $\text{SiO}_2$ . The formula of cement is  $\text{Ca}_3\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7$ .

Practically the same ratio of sand and lime is used in the manufacture of about 10-15% lime concrete. It is made of lime and five parts of sand, which is a total of 6 parts of sand. This accounts for the greater weight of cement in the concrete. The substance of such concrete is essentially  $\text{Ca}_3\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7$ , i.e.  $3 \text{CaO} \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ , contains in the mixture of sand and lime and sand only 40%  $\text{CaO}$  and 10%  $\text{SiO}_2$ , based on molecular weights. This mineral suite is obtained by complicated and very costly production processes at cement works. As cement is represented by a powder-like mass, in combination with water the small particles of cement turn into a jelly-like mass, which will set within a short period, i.e. during a few days or weeks. In this way the so-called desert stone comes into being. - Pure cement is not suitable for making artificial stones. It would be too expensive and during its hardening, especially in case of large-sized products, inner stresses occur and cracks appear. -

Therefore, in making artificial stones cement is always

mixed with sand, gravel and gravel. -

In this case, however, the mixture is a mixture of particles of sand and gravel, and is not a mixture of sand and artificial stone. When making a mixture of sand and gravel, the formula is  $5:10$ , the concrete consists of 1 part of cement and 5 parts of sand and 10 parts of gravel. - We have come to a point again to age-old knowledge.

The mixture of sand and gravel, artificial stones from these mixtures - also with or without cement - is sold all over the world at a price, however! -

A new branch of industry - the Portland cement industry - had to be founded. And yet the invention of cement caused a whole revolution in building.

The only aim of all concrete manufacturers is to produce artificial stones of various dimensions - building components. This is the only aim of the existence of cement - Portland cement and artificial stones. -

Would lime and sand be heated directly into high-quality structural elements of various dimensions, cement for their manufacture could be dispensed with. After all, cement is not a lime, one cannot make clothes of it. It is used only for binding the particles of sand and gravel. -

It is quite conceivable that a revolution would have caused the invention of a process for burning sand and lime particles directly into artificial stone, the technical properties of which would not yield to those of concrete. - -

## Evolution of concrete

In 1824 James Frost discovered that a mixture of  
lime, sand and water, when allowed to set, formed a  
solid mass. This was the first artificial cement.  
- The English is distinguished from the French, as the  
first artificial cement was made in England, and not in  
France. It was called "Portland cement" because of  
the resemblance of the artificial stone to the natural  
Portland stone which was quarried, and exported to  
manufacture artificial stone of the same color and  
technical properties. - Professor Richards first succeeded  
in making autoclaved structural elements larger in size than  
bricks. The silicate brick could not compete with concrete  
by quality, too.  
Since the first studies of concrete in the world, in France,  
Sweden, Norway, and particularly in central and eastern  
Europe, Australia and USA, the production of silicoaluminous  
building materials has enjoyed a progressive development. It  
is however always predilected, in case of local raw materials,  
and so called "white concrete", particularly in areas with  
areas with best quality of quartz sand - with content not  
less than 90% - where the limestone is scarce; these concretes  
besides have mechanical properties technically superior than  
concrete.

The triumph of cement continued, while the architect's  
discovery of Professor Richards led to content itself with  
the unpretentious evolution of the silicate brick for about  
80 years. -

As fully solving the problem of all modern buildings  
was necessary - and this step was done! -

In 1943-1945 the following research was made by Dr. J. Lind  
in Finland, Helsinki. - The main cause for the comparatively  
recent technical development of the silicate building material  
was found to lie in the war!

forms of erosion, consisting of the erosion of the soil by wind and water, sand drifts, etc. It is known that in some of the high buildings, the soil is eroded by wind and water, and the soil is carried to the top of the building. This soil is carried to the top of the building by wind and water, and it is carried to the top of the building by wind and water. The soil is carried to the top of the building by wind and water, and it is carried to the top of the building by wind and water. The soil is carried to the top of the building by wind and water, and it is carried to the top of the building by wind and water. The soil is carried to the top of the building by wind and water, and it is carried to the top of the building by wind and water.

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Already at that time the new building materials are a universal and cheap material. - Practically all kind of elements necessary for building, from water and sewage pipes, wall and floor panels to roof panels or tiles, were manufactured from it. - - -

### How Far We Have Got

For cheap mass building materials which are to supply the necessary construction elements for general as well as for house and industrial building, with the properties required for the application envisaged, during the last years "FOBROKON" was developed. It is a building material which made it unnecessary to use cement as a binder. This new building material can be produced from such ordinary sand, clay, loess, ashes or cinders or any other industrial wastes, with lime and water (if it is necessary also with a direct reinforcement) subjected by processing in an autoclave in the presence of saturated steam. -

The basic for this new method of producing building materials is mainly to find in the field of manufacturing of the new materials and mixtures of material such as the particular machinery equipment. Only by this way the finished products obtain those excellent properties, which building materials made by conventional methods could never be reached. By the new production method also raw materials are obtained, which normally could not or only insufficiently be used for the manufacture of building materials. The new process ensures a thorough amalgamation of the various components of the basic materials and in any case unexpected or hitherto finished products will be obtained. - In some special properties which can be obtained we will at the end of the

concerned all manufacturing processes are fundamentally the same  
which building materials are built up. If a building and  
structure is built up of building material of the same  
composition, the same process of construction is used.

In the case of building materials, the material involved are mixed  
in different ways and they are used under these various  
names. It can be seen from the literature that all differently  
named materials are used in the same way. The  
POLYMER and other materials are used in the same way. The  
conference will be held in order to lay down the basis of  
the new building materials.

The characteristics of the new process which is now applied,  
are that several new materials (such as wood, concrete, etc.)  
hitherto used in the building can now, due to a direct  
conversion process without using binders, be converted into  
monolith materials. The new building material is no conglom-  
merate and therefore is not subject to shrinkage  
processes.

The new building material offers completely new prospects in  
technical as well as in economical respects. Compared to  
conventional building materials it offers advantages as:

- considerably lower in weight compared to concrete
- at the same time higher properties of pressure resistance than concrete
- better thermal insulation properties
- better resistance against weather and corrosion
- no development of mildew and condensation water
- particular resisting solidities
- resistance against moisture
- ability to be used like wood and nails
- the building elements are self-supporting, but iron or fibrous reinforcement are possible -

It can be seen from a table of facts that at same pressure  
resistance the new building material use only half of the  
volume which is required for the different variations of



volume weight between 400 and 1200 kg/m<sup>3</sup> are possible. For general building construction activities volume weights are up to 1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup> while for roof covering as well as for industrial and water-gathering constructions (also with fibrous reinforced concrete, they go up to 1900 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

The economical advantages are:

- simple production methods
- possibility of using almost any locally available raw materials, (such as various sorts of sand, clay, ash, slag and industrial wastes etc.)
- saving of any time for drying and storage procedures (prefabricated parts can be used only 24 hours after leaving autoclave)
- thus involved are lower production costs by possibility to automatize production widely
- possibility of using locally available unskilled labour
- guarantee of constant quality of the products
- low weight and possibility of erecting also high or small, simply as a rule, buildings, construction of technicalized building methods can be used and excellent building companies as well as to assemble some builders.
- extended field of application for prefabricated elements.

The results, which are available, show some regions already how many application possibilities exist, which concrete never before offered. -

The application possibilities for road surfings have a special position here. As it could be assumed for example that the large highway programme of future years to a wide extent will base on the new building materials, the indicated technique of assembling the road surfings in time will doubtlessly involve considerable savings of costs in general. The immunity against de-icing salt as well as against oil and fuel will save melting works due to damages by frost and

other influences. Also for restoration works on ordinary roads a construction program could be built up basing on POLYSAND.

Agriculture has large requirements for corrosion resistant building materials in respect to the construction of silos, stables etc. (resistance against lactic acid, tartaric acid, dung water etc.). - It is absolutely thinkable that many countries take up the production of standardized silo and stable constructions out of prefabricated elements made with the new building materials.

The main application field, however, will always be housing construction respectively super construction work.

The following products may serve as examples:

- 1) - outside and inside walls
- 2) - ceilings
- 3) - floor tiles
- 4) - staircases and stairs
- 5) - foundation blocks for housing construction and bottom plates for machines
- 6) - large dimensioned levels for prefabricated construction
- 7) - large blocks
- 8) - beams
- 9) - columns
- 10) - cranes
- 11) - bridge elements
- 12) - paving-stones
- 13) - road curbs
- 14) - shore tiles
- 15) - concrete tables
- 16) - roof tiles
- 17) - tiles
- 18) - drainage channels
- 19) - stable construction
- 20) - industrial structural parts etc.

The mechanical characteristics of cellular concrete (400 kg/m<sup>3</sup> to 1200 kg/m<sup>3</sup> weight) or compact lightweight (1100 to 1300 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) are very different from any other building materials known hitherto, except the light solid siliceous material.

#### Mechanical characteristics

With respect to similar traditional materials (concrete, claustricks etc.) the new building material has a specific resistance (ratio compression resistance : specific weight) which is clearly superior. If for a very good concrete this value is 1.5, the new building material easily reaches and exceeds values of 2.5 - 3, therefore by equal weights the mechanical resistance is higher.

#### Variability in specific weight

The new building material can be produced in widely different types of material: Cellular or light material with specific weights of 400 - 1200 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, which is obtained by adding to the mixture a leavening agent causing gas release from the mass. Also: Compact or heavy material, with specific weights of 1300 - 1900 (2000) kg/m<sup>3</sup>, obtained by vibration or pressing or centrifugation of the mixture.

There is a great variability of physical and mechanical characteristics corresponding to the wide range of variation in specific weight, which make the new building material capable of applications complying with any particular requirement.

These new building materials have not only passed factory tests but also tests of approved testing laboratories, now in said before. - All test results prove the extraordinary properties.

