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**SCHEME OF TESTING AND INSPECTION
FOR CERTIFICATION OF
PORTLAND SLAG CEMENT
ACCORDING TO NS 384
(Including Amendment No. 1 to 5)**

- 1. LABORATORY** – A laboratory shall be maintained, which shall be suitably equipped and staffed where different tests given in the specification shall be carried out in accordance with the methods given in the specification.
- 2. TEST RECORDS** - All records of tests, inspection and calibration shall be kept in suitable forms approved by the Bureau.
 - 2.1 All testing apparatus/measuring instruments shall be periodically checked and calibrated and records of such checks/calibration shall be maintained.
 - 2.2 Copies of any records and other connected papers that may be required by the Bureau shall be made available at any time on request.
- 3. QUALITY CONTROL** – It is recommended that, as far as possible, Statistical Quality Control (SQC) methods may be used for controlling the quality of the product .
- 4.0 Calibration** – Periodic calibration of various testing equipments shall be carried out and records of such calibrations kept. The following equipments shall be calibrated at a frequency shown against each and records kept.

TEST EQUIPMENT

FREQUENCY OF CALIBRATION

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| i) | Blaine’s apparatus | Daily with licensee’s own Standard cement sample and once in a month with standard cement samples supplied by NCCBM. |
| ii) | Compressive strength Testing machine | Once in a month with licensee’s own proving ring and the proving ring shall be calibrated once in two years from the recognized calibrating agency like NPL /NABL accredited Lab or proving ring manufacturer having NPL certified calibrator. |

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- iii) Autoclave pressure gauge

Once in a six months either by licensee's own dead weight Pressure gauge or from approved independent agency /NABL accredited Lab or manufacturer of such gauge having NPL certified calibrator.

- iv) Vibration machine

Once in a month by licensee's own tachometer. The tachometer shall be Calibrated once in three Years from approved out Side agency /NABL accredited Lab having NPL certified calibrator.

- v) Dead wt pressure gauge Tester (if available)

Once in four years from NABL accredited Lab or OEM (Original Equipment manufacturer) having NPL certified calibrator.

- 5.0 **STANDARD MARK** – The Standard Mark, as given in Column (1) of the First Schedule of the licence, shall be printed or stenciled on each bag or package of Portland cement or on the label applied to it, provided always that the material in each bag or package to which the mark is thus applied conforms to every requirement of the specification.

- 51 **MARKING** - In addition the following information should be given on each bag or package or on the label applied to it. The information and NS Mark shall be applied on each bag in **ORANGE COLOUR**

 - a) Name of the manufacturer and/or registered trade mark, if any.
 - b) Type of Portland cement that is Portland Slag cement.
 - c) Net Mass.
 - d) Identification in code or otherwise to enable a week's lot of manufacture to be traced back to factory records. For this purpose each bag shall be marked the week and year of packing.
 - e) The words "FOR EXPORT", if required and
 - f) Licence Number (CM/L-----)

NOTE - For each calendar year the first week shall be counted as 7 days from 1st of January and subsequent weeks numbered serially accordingly. In such an event the bags shall be marked as W0 1 W5 1 etc.

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- 6 **LEVELS OF CONTROL** - The tests, as indicated in Table 1 attached and at the levels of control specified therein, shall be carried out on the whole production of the factory which is covered by this scheme and appropriate records and charts maintained in accordance with paragraph 2.0 above. All the production which conforms to the Indian Standards and covered by the licence shall be marked with certification mark of the Bureau.
- 6.1 Each of the sample of cement taken for test shall satisfy the requirements of the Specification.
- 6.2 **WEIGHMENT**- One filled bag from each Nozzle shall be taken at random twice in a shift of operation and weighed in case of electronic packer with recorder. In all other cases one bag from each Nozzle shall be checked once in two hours. The records shall be maintained in Form 1. The weighing and packing machines shall be adjusted as and when necessary as indicated by the mass of these bags in such a way that net mass of each bag shall be 50 kg subject to the tolerance given in NS 384. Such adjustments for each nozzle shall be recorded in Form 1 under Remarks column.
- 7.0 **RAW MATERIALS** - Routine analysis of various raw materials going into the manufacture of Portland Slag Cement shall be made at intervals of a month or whenever there is a change in the source/mine area stratification whichever is earlier and appropriate records of the analysis and of the Physical composition of the mixtures shall be maintained. (See form 2).
- 7.1 Granulated slag conforming to IS 12089 shall be used for the manufacture of Portland slag cement.
- 8.0 In respect of all other clauses of the specification, the factory shall maintain appropriate controls and checks to ensure that their product conforms to the various requirements of the specification.
- 9.0 **REJECTIONS** – A separate record shall be maintained giving information relating to the rejection of the production not conforming to the requirements of the specification and the method of its disposal. Such material shall in no circumstances be stored together with that conforming to the specification. (See Form 3)

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10.0 **PACKING** - In case cement is packed in jute sacking bags.

11.0 **SAMPLES** – The licensee shall supply, free of charge, from the factory or godowns. The Bureau shall pay for the samples taken by it from the open market.

12.0 **REPLACEMENT** – Whenever a complaint is received soon after the goods with Standard Marks have been purchased and used, and if there is adequate evidence that the goods have not been misused, defective goods or their components are replaced or repaired free of cost by the licensee in case the complaint is proved to be genuine and the warranty period (where applicable) has not expired. The final authority to judge the conformity of the product to the Indian Standard shall be with the Bureau.


