GEOPOLYMER BRICKS

From Mine Tailings

NEW GENERATION FACING BRICKS

Our startup produces bricks using industrial waste materials and byproducts







ACCELERATOR COHORT

























Problem:

Traditional bricks need to be fired at 1000-1300 degrees C, emitting 1 M tons of CO2 each year in Canada



Solution: GeoBricks!

Suitable for indoor and outdoor

PadraBrick has pioneered energy efficient clay bricks. The technology of producing geopolymer bricks with aluminosilicate wastes will make durable products with a compressive strength of at least 30 MPa, depending on the materials used, the curing method, and the proper kiln temperature.





TECHNOLOGY DESCRIPTION

• Raw materials

A) K a	olinite		Chem	ical Composition					
С	SiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	CaO	MgO	Na2O	TiO2	K2O	LOI
%	62.7	28.9	0.12	0.84	0.13	0.18	1.15	0.06	5.7
Si:Al=1.8-2 Kaolin%=5.7:14=40-41% weight									
3)Alkaline based reagents+Aluminosilicate waste materials									
C) Shale Chemical Composition									
С	SiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	CaO	MgO	Na2O	K2O	LOI	
%	40.8	22.6	19.25	1.43	0.46	0.69	0.96	9.43	

Mixing

- Based on the mixed design, raw materials will be weighted accordingly
- The materials will be put into the crusher accordingly
- Alkaline solution provides a reaction medium and assures the mixing and handling of the mixture



Pressing

- Our bricks can be manufactured in different sizes from 3 to 6 cm (1" to 2") thick
- They are made with the dry pressing method with hydraulic press machines (300 tons)
- With 2 Press Machines (300 Ton,7200 PCS/8hrs) we make
 5,000,000 bricks/year

MANUFACTURING PROCESS

Manufacturing process has six general phases:

1. Mining and storing raw materials (Extraction)

2.Preparing raw materials (Crushing, Sieving, Mixing)

- 3. Forming bricks (Pressing)
- 4. Drying
- 5. Firing and Cooling (Curing)
- 6. Packaging and storing finished products



Note: In the highlighted blue areas (Extraction, Pressing, and Curing), our work differs from that of ordinary clay brick production.

The Curing Process

To cure our bricks, we use shuttle kilns. The drying and heating process takes about 8 hours. We heat up to 800 degrees Celsius. We heat bricks to color them.

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

- PadraBrick uses energy-efficient formulas that do not require high temperatures to make very strong bricks, while ordinary bricks require 1000-1300 degrees C for at least 12 hours
- As a result of our novel formula, the temperature for manufacturing the bricks decreases, resulting in less consumption of fossil fuels, also less pollution
- The use of industrial wastes and by-products reduces natural resource use, saves energy, and preserves the environment
- The **price** of our product is **lower** than the price of competitors in the market(Every brick costs us **35 cents**, and we sell it for **60 cents**.)



Coal company Teck fined \$60M for contaminating rivers in southeastern B.C.



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