The diagram below shows the results of a test - ratio compression resistance : specific weight - made by the OVA-TECHN. VERBUNDANSTALT FÜR BAUFORSCHUNG, Vienna-Austria (basic research laboratory for building materials, for example.



Compressive strength.

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 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>

1200

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600

300

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300

400

500

600



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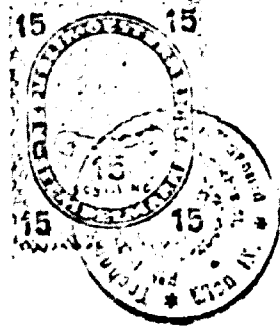
1,0

1,5

2,0

2,5

3,0 trocken



dice

- Würfel 7x7x7 cm
- Würfel 6x6x6 cm
- + Würfel 5x5x5 cm

weight Raumgewicht  
 1/m<sup>3</sup>

### No shrinkage

An important characteristic of the new building materials is the absolute absence of shrinkage and shape alteration during the hardening and drying processes in both cases of jet pressure forming.

From this viewpoint, individual elements with no limit in dimension can be produced. Also a great precision in manufacturing is possible; it is therefore particularly suitable for prefabrication techniques.

### Metal reinforcement

Adhesion between the new building material and metal frames varies from 30 to 60 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> for round smooth bars. The thermal elongation coefficient (cellular types) is  $2-1,4 \times 10^{-5}$ , i.e. of the same order of magnitude as that of steel.

The new building material is therefore suitable also for reinforced concrete structures.

### Heat resistance

The investigations show that with the increase in temperature to 250° C, the compression strength increases to 30% within the limits of 250 - 500° C, no increase in compression strength is observed. - During a violent fire, the flexure of panels increases sharply until they are destroyed due to fluidity of reinforcing steel by analogy with ferro-concrete elements. The flexures observed in new building material elements during a less violent fire disappear when the elements get cold, and the labels assume their initial form.

The new building materials are fire proof. -

Some indirect evidence about this are formed due to the fire resistance tests, when the temperature of the product under examination increases to 300° C during 2 minutes, to 700° C during 10 minutes, to 900° C during 20 minutes, to 900° C during 1 hour up to 1300° C. - During such tests the response of the new building material (their panels 2,0 m in length with the normal load), was quite analogous to that of ferro-concrete and the terminal value of fire resistance

was 10 - 35% better than for ferro-concrete panels. -

#### Resistance to frost

Freezing and heating tests have demonstrated the capability of the new building materials to operate under very adverse weather conditions.

#### Thermic insulation

The thermal transmittance to 0.06 Kcal/m.h.<sup>°C</sup> (hours in degrees C) varies directly with the specific weight. The thermic insulation is very higher than that of concrete.

#### Abrasion resistance

The newly new building material has a resistance to wear due to abrasion which is 5 - 8 times that of granite concrete and 3 times that of limestone concrete.

#### Resistance to chemical agents

Experiments on this aspect show, that the new building materials resist the action of strong acids and alkalis much more than concrete can.

#### Special treatment

The surface can be treated with plasters, paint or other coating materials, as a consequence of the great variety of glass suitable for the new building materials. On account of its great frost resistance, fire enameling is also possible, as for ordinary ceramic materials. -

The new building material can be coupled together in various layers, thus integrating the respective physical and mechanical characteristics.

By adding pigments to the mixture, the material can be coloured

without altering its characteristics in any way.

The surface of manufactured articles is rather smooth and ready for painting. All kinds of paint which are used usually for work of decoration are suitable for painting the articles made from the new building materials.

There is no special connection with low-grade asbestos to produce these articles. The usually asbestos cement is put with lower quality asbestos.

The main components forming the new building materials are one sand, lime and water. The sand is of any origin and does not need washing. It is washed only for its use and covered with the old asbestos, and the treatment in the special apparatus and ~~res~~ for mineral activation even to such sands.

Slack as well as burnt lime is used for the production. The elaborated technology makes it possible to use lime of lower quality also.

A variation of the above process can be employed for the removal of refuse by utilizing the residues of refuse burning furnaces as described below.

The widely used method of removing refuse by depositing it on the ground is an urgent problem for every country due to the consequences linked with it, such as the waste of space, the wet places and the contamination of water circulation. -

A striking example is the case of the deposition of refuse on the so-called "floating island" in the course of the water flow of the town. The floating island is covered with a deposit of their refuse on the ground, either as the agricultural exploitation of this island is impossible for a long time.

The volume of refuse, which is deposited in the furnaces, therefore gains increasing importance.

Local installing the incinerators and the burning of refuse the incinerators are expensive and economic is connected with the conventional disposal of refuse by its burial on the ground. The latter is done in a different way, elsewhere etc.

and the creation of costly installations is discussed with. Another objection to refuse burning is that the refuse is not removed from the area in volume. Considerable quantities of residues left by the incinerator have to be removed from the burning area and the disposition of unburnt residues has to be effected as compared with the costs is in addition, a large amount of residues are merely partially burnt and are not suitable for use in the furnace because they contain a large amount of ash and the disposition of the residues is difficult and costly. - All these arguments against incineration and the disposal of refuse have been completely detailed in the literature of the process. - The advantages of refuse burning are that at almost any place, with the exception of large cities, a treatment of its residual products will be possible - one can use as base material for the manufacture of quality building materials by the new technical methods and industrial process.

The efficiency of the process is such that high grade building materials (compressive strength more than 200 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>) could even be produced if the residues were not burnt completely. - According to the new techniques the residues left after the burning of refuse are subject to the transformation process of transformation and are subsequently used for the manufacture of the building materials and finished products. The expenditure required is for the necessary electric and steam energy can easily be supplied by the refuse burning furnace itself. - It is therefore of advantage if the factory for building materials is combined with the incinerator so that the residues can be subject to the transformation process immediately. Thus the quantity of refuse slag or ashes yielded is transferred into building materials or the finished products desired so that the refuse is not only removed completely but is also used for separately in the form of the finished products. - The residues are disposed with the removal of residues left by the burning of refuse as well as with the financial burden linked with it and the problem of deposition on the ground. -



Thus every refuse burning furnace becomes a very effective source of income for the municipality of every municipality; the number of personnel required for the manufacture of building material out of refuse is small and may consist of the unskilled labor charges with the burning of the refuse. According to the KILN method, the production of concrete of different specific weights of concrete can be obtained by varying the weight of the aggregate, the weight of the cement, the weight of the water, the weight of the sand and the final weight is controlled by the glass and glass-free.

Usually in the furnace the waste is burned in a furnace which carry out regular burning operations. The continuous flow of the material and the flow of the material in the furnace is ensured and the manufacturing of the concrete is a considerable economic profit from a factory of building materials combined with an incinerator. Thus the incinerator as well as the factory are soon paid for whereas for the burning of refuse has been a debit item.

The new technique of extracting the residues from the burning of refuse (or in other cases) into high grade building materials and finished products does not only invalidate all objections to the method of burning refuse but also solves all existing problems linked with the removal of refuse and turns their removal into an economic asset. - - -

### Ascertainings . . . .

On the basis of this development it is possible to draw some reliable conclusion on the FUTURE of today and of tomorrow.

First: As to its structural technical characteristics, the new building material of much better quality than cement concrete can be produced. In high strength type the combination of sand and lime particles is nearly similar to that of soda and sand in glass. In concrete the mixture of sand and gravel

practically do not take part in the formation of the inner structure of artificial stone. They are simply glued together. Considering this difference in structure, it is easily comprehensible why water permeability of dense polycand is thousands of times lower than that of conventional dense concrete. The high resistance of the new building material to acids may also be explained by its peculiar structure. The new building material is not sensitive to the effect of solutions which would reduce concrete to sand and gravel in a few days.

Second: The manufacture of the new building material has been extremely simplified and is being automated. There is only one continuously operating machine for it. By using automatic card, also the worker does the work. The preparation process is automated. The mix is discharged into moulds (travelling on conveyor, and is introduced into the autoclave.

In principle, there is no difference in the moulding processes of building components, either of the new building materials or concrete mixes. All of the mixes may be moulded by pouring, vibrating, stamping, compressioning, rolling, etc.

Making polycand mixes is much simpler. Hardening of concrete mixes is simpler in general. For cement mortars at a normal temperature and - but for long time, till 20 days and more. Yet, to accelerate the hardening of cement, steam curing of moulded concrete in steam chambers or autoclaves proved reasonable and economical in the manufacture of structural elements. Therefore, expenses on hardening either of concrete or POLYCOND prefabricated products are equal.

The manufacture of concrete and the new building material products are beginning from the mixing of raw materials. There are 12 operations in the case of concrete, and but only 8 of them in the case of the new building materials.

In the production process the raw materials or mixes must be conveyed to each principal machine and removed from there; they must also be fed or dozed into principal machines.

Therefore in the manufacture of concrete the need for transportation as well as the number of loading operations and the devices needed for it, is nearly three times higher.

In operation all machines work in separate rows.

In the manufacture of concrete the need for energy is based on five operations. These are: heating of sand, drying of aggregate, drying of sludge, loading of trailer and unloading of products. In the manufacture of concrete additional thermal energy is needed for at two main operations: drying of lime and hardening of products. - The quantity of lime necessary for kilning coarse clinker is about 2 times higher than that needed for drying to a final amount of lime. - For drying 1 m<sup>3</sup> of the new material, depending on its density, in maximum 100-100 kg of active lime is required. For drying dense or light weight concrete a large 100-100 kg of cement is required.

