## **BASF Construction Chemicals**

We create chemistry for sustainable construction

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## **BASF - The Chemical Company**

- Our chemicals are used in almost all industries
- We combine economic success, social responsibility and environmental protection.
- Sales 2012: €72,129 million
- EBIT 2012: €6,742 million
- Employees
   (as of December 31, 2012): 110,782
- In 2012, BASF filed for around 1,170 new patents worldwide
- 6 Verbund sites and around 380 production sites



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## **Structure of BASF's segments**

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Chemicals	Plastics	Performance Products	Functional Solutions	Agricultural Solutions	Oil & Gas
<ul><li>Inorganics</li><li>Petrochemicals</li><li>Intermediates</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Performance Polymers</li> <li>Polyurethanes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dispersions &amp; Pigments</li> <li>Care Chemicals</li> <li>Nutrition &amp; Health</li> <li>Paper Chemicals</li> <li>Performance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Catalysts</li> <li>Construction Chemicals</li> <li>Coatings</li> </ul>	Crop Protection	<ul> <li>Exploration &amp; Production</li> <li>Natural Gas Trading</li> </ul>

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## **BASF Worldwide**



## **BASF Construction Chemicals** Facts and Figures 2012

Sales 2012: € 2,315 million Employees 2012: 6,400 Local presence: around 140 sites in Europe over 60 countries 40% NAFTA 25% South America/Africa/Middle East 23% **Asia Pacific** More than 30,000 clients worldwide More than a century of experience 

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## **The Construction Chemicals Portfolio**



## **Admixture Systems**









#### **Products**

- Superplasticizers
- Plasticizers
- Retarders
- Accelerators
- Freeze protection
- Air entrainers
- Curing compounds
- Form release agents
- Special underground products
- Stabilizer, water retainer
- Cement additives

#### **Market sectors**

- Ready-mix
- Precast
- Manufactured concrete
  - products
- Contractors
- Tunneling
- Mining
- Dry mortar, gypsum and refractory industry
- Cement industry

## **Our Values**

Mission	To be the leading construction chemicals supplier by delivering continuous <b>innovation to provide added-value solutions</b> , superior quality and economic benefit to the construction industry.					
	We utilize innovative technologies and convises to enhance					
Customer Value Proposition	the value of our customers product while optimizing total operating costs.					
Core Competencies	<ul> <li>We achieve this through bundling our core disciplines of:</li> <li>Continuous innovation capability.</li> <li>Thorough understanding of concrete and its industry.</li> <li>High quality of products and service offering.</li> <li>Reliable and efficient logistics.</li> </ul>					

# Admixtures for high quality concrete

### Demanding to place and compact!



It depends on what is inside !



Consistency dass S5/S6 & SCC Fluid Concrete

The high performance is reached via the tailored adaptation of the chemical structure. Influencing the molecular "design" is achieved by optimizing:

- 1. Molecular weight
- 2. Length of main chain
- 3. Length of side chains
- 4. Density of side chains
- 5. Electrical charge distribution
- 6. Anchoring other functional groups





## How to answer to market needs

#### Driven by the industry's challenges

- Efficient Processes (Mould rotation)
- Energy Reduction (Heat curing)
- Material Optimization (CEM & SCM's)
- Quality Specs (Durability, Aesthetics)

#### Be more cost effective & sustainable

- High early strength development
- Cost effective mix design
- Easy and reliable workability
- Fast and clean demoulding
- High durability and aesthetic quality

<u>Globalisation of megatrends</u>, but <u>local</u> materials and conditions of construction require <u>general innovation path</u> with **customized developments** 

#### Concrete Market Europe

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#### CFM I CFM II Others 100% 10 18 80% 60% 89 40% 80 20% 0% 2008 2006 Source: E-EBA Precast Survey 2006 & 2008

#### Precast Market Europe

## **The Production Efficiency Method**

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# Production

Mix cost & robustness Productivity (fixed costs amortization, flexibility)

(impact of vibration level)

Energy (curing)

Maintenance

## Quality

(choc resistance, efflorescence)



Fillability, compactability

Accelerate hydration

Surface aspect & permeability

## The Hollow core slabs case





Extrudability Green strenghts Low deformability



## **The Production Efficiency Method**



- 1) "Compactability" = "extrudability" of the mix (ICT)
- 2) Deformability (blood pressure device)
- 3) Green strengths (press for fresh splitting strengths)
- 4) Paste outflow (ICT)

## Advantages for the customer

- Increase of tolerance to water
- Reduction of the scrap, in some cases 10% of the total production
- Improvement of strand bond
- Picking up easier
  - Improved "extrudability" = possibility to increase the machine speed