13.0 In the event of any damages caused by the goods bearing the Standard Mark, or claim being filed by the consumers against BIS Standard Mark and not “conforming to” the relevant Indian Standard, entire liability arising out of such non conforming product shall be of licensee and BIS shall not in any way be responsible in such cases.

14.0 **STOP MARKING** – The marking of the product shall be stopped under intimation to the Bureau if, at any time, there is some difficulty in maintaining the conformity of their product to the specification, or the testing equipment goes out of order. The marking may be resumed as soon as the defects are removed under intimation to Bureau.

15.0 The marking of the product shall be stopped immediately if directed to do so by Bureau for any reason. The marking may then be resumed only after permission by the Bureau. The information regarding resumption of markings shall also be sent to the Bureau.

16.0 **PRODUCTION DATA** – The licensee shall send to NSAs per the enclosed a statement of quantity produced, marked and exported by him and the trade value thereof during the half year ending 30 June and 31 December. This statement is required to be forwarded to the Bureau on or before the 3^{1st} day of July and January for the preceding half year.

Table 1

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NS 384, Portland Slag Cement
TABLE 1, LEVELS OF CONTROL
(Para 6 of the Scheme of Testing and Inspection)

Test Details				Levels of Control			Remarks
CL	Requirements	Clause	Reference	Clinker (Form 4 & 5)	Cement Grinding/ Blending (Form 6 & 7)	Packed Cement (Form 6)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
5.	Chemical composition, full analysis		IS403 2	Daily composite sample	Daily composite sample	Weekly composite sample	
8.2	Chloride content	-	IS 12423	-	-	Weekly composite sample	This test shall also be carried out whenever there is any change in source of any raw material
5	Sulphur trioxide	-	IS403 2	-	Daily composite sample	-	-
	Magnesium oxide	-	- do -	-	- do -	-	-
	Insoluble residue	-	-do-	-	- do -	-	-
	Loss on ignition	-	- do -	-	- do-	-	-
	Sulphide Sulphur	-	- do -	-	-do-	-	Consignment wise Test certificate for the Slag shall be obtained from the supplier. In case Sulphide Sulphur content is observed more than 1.0% sample to be tested on daily basis and original weekly frequency to be restored only when this value is observed less than 1.0% continuously for seven days.

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6.1	Fineness	-	IS 4031 (Part 2)	Laboratory Ball Mill Testing is required to be done when there is change in the Source of Raw Material or change in Design	1. Every alternate hourly from each mill/blender separately 2. Daily composite sample	Daily composite e sample	-
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6.2.1	Soundness	-	Le-Chatelier method IS4031 (Part 3)	Laboratory Ball Mill Testing is required to be done when there is change in the Source of Raw Material or change in Design	Daily composite sample	Daily composite sample	
6.2.1	Soundness	-	Autoclave Method IS 4031(Part 3)	- do -	- do -	- do -	-
6.3	Setting time	-	IS 4031 (Part 5)	- do -	One sample per Shift(composite sample)	Daily composite sample	Daily composite sample
6.4	Compressive Strength	-	IS 4031 (Part 6)	- do-	Daily composite sample	-	- do -
6.5*	Transverse test	-	IS 4031 (Part 8)	- do -	Weekly composite sample	Weekly composite sample	

* When asked for the agreement between purchaser and manufacturer. Transverse strength value to be agreed between purchaser and supplier at the time of placing an order.

- Note – (1) Composite sample shall be made out of hourly samples for the required period PI See NS 123 Methods of sampling hydraulic cements)
- (2) Granulated slag conforming to IS 12089 shall be used for the manufacture of Portland slag cement.

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Form No.5

**CLINKER GROUND WITH GYPSUM
(DAILY COMPOSITE SAMPLE)
(COLUMN 5 OF TABLE 1)**

Laboratory Ball Mill Testing is required to be done when there is change in the Source of Raw Material or change in Design

Date of grinding	Fineness	Soundness (Le-chatelier/Autoclave method)	Setting Time Initial (IST)	Setting Time Final (FST)	Compressive Strength 3728 ..days..	Transverse Strength (Optional)	Sample/pass/fail	Remarks
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Form No.6


**CEMENT GRINDING / BLENDED (DAILY/WEEKLY COMPOSITE SAMPLES)
(COLUMN 6 OF TABLE 1)**

Date of grinding	LOI	IR	SO ₃	MgO	CaO	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	LSF	Alumina	Fineness	Soundness Autoclave	Setting time IST/FST	Compressive strength 3728 ...days	Transverse (Optional)	Sample pass/fail	Remarks
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Form No.7

**CEMENT GRINDING / BLENDED (FOR ALTERNATE HOURLY SAMPLES)
(Column 6 of Table 1)**

Date of grinding	Time	Fineness	Setting Time		Sample Pass/Fail
			Initial Setting Time (IST)	Final Setting Time (FST)	

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Form No.8
PACKING STAGE (CEMENT)
(DAILY/WEEKLY AVERAGE SAMPLE (COLUMN 7 OF TABLE 1))

Date of packing	LOI	IR	SO ₃	MgO	CaO	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	LSF	Chloride content	Alumina Factor	Fines	Soundness Lechatelier/Autoclave	Setting Time ST/FS T	Compressive strength 3 7 28 ..days..	Transverse Optional	Sample pass /fail	Remarks
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Form No.9

Sl. No	Date of calibration	Calibration Record	Name of equipment	Sl.No. (If any)
		Result of calibration (Test records indicating details of standard values and observed values for each equipment to be kept in proforma for which various columns be devised, as required)	Action taken if equipment found defective	Remarks

Note – The above records are to be kept separately for each equipment.