As an example the necessary capital investment and expenses on heating, electric power and manpower for making 1 m<sup>3</sup> concrete and 1 m<sup>3</sup> POLYMER products were calculated. To these expenses on producing raw materials (sand, lime, clinker) and binder (cement) were added. Data on these products are given in the table:

A	Expenses on building the factory, calculated for the annual output of the material shown in column A (unity)	For producing the amount of material shown in column A, the corresponding industrial enterprise, requires:		
		in 7000 kcal	electric power kw/h	manpower hours
I) Required for the manufacture of 1 m <sup>3</sup> dense concrete are:				
a) Cement brand 400: 150 kg	9,7	96,3	35,0	1,5
b) Clinker 0.200 m <sup>3</sup>	7,3	-	9,0	0,1
c) Sand 0.500 m <sup>3</sup>	1,0	-	0,5	0,05
II) Concrete plant: 1 m <sup>3</sup> products	46,0	70,0	31,0	2,75
Total	64,0	172,3	65,5	5,4

A	expenses in million rubles, calculated for the capital cost of the material shown in column A (unity)	for producing the amount of material shown in column A, the corresponding industrial energy, per unit	in 1000 kWh	Electric power, kWh	Non-power, hours
I) Requirements for the manufacture of 1 m <sup>3</sup> POLYSAND are:					
a) Low-grade lime containing on the average 75% of CaO 230 kg	2,8		42,6	5,7	0,5
b) Sand 0.970 m <sup>3</sup>	1,9		-	1,0	0,1
II) Polysand plant: 1 m <sup>3</sup> products	26,0		62,0	17,0	1,9
T o t a l	28,7		104,6	23,7	2,5

Depending on local conditions and production capacity of the plants, expenses on the manufacture of the new building material and concrete may differ for separate plants. Yet the average data given in the table should be well characterizing.

As can be seen from the table, expenses on 1 m<sup>3</sup> POLYSAND are lower than on 1 m<sup>3</sup> concrete as follows: capital investment 0.1 times, heating 1.0 times, electric power 2.0 times, non-power 2.2 times. The difference is nearly the same in case of cellular polysand and cellular concrete.

The new building materials are very cheap materials.

**Third:** Concrete has been shown about 30 per cent more than the new building material of equal strength. For example, the weight of 1 m<sup>3</sup> of equal strength new building material is only 1900 kg, while the weight of concrete of

the strength five times lower, is at least 1400 kg./m<sup>2</sup>. Arising from this great difference in weight, transport costs are diminished and the result is a great economy due the lower cost of foundation and bearing members of building.

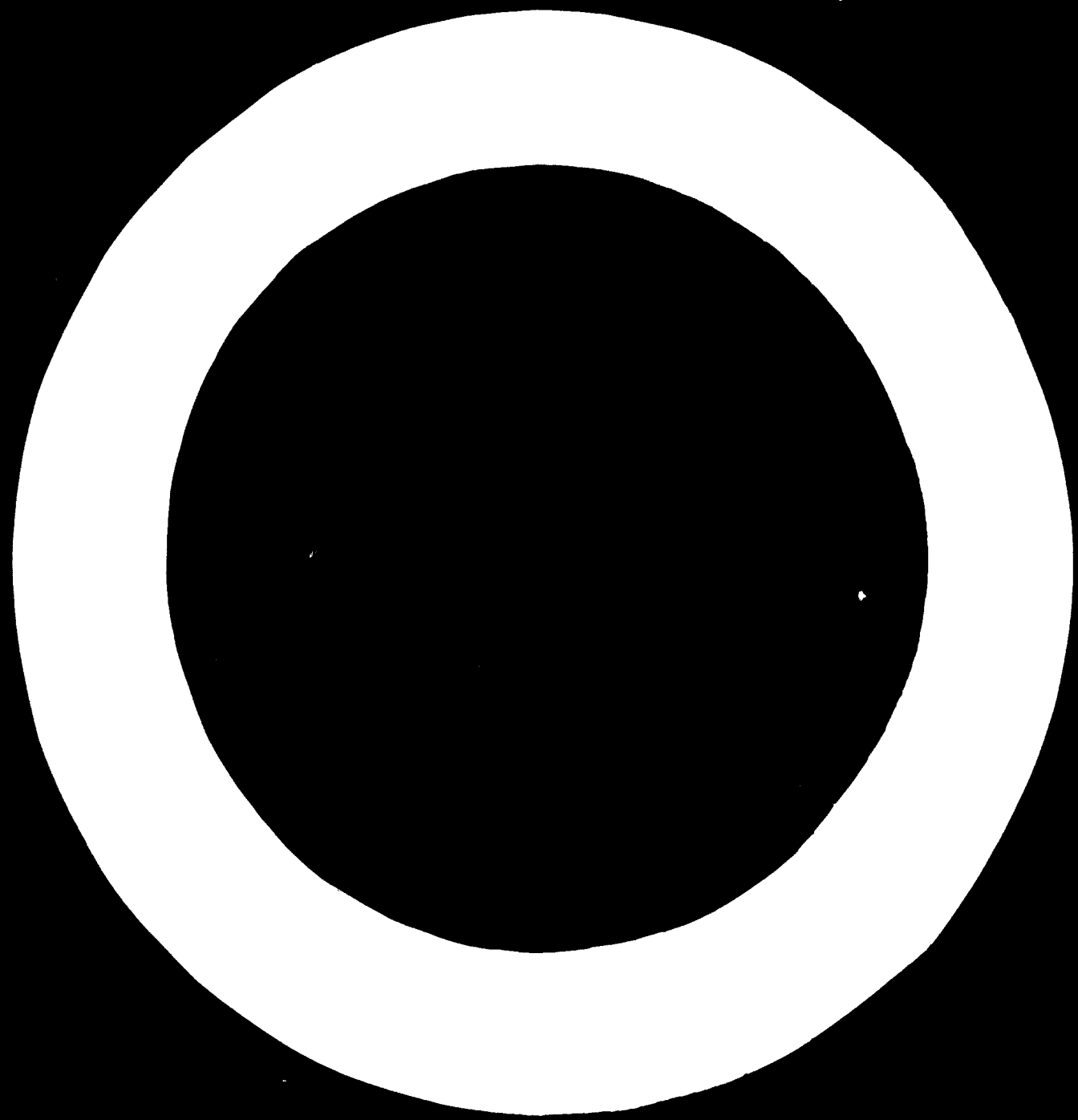
Fourth: A plant to produce the new building materials can be built in a short time under one year. - The erection of cement and concrete plant is accomplished generally in not less than two years.

Fifth: The new building material products can be made of practically any kind of sand and lime. It is being made also of loess - a clayey ground suitable for cotton and fruit. Investigations have been carried out on sands of more than 1200 localities including the Sahara, Brazil, Asia, etc., of 20 countries in all. - All these sands proved suitable for the manufacture of the new building material. POLYKAND has been made experimentally with good results also from slag and ashes. -

Raw materials for cement and suitable crushed rock and sand for concrete cannot be found everywhere. An economical production of the new building materials can be established all over the world.

Sixth: Taking into account that the manufacture of the new building material requires basically one single machine only, economically working travelling plants, too, can be established.

Seventh: The new building material is an excellent material for the manufacture of industrial structural elements. Even



the largest structural elements are almost completely free from shrinkage and without any other dimensions.

Tearing rendering concrete for concrete structures.

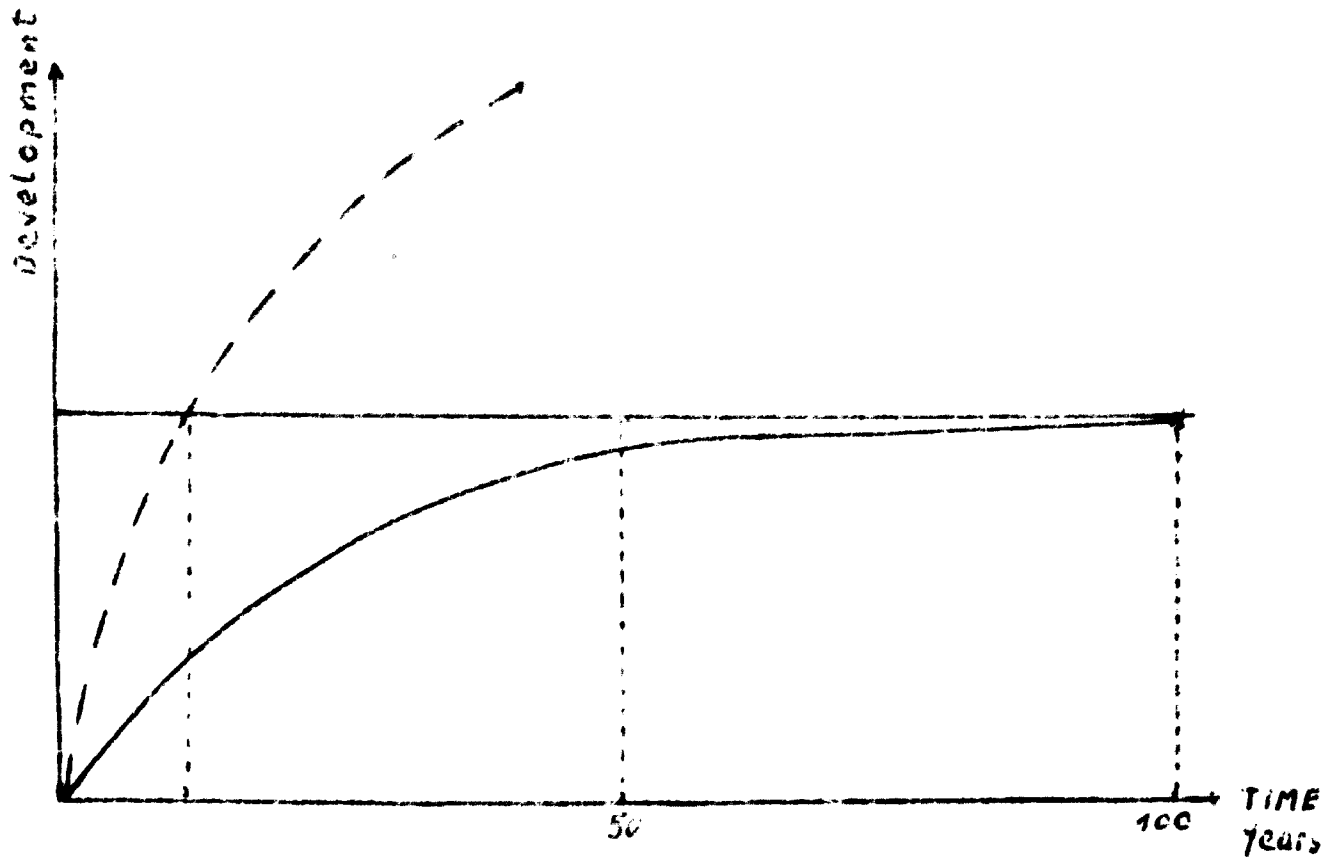
Fourth: PORTLAND cements can be made in a different colour shades. The use of the various materials of most various structure: from glass marble like to porous white cell diameters of several millimetres or centimetres.