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- Possibility to cut the tendons earlier -> increase the production
- Smooth production (no stops)
- Less dependence of quality from the experience of the operator (currently checking every single batch sometimes)
- No need of cement addition in winter due to frozen aggregates

# Example 1

Componente		Competitor	RheoFIT 700
		0,60%	1,0%
RIVER SAND	Kg/mc	330	330
CRASHED SAND	Kg/mc	780	780
STONE 6-12	Kg/mc	690	690
CEM I 52,5 COLACEM GUBBIO	Kg/mc	385	370
WATER	lt/mc	75	77
RIVER SAND MOISTURE	5,00%	17	17
CRASHED SAND MOISTURE	3,00%	23	23
WATER	lt/mc	115	117
ADMIXTURE	lt/mc	2,31	3,7
W/C RATIO		0,30	0,32
MACHINE SPEED	ml/min	1,70	1,90

		1 d	7 d
Competitor 0,6%			
385 Kg/mc cement	strenght	42,0	50,4
RheoFIT 700 1%			
370 Kg/mc cement	strenght	48,8	56,6





## **Example 1**

Goal of the test was:

Increase the production via the "extrudability" machine speed from 1,70 m/min to 1,90 m/min

Reduce the cement dosage

-15 kg / m<sup>3</sup>

*"The customer appreciated particularly the aesthetic of the beam"* 



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## Example 2

Component				REFE	RENCE	RI	neoFIT 701	
h 50 cm					Com	petitor		0,5%
WHITE SAND			Kg/r	nc	356			356
COARSE SAND			Kg/r	nc	າເ 537			537
GRAVEL 5-8			Kg/mc 4		04		404	
GRAVEL 8-12			Kg/r	nc	612			612
CEM I 52,5 CEMENTIR SPOLETO			Kg/r	nc	390			360
TOTAL WATER			lt/m	IC	174			151
ADMIXTURE			lt/m	IC	1,0			1,8
W/C RATIO					0	,45		0,42
CASTED IN 2 MINUTES			m		1	,40		1,53
		c	cubes 18h	scler	ometer I8h	carrots	;	
Competitor	weiaht		2439			2442		
390 Kg/mc di cemento	strenght	47,6		3	6,0	53,6		
RheoFIT 701 0,5% weight			2450			2439		
360 Kg/mc di cemento	strenght		47,1	3	8,0	54,5		

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## **Example 2**

Goal of the test was:

Increase the production via the "extrudability"

+ 13cm/min

Reduce the cement dosage

-30 kg / m<sup>3</sup>

"The customer appreciated particularly the remarkable reduction of dirt in the machine"



New **MasterCast** under current plant tests for further mix design optimisation (RheoFIT brand replaced by MasterCast)

## **Exceed present solutions**





## Seeding – the concept of X-SEED

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Suspended CSH seeds



Why waiting for the crystallization nuclei to be formed if we can add them?





#### Features and advantages

- Flexible capacity / production tuning (to meet peaks in demand)
- Accelerates at all curing conditions, from cold to steam curing temperatures
- Less moulds needed / better use of expensive forms
- Earlier loading/finishing of fresh product surfaces possible
- Shorten process cycles and improve operating cost efficiency (avoid overtime or reduce extra cost for shifts)

## **Customized Innovation in Fibers**





**MASTERFIBER**<sup>®</sup>- the comprehensive range of fibers creates a particularly efficient internal reinforcement network in the concrete.

Fibers represents a possibility to replace parts of reinforcement and to open new design and optimization potentials:



Microfibers for improved durability and performance

Macrofibers for improved shrinkage crack resistance

New innovative fibers for structural enhancement of building parts

## **Customized Innovation in insulation**

#### **New insulating solutions**

- Organic and inorganic insulating materials
- Possibly foamed or produced into the concrete plant
- High thermal properties allowing thickness reduction





## **Fire protection membrane**











## **Use synergies between BASF's segments**

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## **The BASF approach in Prefabrication**

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What we propose to the customer is a new structural solution, not just adding our products in the same concrete piece but

Propose a **<u>new element design</u>** optimised in regards to:

- The element shape and its technical function,
- Reinforcement and insulation properties,



Run a project management approach with the customer :

- Understand and anticipate the key parameters for the customer
- Deal with engineering and certifying offices

Organise design workshops involving different value chain actors:

- Architects and contractors for the product characteristics expectation,
- Manufacturer and engineering office for the feasibility,

## **BASF Value Driven Customer Approach**

