# Utilization of bio-mass ashes as sliding material

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## Preparation of abrasives

- Matrix: industrially prepared clay material (MK-750), waste raw material (shistous clay), blast furnace slag (BFS)
- Sliding material: bio-mass ash (wood ash, corn straw ash)
- Additives: SiC grains, corundum, marble, stone powder, etc.
- Particle size and type of additives: according to purposes – grinding/polishing

# Thermally treated material: Schistous clay

Zbůch (West Bohemia region), only 45 wt.% of clayed mineral Dumps of over layered material-coal mining Containing a proportion of coal Delayed burning (50 years)





# Thermally treated material: Schistous clay

- Naturally long-term burning processes – thermal transformation
- <sup>27</sup>AI MAS NMR in solid state:



| Sampling<br>point | [4] Al <sup>3+</sup> | [6] Al <sup>3+</sup> |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1                 | 38.0%                | 62.0%                |
| 2                 | 38.3%                | 61.7%                |
| 3                 | 45.9%                | 54.1%                |





## Materials

| Material/<br>Oxide (wt.%) | SiO <sub>2</sub> | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | CaO   | SO <sub>3</sub> | K <sub>2</sub> O | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | LOI  |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| Shistous clay             | 55.07            | 34.46                          | 0.51  | 0.25            | 1.74             | 3.85                           | 2.00 |
| MK-750                    | 52.90            | 41.90                          | 0.13  | 0.02            | 0.77             | 1.08                           | 0.10 |
| Blast furnace slag        | 22.38            | 8.01                           | 37.44 | 7.47            | 1.27             | 2.31                           | 14.7 |
| Wooden ash                | 56.12            | 10.59                          | 14.17 | 0.06            | 5.55             | 8.47                           | 0.1  |
| Corn straw<br>ash         | 56.54            | 2.43                           | 7.89  | 0.30            | 19.06            | 1.50                           | 5.30 |

## Hand grinding

Matrix: Schistous clay (Zbůch town)

Abrasives: brown corundum F36 (25 wt.%)

**Sliding material**: wood ash (5 wt.%)



#### Semi-industrial grinding and polishing

- Matrix: mixture of industrially prepared primary clay material and blast furnace slag (1 : 1.8)
- Abrasives: brown corundum F36 (26 wt.%)
- Sliding material: corn straw ash (5 wt.%)



Grinding stones fixed in holder



Grinding/polishing machine – general view



Machine prepared for grinding

### Semi-industrial grinding and polishing



## Semi-industrial grinding and polishing



#### Grinding stones after grinding



Detailed view on grinding stones after grinding

## Waste materials:

Advantages:

- Low costs material
- The ecological aspects (cleanup of old industrial brown fields and dumps)
- Utilization of different local materials (slag, ash, etc.)

Disadvantages:

- Non-constant chemical composition – necessity of testing
- Non-constant particle size

   necessity of milling,
   separating and
   granulometric analysis
- The efflorescence
- Lower mechanical properties
- Lower filling by additives

## Industrially prepared raw materials

#### Advantages:

- Guaranteed chemical composition
- Guaranteed particle size
- High finesse of particles
- No mechanical or thermal treatments
- Use of lower amount to make a resulting material (content of clay mineral – 100 %)
- Lower risk of efflorescence
- Staff, time and energy saving

#### Disadvantages:

- Higher material costs
- Transport charges

## Possibilities:

- 1. Use of waste material for matrix
  - Lower filling by different additives
  - Utilization for specific application
- 2. Use of industrially prepared primary material for matrix
  - Filling by different additives up to 90 wt.%
  - Sandstone desert sand, sand with higher content of undesirable oxides (Fe, Ti, etc.)
- 3. Use a combination of primary and waste raw material (from 1:1 to 1:2) to make a matrix
  - Waste raw material: slag, ash, schistous clay
  - Filling by different additives

## Conclusion

- Mentioned material source (schistous clay) could be used as main, 3D net forming, substance
- Bio-mass ash could be used as sliding materials in abrasives
- Prepared abrasive materials were successfully tested with positive results
  - Any type of treatment means increasing costs and is one of the limitation factors.
- The economic factors play very important role in case of industrial production.