All the advantages of the new building material are not exhausted as compared with concrete. Concrete research has disclosed a large number of them. It is impossible to deal with all of them here. It should be mentioned that bearing constructions made of the new building material require to some extent less reinforcement steel than those made of concrete.

But this is the beginning only. The structure of cement and concrete shows development of the last hundred years already. Even now hundreds of laboratories and research or design institutes with ten thousands of workers are dealing with investigation and development of concrete all over the world.

In the figure below the horizontal axis represents time and the vertical axis the level of development of any production or technique of the new material with the moment of its invention. The lower curve no. 1 depicts, for example, the development of cement and concrete. During the first 10 years after its invention the development is rapid, steep and almost linear, becoming essentially new discoveries in the first 10 years, after that the development becomes less rapid. For example, up to 1900 almost all the new steel was first produced in 1850, after five years. - So is it in other fields like, with other inventions such as, for example, radio, motor etc.

Already within ten years of industrial development, silicoacite and polyacite have reached higher structural-technical characteristics at lower cost than concrete and asbestos cement. This is depicted in the figure by the dotted line:



Summary: **ACROGAN** is the artificial stone of tomorrow!



A short step to produce building materials in the application field of asbestos cement was done by us with polysand types. They are produced on a different production line. No excessive and large machinery and equipment or steaming are required. We could fix that sand with or without fibres with a polymer binder is a very good and cheap raw material to produce such products in the application field of asbestos cement.

Oposite to the production of asbestos-cement units, the polysand production requires only one, central production unit. This production unit supplies the homogeneous polysand-mix. Not considered of course are silos for material storage and transport units. - Compared to asbestos-cement production the amount of investment as well as the requirements for labour are extremely low.

The description and fabrication scheme to be seen below will make clear how simple a way a polysand production can be erected everywhere:

#### Sheets, plates, coatings, moulded parts, tubes

So far sheets and plates to be used in civil engineering, architecture or for other applications were produced of natural or artificial stone, asbestos cement or plastic. Therefore the products were relatively expensive and limited to certain raw materials and fields of application; moreover they could not be used for a limited extent or not at all for coatings and for the manufacture of moulded parts.

The industrial process of production described below permits the manufacture of sheets, plates, moulded parts and coatings out of so-called POLYSAND, in any colour or dark effect, and of any shape.

Special advantages of the process are unequalled quality of the products and low investment cost for the machines and production facilities as well as the possibility of using unskilled labour.

Due to the original products plant which as far as possible was combined in one unit and as the first place is designed for using the cheap raw material sand together with a polymer binder, the process offers almost unlimited versatility as well as high production speed and economy.

The process permits the simple production of sheets and plates of any size and thickness, in any colour, colour mix or marble effect and the easy coating of any base material such as concrete, metal, glass, perl board etc.

Another advantage of the new technique is the fact that no subsequent treatment of the finished products is required. For obtaining smooth and shiny surfaces neither grinding or polishing is required. Even the most complicated moulded parts or designs can be carried through expensive mills, presses or similar conventional equipment.

The new technique is particularly suited for the coating of building materials and finished parts with beautiful and durable surfaces. The manufacturers of prefabricated moulded parts can now readily and free of charge with excellent architectural effect, floor coverings, stairs and other parts necessary for prefabricated houses, in their own workshop, with the necessary development.

Applications are further extended by the possibility of using one or several colours or mixes and variations of natural or fancy marble effects as well as by the possibility of coating other materials. Thus the manufacturer of prefabricated moulded parts will e.g. save the surface treatment of the finished parts and the application of costly facade materials such as mosaic tiles, face bricks or coats of paint.

In practice, completely novel, durable and beautiful building elements can be produced in serial construction by applying a POLYSAN layer to a great range of available materials. Once POLYSAN layers have been applied as desired, have a curable effect on the surface and finish.

POLYSAN material is produced essentially with the final properties required and often, as soon as a few minutes are required to take the product out of the mold.

Due to the quick production process, the use of POLYSAN sand as base material together with a surface binder, preferably solvent, the omission of any subsequent treatment or storage for curing (the finished products can be used after intervals of a few minutes up to an hour) a high degree of economy can be achieved.

POLYSAN material has high compressive and mechanical strengths and it is acid-resistant and can therefore be used for a combined chemical and technical as well as for other industrial applications. The excellent physical properties of POLYSAN are also indicated by the fact that its average compressive strength is 370 % and its flexural tensile strength 800 % that of the corresponding concrete standard.

POLYSAN is absolutely resistant to atmospheric influence and to most reagents; it is climate resistant and durable and permits applications impossible with conventional building materials.

POLYSAN has been used successfully for the applications listed below as basic material or for coatings:

General structures above the surface and underground, industrial and chemical plants, laboratories, petro-chemistry, hydraulic engineering etc. as well as window and balcony sills, chimneys, facade coverings, slates for walls, floors and tables, curb and kerbstones, grave-stones, road side parts, ceilings of all materials, finished parts, water and waste treatment tanks, tanks, curtain walls etc. moreover for many applications in industry as well as for building equipment in the construction of houses.

Applications are extended continuously. -

Therefore variations in the application of polysand material are unlimited; it permits the manufacture of washing basins and tubs as well as the subsequent covering of existing buildings out of wood, tiles, concrete or other building materials.

In spite of their better quality and technical superiority POLYSAND products are cheaper than asbestos cement or other conventional materials.

The special plant for the manufacture of the products indicated above permits the rapid quantity production of building materials, moulded parts, prefabricated parts and coatings of perfect quality.

The machine structures provide adherence to the recipes, necessary for obtaining the desired strength and quality of the product, thorough mixture of the components as well as the constant addition of colour and the homogenizing of the ready mixture.

Properties of the finished products

To give a survey of the progress of the new process and the new technique as compared with conventional materials, and with cement concrete (asbestos cement) in particular, the results of tests carried out by the INSTITUT FÜR MATERIAL-PRÜFUNG UND FORSCHUNG DES BAUWESENS DER TECHNISCHEM HOCHSCHULE HANNOVER, AMTICHE MATERIALPRÜFANSTALT FÜR DAS BAUWESE - (Institute for testing materials and for research in civil engineering of the technical college in Hannover - Official laboratory for testing materials to be used in civil engineering), dated 27 October 1955, are indicated below, in extracts:

	POLYSAND	Concrete stand. DIN 18500	Increase in strength
Compressive strength:	1057 kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	35 kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	370 %
Bending strength:	314 kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	39 kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	800 %
Abrasion resistance:	24.1 cm <sup>3</sup> /50 cm	19 cm <sup>3</sup> /50 cm <sup>2</sup>	6 %

Similar results were obtained in the tests dated 11.1.1968 carried out by the INSTITUT FÜR BAUSTOFFWISSENSCHAFT UND STAHLBETONBAU at Innsbruck with an average compressive strength of:  $1131 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  and an abrasion resistance of:  $10.5 \text{ cm}^3/50 \text{ cm}^2$ . -

Another expertise established by the STÄDTISCHE PRÜF- UND VERSUCHSANSTALT, "MARIO FLAHER STRASSE" WIEN, - (municipal test and research laboratory, in Vienna), of 16.11.1968 did not only confirm the good results indicated above but also the freeze resistance as well as the resistance to light and corrosion: - tap water, line water saturated, solution containing soap, solution containing sodium, solution containing detergent, soda lye, hydrochloric acid, mineral oil, petrol - - all unchanged. -

The above test results of official institutions clearly show the superiority of POLYSAND over concrete and asbestos cement on the basis of portland cement.

Further properties of POLYSAND are: low specific weight, dimensional stability, colour stability, smooth surfaces without polishing and grinding, high impact and compressive strength and therefore reduced risk of breakage during transport. -

In addition to the applications listed above, the use of polysand mixes prepared according to special recipes, as casting and priming material was developed.

This process is of particular importance for the manufacture of "dry floor finishes" in building construction.

Building with prefabricated parts permits short periods of construction and - as far as the brickwork is concerned - the quick erection of buildings almost without humidity, as the prefabs are employed dry.

This advantage is considerably reduced when producing conventional floor finishes as according to conventional methods the floor finish is applied with big quantities of water in the building dry so far, it often takes many weeks until the

rooms can be used because of the floor finish, or until the buildings can be completed. During the cold and humid season in particular, the conventional floor finish containing much water delays the completion of buildings considerably as the floor must first be dry completely before the final floor covering can be applied; drying will often take many weeks.

The new process and the machines for its application permits the production of mixes for the manufacture of "dry floor finishes". - The mix can be taken to the site by special transport tanks or tank trucks (vats) and can there be processed like normal concrete or asphalt. The curing time such mixes can be adjusted as required so that the completed floor finish can be walked on within - for example - 30 minutes and no humidity is present.

Due to its high strength and the extraordinary flexural tensile strength the new POLYSAND dry floor finish can be applied with low thickness and a completely dry and seamless floor is obtained within a very short time.

Another method is to lay prefabricated "Floor finish sheets" consisting of coated carrier material of low specific weight and the cast or make smooth the joints with polysand material. In both instances, the floor finish can be walked after a few minutes; this is of particular importance for speedy building and plumbing.

POLYSAND mixes to be used as floor finish can be coloured as desired and if the floor is applied carefully it may even be possible to give the subsequent floor covering, depending on local conditions.

Similarly, the new process and the special installations for its application permit the execution of paving coats, bridge decks, runways and other large area applications in place or on the site. When the device for the production of the mix is mounted movable and the ready mix prepared according to special recipes is applied and smoothed immediately; the new coating can then be walked or driven on after intervals varying between a few minutes and an hour.

This new variant of the process is important where roads, bridges or runways have to be produced as quickly as possible or for obtaining a durable coating which meets extremely high requirements.

The new technique promotes and accelerates the building process considerably without requiring additional labour.

The basic idea of producing a valuable material based on sand or other raw material, without autoclave hardening, by using powerful special machinery which requires little room and is inexpensive, was realised under industrial conditions in the fields listed before by the machines described above.

#### Operation of the machine

The machine is designed for the processing of dry, flowable quartz sand. Depending on the recipe and the type of POLYSAND to be produced, the granulation varies between 0 and 25 mm; for very fine and smooth surfaces the grain will be 0-0.3 mm. The ratio between polymer binder and sand depends on the type of POLYSAND and varies between 1:4 and 1:15. As the mix is highly compacted and homogenized the sand becomes the base material whereas the polymer does not represent but a cold-setting binder. Due to their low price polyester resins are used preferably and have shown excellent results for the applications indicated before. The curing time can be adjusted as required and depends on the type and the using up of the final products.

For fully automatic assembly lines, e.g. for the coating of concrete facade sheets, curing time will be adjusted to a few seconds; depending on the given requirements the curing time will amount to several minutes or curing will take place within the predetermined period.

Due to the automation of the production process for polysand mixes rarely unskilled hands are required. They have to fill the moulds; for using one production line, 3 men are required. Therefore the cost of labour is low and the cost

of material specified below can be easily extended by the actual cost of labour and manufacturing and production is still economic.

To calculate the costs, the price of sand (or other raw materials) and polymeric resin have to be inserted at a ratio between 1:1 and 1:15 and further costs have to be added to this basic price and the result will be the producer's price. Experience has shown that even if a mixing ratio of 1:4 is used the producer's and sales prices of perfect sheets are considerably lower than for asbestos-cement. No other material and no other process offer the economy and competitiveness of the process described.

Production takes place as follows:

The mineral and liquid components are precisely dosed and metered after leaving their respective silo and tanks and are fed to a supply and mixing unit by remote control.

The polymer binder components meet with the metered sand in another mixing and spreading unit and there the preselected mixture is homogenised. This part of the machine is also operated by remote control.

By metering colours as desired any composition of the mixture can be preselected so that finished products of any colour, or by using contrasting colours, of any marble effect can be obtained. Products with predetermined colour can be made without any difficulty.

The ready preselected mixture leaves the machine to fill the moulds. The moulds pass underneath the discharge of the mixture.

All stages of the production process are shown in a diagram with electronic control thus permitting complete control of the production process.

A cleaning mechanism fitted in the machine ensures that the machine is always ready for operation and works without failures.



After the desired mixing ratio of the materials, their quantities and colour have been preselected the machine is operated by remote control by a special sender and receiver.

The machine is built according to the output required: it can be operated continuously or intermittently and can be fitted in assembly lines.

As the mixture is prepared fully automatic according to the predetermined formulation, the quality of the products remains constant and is independent of the personnel.

Maintenance and cleaning of the machine are simple as is its operation and do not require but needs with short training.

The manufacture of sheets, plates, coatings and finished products according to the above description reflects the latest stage of development. The finished products can be used within a very short time; even if small quantities are made production is economic. Therefore special orders can also be carried out.

The machines described above can be supplied for any special output. - Further techniques and possible applications are being developed.

Esperience has shown that beside sand any mineral or non mineral solid material which is dry and flowable can be used as base material for the industrial manufacture of the products mentioned above or for novel products. Among such materials is industrial waste of any type, e.g. from the wood pape- or textile industries as well as industrial or volcanic granulated slag. Moreover all kinds of synthetic and natural fibres, even of minor quality, and fibrous waste can be processed.

According to local circumstances, the available base material and the problem to be solved, a special POLYSAND production method for the product desired can be worked out on the basis of the new technique.

The variety of materials which can be used for the manufacture of durable and cheap building materials by the process described results in a multiplicity of possible applications. Therefore almost any problem touching the line discussed but deviating from the standard due to different geographic conditions in the countries concerned can be solved.

Apart from the numerous applications mentioned previously it can be stated that the products made by the process described without cement and asbestos, can be used wherever asbestos cement was employed so far. It should not be forgotten that the properties and applications of POLYSAND are far superior to those of asbestos cement; moreover low capital investment and needing but unskilled hands are required and production is more economic than that of asbestos cement.

The following description of further POLYSAND techniques is to contribute to a demonstration of their volume and efficiency and is intended further to explain them.

### Coatings

The material mixtures mentioned in the description before are excellently suited for any type of coating.

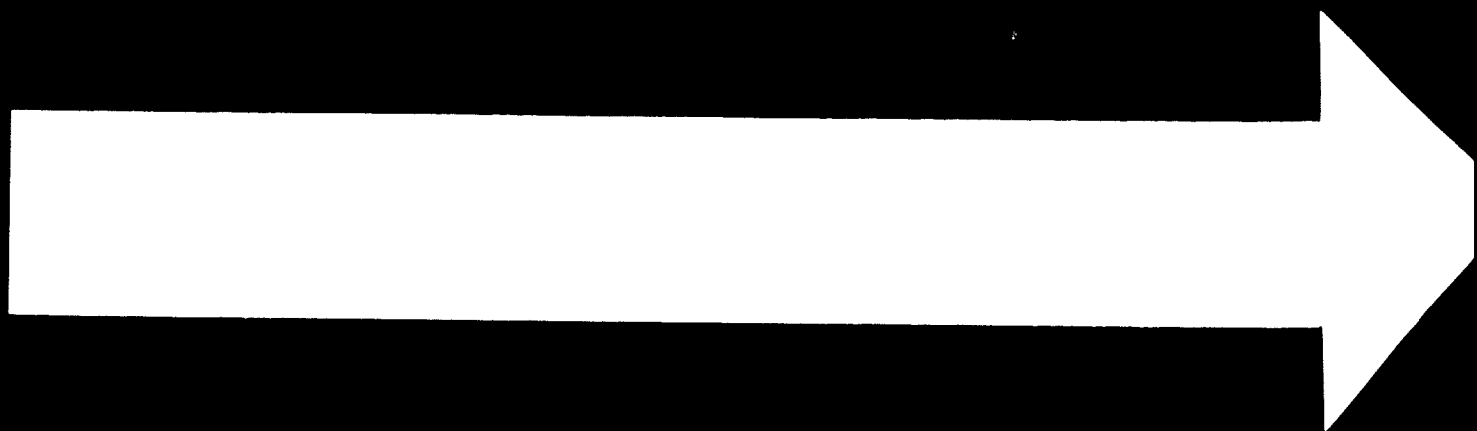
Experience has shown that almost any carrier material such as  
wood, wood fibre sheet, metal, sheet metal, glass,  
stone, concrete, cardboard etc.

can be coated.

The mixture for coating is prepared according to the application envisaged and the carrier material used.

The thickness of the coating may vary between several millimetres and centimetres.

In fact, cheap carrier material such as wood, wood fibre sheets, cardboard, concrete or prefabricated building elements can be coated with high quality materials, either on one side or universally. This inexpensive "core" materials which have been coated or covered can be used for applications they

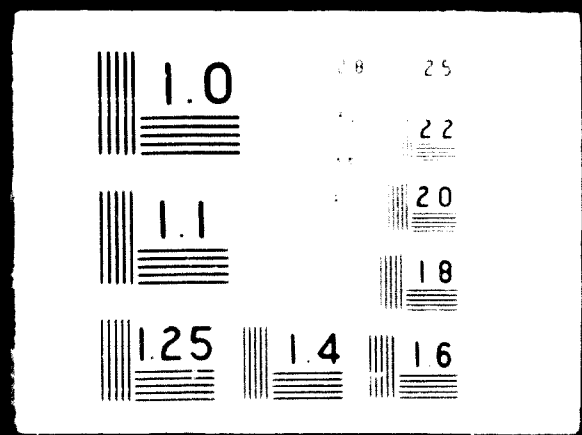


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originally were not suited or intended for, e.g. for pre-fabricated parts, curtain walls, parts of furniture etc. produced in sandwich construction.

The coating mixes adhere to any carrier material without additional bonding or glazing.

Coatings are carried out without costly concrete operations, expensive presses or polishing and as moreover the cheap raw material - sand - is employed at a ratio of at least 80%, they are extremely economic.

The coating materials can be given any desired and durable colour and have the same excellent properties as the tables and sheets described before.

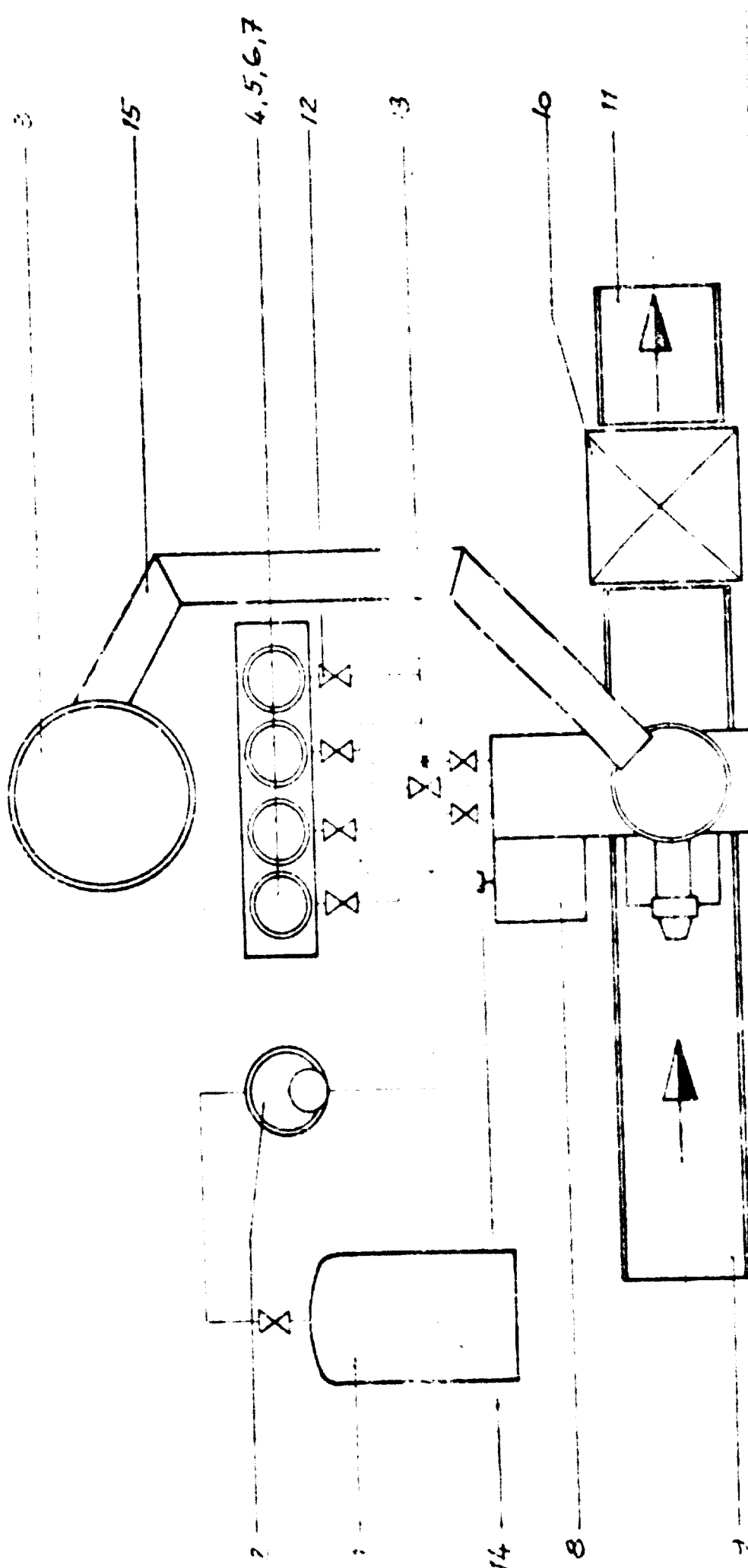
The coating technique described above permits a variety of possible applications and carrier materials, which in fact are almost unlimited.

As the same time cheap carrier materials are considerably refined not only regarding their technical use but also with a view to architectural requirements in the building industry and external conditions, therefore the material value of sand coated carrier materials is considerably raised.

Cheap carrier materials refined by coating can successfully replace expensive high quality materials used so far and thus are very economic.

The coating materials are suited for civil and industrial use and are resistant to corrosion.

The special machinery is suited for the manufacture of the coating materials works exactly even if operated by unskilled labour and is identical with the installations for the manufacture of POLYBANE tables and sheets described before. The manufacture of tables and sheets as well as the application of coatings can be effected separately or within an existing plant. - The fabrication scheme to be seen below will make clear how simple a POLYBANE production can be created everywhere. . . .



Equipment:  
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Productions scheme  
 for  
 polysand panels

- 1 storage tank for resin
- 2 inter-storage tank for resin
- 3 site for granulate
- 4 tank for basic colour
- 5, 6, 7 tank for contrast colour
- 8 Polysand composition stone plant
- 9 roller conveyor for mould transport
- 10 vibrating table for finished parts
- 11 roller conveyor
- 12 throttle valve
- 13 quick coupling
- 14 main air connection
- 15 pecking unit for granulate

### Cast wood

The perfectly developed machinery and the KOLYAD process permit the application of a new technique for the manufacture and processing of reclaimed wood which is capable of being cast, i.e. cast wood.

The process permits the use of wood of low and lowest grade, wood waste, sawdust, bark, brush and buck, or other waste materials.

The erection of a production plant for cast wood is economic and possible in places where wood waste, bark or low grade wood are available or can be obtained.

The machine permits the manufacture of castable mixes based on the available wood materials; out of these mixes large sheets or plates of different thickness with plane or curved surfaces, or any other finished product can be made.

The manufacture of window and door frames and of other products for civil engineering and technical requirements represent a special field of application.

The window and door frames are produced in the dimensions required and need no finishing. All woodworking machines usually required for the manufacture of conventional wooden window and door frames can be discarded with.

Further remarkable advantages of cast wood are its permanent quality, its insensitivity to humidity and moisture, its corrosion resistance and the retention of the dimensions as well as the complete absence of distortion of the frames. Another advantage is that cast wood can be coloured as desired so that no additional painting is necessary.

The production method for cast wood largely depends on the special machinery employed and is based upon

- a) the formulation
- b) the preparation of the mixture and its discharge.

Another important operation is the preparation of dry mechanical wood pulp as waste material.



The wood available - even old timber from wrecked buildings may be employed - is subject to preliminary breaking and is dried. Then the dry wood is ground; during this process the quality and type of wood, waste or bark are but of secondary importance.

According to the formulation the mechanical wood pulp is bonded in the machinery with colours and solvents and the compound capable of being cast is filled into moulds.

The finished products which correspond to the mould are taken out of the mould within an hour at the latest - depending on the recipe employed - and are then ready for use. No subsequent pressing nor grinding is necessary.

The process is fully automatic the ratio of the different components being determined by the formulation so that maximum economic and technical results are obtained.

Cast wood can be machined, glued, drilled or screwed similar to hardwood. If suitable moulds are used no finishing of the products is required. The moulds are not complicated and can be made out of ordinary sheet steel.

The production line consists of a modified model of the machine for the manufacture of the polymer mixture, which is designed for the annual output of cast wood required.

After it has been assembled the plant for the industrial production is taken into operation.

The process described permits the economic exploitation of wood resources and their recovery. It yields a maximum of technical and economic advantages and permits the application of the latest results of research. -

"POLYBAND" - Pipes

So far a relatively small number of highly developed industrial countries are able to produce high grade pipes of great length and diameter.

However, such countries are unable for the cultivation of residential and industrial water supply. It is therefore evident that the supply of water supply, irrigation, industrialisation and the like can be made wherever a sufficient quantity of high grade pipes is available. However such water supply problems remain unsolved and continue to exist.

It is quite natural that first quality pipes can only be produced if a highly technical production plant and qualified and trained personnel are available. Only this condition which in many countries is impossible because of the financial requirements and the shortage of specialists offers the possibility of producing high grade pipes. Therefore the manufacture of such pipes is limited to relatively few centres. In contrast to these facts the POLYBAND process also permits the industrial production of high grade corrosion resistant pipes in regions where the manufacture of such pipes was impossible for technical and economic reasons.

As the cultivation of a plain district, an residential or industrial areas is closely linked with the supply of water and the disposal of waste water and as the sanitary problems in many parts of the world cannot be solved but with first quality durable pipes, the possible local production of such pipes by the new POLYBAND process gains special importance.

The POLYBAND process and the relatively simple fully automatic machine for the manufacture of pipes permit the production of first quality pipes also of big diameter even in industrial undeveloped nations employing unskilled labour.

It is also possible for extended lengths of tubes to produce the tubes with mobile plants and move the plant with the bedding of the pipes.

The major reason for these technical possibilities is the choice of the main raw material - sand - which is available almost everywhere in the vast world market.

Experience has shown that first quality tubes which in many respects are superior to conventional pipes can be produced up to 2 m diameter (2000 mm) or more. The tubes are suited for the diversion of rivers and the irrigation of large areas and they are indispensable for future food production for the growing world population, by the cultivation of deserts and barren regions as well as for the supply of drinking water from the North to the industrial districts of Europe - a necessity which will become obvious sooner or later.

Furthermore it should be mentioned that the life of the tubes is almost unlimited and the pipes need not be replaced at certain intervals as was the case so far. -

The advantages of tubes constructed from synthetically combined sand surpasses conventional tubes decisively by their quality and their economy.

The production can be installed wherever sand is at disposal or where it can be transported too. In short, the process is fully automatic and therefore does not require skilled labour, it cuts down the financial expense and the requirements for space to a minimum. The rapidity of the construction allows to take the tubes into use within an hour after production.

The tubes can be constructed up to a length of 2 to 3 m and a diameter of 100 - 2000 mm and more and they can be built with or without pipe bell. Pipe connections and joints can, on request and need, be manufactured also from mixtures on the sand basis and will then be technically equal to the tubes.

Pipes and modified parts (pipe bends etc.) produced according to the POLYSAND method represent durable pipes which due to a new process can be produced economically and offer

a number of the most various advantageous properties.

In case that pipes for very special applications are required it is also possible to mix to the same material but with various admixtures.

The following details show the superiority of the pipes in comparison with the most widespread types from concrete, asbestos-concrete, glass, plastic and partly steel:

- 1) weather resistance, especially towards wetness, humidity and secondary bacteria,
- 2) resistance against UV-rays,
- 3) low specific gravity of 1,3 - 2,4 therefore easy to transport and to lay,
- 4) highly resistant to impact and fracture,
- 5) corrosion resistance,
- 6) cover painting or insulation is not needed,
- 7) widely resistant against acids and alkaline solutions
- 8) poor electric conductivity
- 9) no formation of liquid residues, since inside surface of pipes is smooth. This also ensures low diminution of flowing mass and low loss of pressure,
- 10) physiologically excellent,
- 11) frost resistance,
- 12) insensible to water, acid and sour soil,
- 13) producible in colours,
- 14) fit for the transport of liquid and gas,
- 15) to transport hot or cold,
- 16) low cost of production - - -

The qualities of the POLYSAR pipes have been thoroughly tested and have produced results of which a few are mentioned under here:

1.) Resistance to corrosion

The pipes are absolutely resistant against corrosion - no protective coatings are necessary. Even highly concentrated acids and leaching substances have not been able to alter the material. Conventional pipes are penetrated within a short time or even in a few minutes. However, what is not

of much use since it gets ruined after a certain time or it comes off the plate. The hard cover chemical pipes is after a while destroyed by abrasion, also the concrete and asbestos-cement tubes. Only the POLYDARD pipes have the similar quality of glass against corrosion.

2.) Abrasive resistance

Even iron metal tools are not able to cut or damage the new pipe-material. By means of a 'separation disk' the pipe made out of polysand material can be easily worked on. The plate of the new sand pipes has such an even homogeneity that it surpasses all other kind of pipes by its resistance abrasion. Quartz sand is a very good raw material.

3.) The composition of the material gives a resistance to a pressure of an average from 1.100 - 1.500 kp/cm<sup>2</sup> of the plate. This is more as about to 300 % higher than the compressive strength of the conventional material. The tests of the official testing department at Bielefeld BVD have shown a working load resistance 150 % higher than conventional tubes, of a thickness of the material of 1/3 less than the conventional tubes.

4.) Burst pressure

The POLYDARD pipes are adequate for extreme pressure. The tests have been broken off at a pressure of 30 atü without any visible damage to the pipes. The resistance against high pressure is a question of the structure and the thickness of the material.

5.) Resistance to weather and temperature

The pipes have been exposed to temperature changes between - 20° C and + 50° C without any changes of the material to be seen, the same between - 20° C and + 130° C. A weather test through more than 3 years had the same result, the POLYDARD pipes have resisted sun, rain, heat, cold, snow, ice, etc.

## 6.) Others

The pipes have, for testing purposes, been constructed in different colours. The pigmentum showed no effect to the pipes. The colour lasts as long as the pipes and does not drop off like from conventional material. The different colours for pipes gives an additional advantage for their use. - The homogeneous material is absolutely tight and allows, therefore, the transport of viscous materials. Small tests have shown that the POLISAN material is perfectly fit for that purpose.

The pipes are very safe for impact and fracture. Polysan pipes have been dropped from heights of 1 m and even 2 m and 4 m without any damage.

The items described below may serve as an example for a production plant for POLYSAN pipes with a yearly capacity of 150,000 running meter of pipes with a nominal width of 300 mm.

- After leaving the sand processing plant the solids are fed in sensible co-ordination of various grades from the bunker group to the distribution bunker by means of belt conveyors.
- The distribution bunker delivers the solids to another screwing belt conveyor which in intervals supplies the discharge bunkers of the mixing and metering units.
- The ready mixture is taken up by 3 mobile bunker wagons and delivered to the vibration sieves, where the mixture is taken up in storage tanks for uncharging the stored pipe and pipe head moulds.
- After having passed the compacting process the finished products are thrust out vertically. -

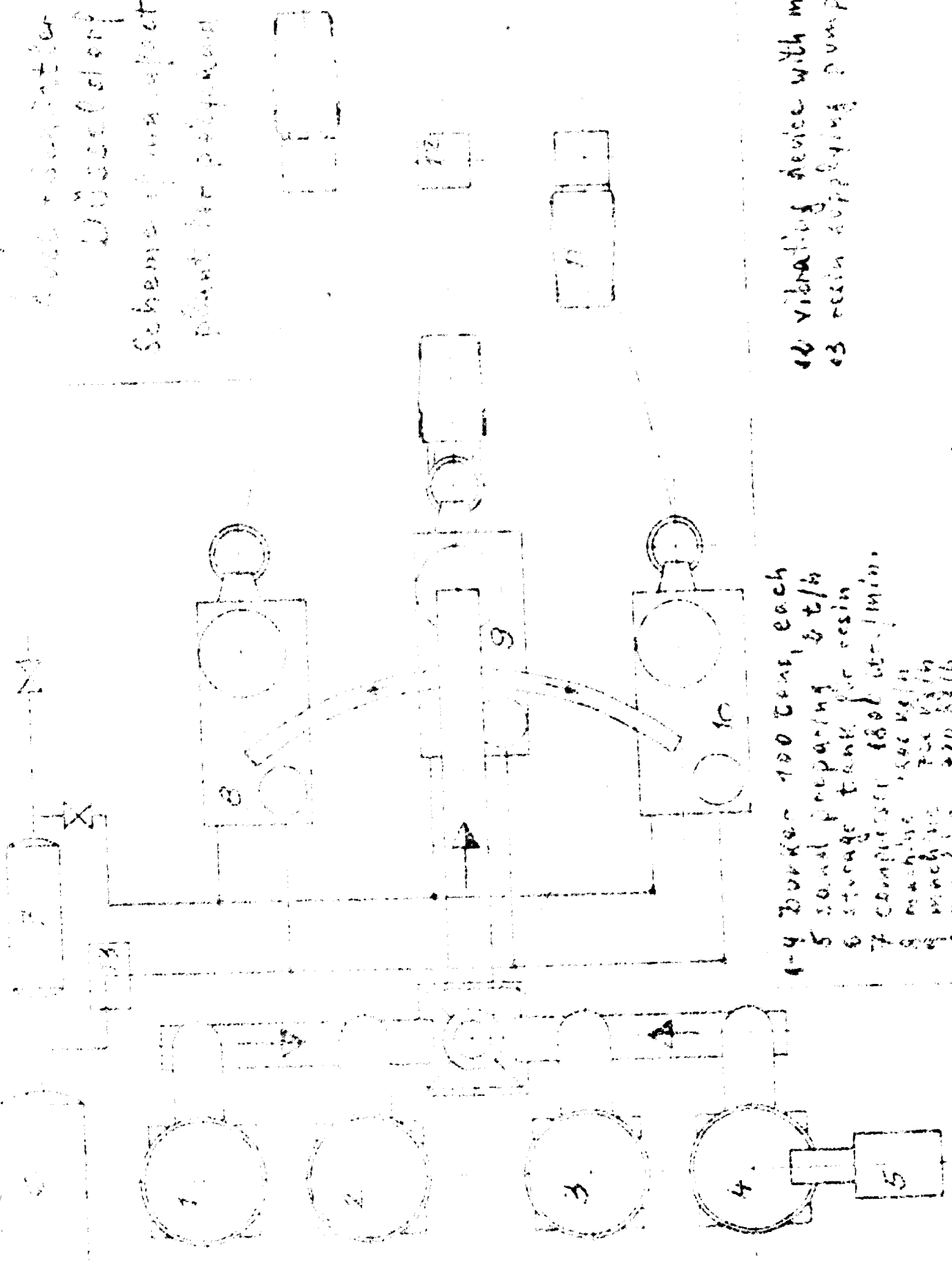
The complete installation is laid out to a capacity of 150,000 running meter of pipes with a nominal width of 300 mm per year - for example.

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Scheme of manufacturing plant for polyacetylene tubes



- 1-4 Buckets 100 tons, each
- 5 sand preparing 5 t/h
- 6 storage tank for resin
- 7 compressor 1800 liter/min.
- 8 machine 1500 kg/h
- 9 machine 700 kg/h
- 10 machine 20 kg/h
- 11 park-bike-track with transport container

- 13 vibrating device with mounted table
- 14 resin supplying pump

Concluding this it can be said that the POLYBAND pipes can be produced practically everywhere and they are fit for industrialization, irrigation, development of new zones which so far did not have an own pipe production. The pipes can also be manufactured with machinery located on transportable units in areas where soil can be removed. Thereby it is possible to build the tubes in distant areas without the high costs of transport.

The described POLYBAND pipes have multiple use with a maximum of quality and low cost.

The results obtained are such that a considerable improvement in quality and cost can be concluded according to the specialists. - -

### Building Technique of Tomorrow

#### How It Was

In old times the technique of building was on rather a high level as compared with production methods. At that time only manual tools, the more important of which were hammer and axe, picked man in making conditions. Already in old times some machines, such as simple cranes and winches were used in building for lifting or pulling heavy weights. It may be assumed that one of the most important inventions of mankind - roller and wheel - was first used in transport of heavy weights to the site.

During the middle ages neither in industry nor in building did the level of technology change appreciably. Only in the production of commodities some organizational improvements were made: co-operation developed. In the Middle Ages this was based on domestic handicraft. -

With the discovery of America the possibilities of marketing European goods were redoubled. The means for increasing the production of goods were badly needed. At the beginning of the 16th century manufactory was established. At the main form of



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How It Is

Already during the period between World Wars I and II, technically developed countries succeeded in using machines to accomplish building operations requiring great power. Much work was done by excavators and bulldozers for earth transport of bricks, mortar and other material. Special hoists were used. Yet the walling of the structure was done still in the manner of our forefathers, by hand. The blocks were made of cast-on-site ferro-concrete. Fixing concrete and reinforcement as well as making reinforcement and scaffolding was also done by manual labour. Only members of steel frameworks for some multi-storey buildings or skyscrapers were made in factories and assembled on site. Nevertheless, walls between the framework were built by hand either of bricks, small cellular concrete blocks or some other light weight material. Final finishing was almost always done by hand. Building in this way has prevailed also after World War II even in many highly developed countries. -

During the first quarter of this century in Henry Ford's factories production was organized according to the so-called conveyor method. This enabled a substantial reduction of man-power in making products. The idea of conveyor production was immediately applied in the manufacture of building materials also. Its application on building sites presents great difficulties. To mount conveyers and put them into operation is rather a complicated matter being often more or less than even six months. Various experiments on using conveyers or other kinds of machines in building have always failed. To use conveyers in building floors or partition walls is absurd anyway. -

It seemed that because of its special nature the development of building could not keep up with the mechanization and industrialization of other fields of industry. Yet a suitable method for developing building was found. Industrialization of building was made possible by producing prefabricated building constructions and elements and assembling them on site. - In industrialization of building all building traditions will evidently be changed. Operations having been carried out during thousands of years on the building site only will be transferred to factories.

the building site itself will be analogous to a place for assembling big machines and turbines. All the advantages in the use of cast of reinforced concrete and iron are ordered at present to be used by the building industry must be brought into building to improve building the latter.

### Low cost building materials.

Building activity is wholly dependent on the building materials available as well as on the quality of these materials. It was obvious therefore that the efforts were being concentrated on the practical application with respect to the general building activity. The new developed building materials did not only lead to new applications, also the necessity of solving the general building problem in the world market, that this problem could be solved only by providing a general building activity.

Since 1920 years ago the building materials are made by a lot of trouble and cost. In building materials are used so much that besides concrete and steel are used a lot of other materials or a few of them are used in a lot of places. It can be seen from the fact that the cost of building materials is very high. A great improvement in the cost of motor cars has been made only after introducing mechanical conveyor production. In fact, especially in building, the low cost of industrial realization in building has been the lack of mechanical stone suitable for this purpose. To make large-sized ceramic structural elements is possible. Dimensions of concrete elements are not limited but in spite of the fact development of ferro-concrete plants, monolithic concrete constructions cast on site are so markedly superior than prefabricate constructions. It has succeeded to still succeed in building a good amount of timber by industrial methods. In this respect, a lot of work for cheap mass-building materials are being done.

It can be seen, that POLYSAND has all necessary preconditions for availing the first genuine revolution in industrialized building. Polysand is organically connected with industriality. A sharp reduction in cost of stone buildings erected by industrial methods becomes possible only by means of the new building material. And after all, this is the main point.

In the polysand lands of tomorrow everything will be automated and mechanized. Building elements are completely finished and glued on conveyers to form of the walls or room-units. The elements are carried by transport conveyers to the site where they are assembled within some hours. Transport proceeds usually along good roads assembled of large sized building elements.

Building of houses is similar to the manufacture of motor cars with the exception of the assembling conveyer which is shifted to the building site. Doubtlessly, the industrialization of polysand building will decrease the cost of and man-power needed for housing constructions as many times as industrialization of car production once decreased the cost of motor car and expenditure of man-power for its manufacture. Then dwellings and flats will be in such an abundance that everybody may choose the one he likes best. Towns will have always plenty of vacant flats in all districts, consequently one may choose a flat according to taste and needs. Making possible for each citizen of the world to get a sheltering roof above his head, is the first great mission of the new building materials.-

Half a century ago there were a lot of people who, during their lifetime, had not ventured farther from home than some tens of kilometres. Not that they did not want to, but because of having no possibilities for that. The revolution in the production of vehicles had not taken place as yet. There are many people nowadays, who have lived their whole life in the same flat or room. Not that they were fond of living cooped up like moles in their burrows but because not everybody has the possibility which once the Russian czar had, who owned palaces in Petersbourgh, in the Crimea and in the Caucasus. There are still many employees in many countries getting either average or low pay, who skimp and spend some 15-20 years of their life to build a small

house for themselves. Building of one's own house is still so difficult and so expensive that many people are bound to it all their life long. The only consolation to the unfortunate is the hope that his child's life will not be as hard as his, if once the house is made.

The revolution in the production of building materials gave a possibility to all people to travel and see the world. The revolution in building will give a possibility to everybody to live where they please. The first of the new materials is still being expected. - This is the second great step in the new building materials.

An immediate course of practical and experimental work and designing must be done to lower the cost of a suitable shelter for the 20th century people.

The problem is vast. - It is evident that the single small building enterprises and firms in the countries are not able to solve this problem at adequate rate. There is the opinion that this problem should be solved in a concentrated way organized by UNIDO and by state authorities analogically to the problems of atomic energy and rocket techniques. It goes without saying that necessary expenses on solving this problem are tens of times lower than those on atomic energy and rocket techniques. The expenses on it should be within the means of small states like Finland or Austria. However, the spent capital may return ten- and hundredfold very soon, contrary to expenses in rocket and atomic techniques, where finding of economical justification for capitals being spent requires an immense amount of fantasy, foreseeing of far future.

The fact that the invented new building materials are the cheapest and the most promising building materials of the highest quality, guarantees a full success for this great work.

The need it bears to mankind is colossal.

A car is not needed by everybody, yet everybody needs a sheltering roof. At present people in the world lack a proper flat. According to data supplied by the UNO the world population is to be 4 milliards in 1970 instead of the present 3 1/2 milliards, and about 6 milliards in 2000. Assuming 4 persons per flat

it will be necessary to build in the period to 1960 some 120 million more flats; and in the following 20 years another 50 million! - By that time the majority of already existing flats are to be substituted by new ones. And how many people in the world long to raise their

### POLYSAAB

The 3 requirements for a solution of the problem for producing building materials, which can be used in any country and any area to manufacture the materials required by means of local raw materials and available labour have been fulfilled by the technique and processes presented hereby.

The building material POLYSAAB is won by direct conversion of ordinary sand, clay, lime, etc. by means of a special process, whereby a material does not represent only a mixture of the mentioned raw materials; instead a completely new material with new characteristics has been produced. All conventional materials are avoided.

Special characteristics and properties are:

POLYSAAB has the same or higher compressive strength than concrete but only 1/3 of its specific weight.

Depending on the requirements and the application envisaged the finished articles can be produced and can be varied with a view to their physical and constructional properties so that maximum economy can be achieved in every specific weight between 100 - 1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup> can be chosen. Also different compressive strength and any other requirement such as the insulation against heat and sound etc. can be considered. - For the material can be adapted in the factory to the constructional requirements and for any realization of a suitable material can be produced, i.e. specific weight, compressive strength, insulating properties and abrasion resistance can be fixed and obtained as desired. Therefore it is not necessary to produce all prefabricated parts from one material, as is done with concrete, and then adapt these parts to their application by special decoration

or other additional features (see the uncomfortable concrete houses with their open and fire ventilates such as sensitiveness to noise, development of sweat and mildew, insufficient insulation, humidity and discomfortable elements of living, impossibility of convenient maintenance etc).

The construction of a house of POLYSAND is fully automatic and can be produced in any quantity. A finished house can be built in a matter of few days. The construction is self supporting and for the construction of a wall a concrete skeleton is required. - Drilling of holes and other elements of any concrete structure can be made, usually can be made.

The advantages of POLYSAND for the creation of a POLYSAND house can be compared to the costs of modern and efficient concrete works, the difference being that the concrete works do not produce the cement required, whereas POLYSAND can be bought and can thus be really a local raw material.

The prefabricated parts can also be produced in colour or with any surface effect desired; they can be produced with or without reinforcement, their size is merely limited by transport problems.

At present POLYSAND is produced besides POLYSAND can be applied so universally, has similar excellent properties and is as economic and profitable.

POLYSAND can be produced by cold setting can be employed for any finished product such as table top of asbestos cement, natural or artificial stone, synthetic or organic materials, c. r. blocks, slabs, pipes, floors, staircases, building elements and more. It will be best suited and moulded parts such as basins, tubs etc.

As a rule, POLYSAND is made out of sand; however, other locally available raw materials or industrial waste and mineral or non mineral fibres can be used.

The main material for the manufacture of POLYSAND can be produced by a small scale production is also possible in an industrial undeveloped regions without rising the high capital investment. The main investment

required for the manufacture of POLYSAND is but a fraction of the cost for the processing of asbestos cement. Neither presses nor grinding or polishing devices are required and the space required for a production line is low so that it can be joined to an existing production.

Polysand pipes can be produced from local sand too, and can also be manufactured in large quantities from the production of other pipes so far as is possible, on the use of the materials and qualified labour.

Polysand products can be given any colour or combination of colours; however they are resistant to weather and aggressive materials as well as to corrosion. Polysand materials are much more solid and of better durability than concrete and asbestos-cement materials.

The polysand building materials, the application of which is to find in the application field of asbestos cement, no expensive and large machinery and equipment are required.

To produce POLYSAND all kinds of soil is used: sand, clay, ash, slag, lime and water or uncracked polyester resin as raw materials and industrial waste while cement or asbestos fibres are not necessary.

The production can be installed everywhere.

The first step is the erection of a plant to produce sheets, slabs, pipes, tiles, etc., roof tiles and plaster, etc. with the use of a small investment (see page 47 - 52). This is the possibility to start the production of new POLYSAND building materials in a short time in every country.

The cheap raw materials, the low investment and personnel requirements as well as the economic method of industrial production result now in a material which does not only combine the advantages of concrete and asbestos but is in addition even far superior in quality and is less expensive, i.e. POLYSAND!

The technique of new building materials described is therefore capable of solving any problem of construction and of the manufacture of building materials in any part of the world efficiently and successfully. - Building a world of better and more economical realization based on the use of POLYSAND is the goal of tomorrow! - - -







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