Rising additive use fuels growth

Cement and concrete additive demand in the US will be energized by rising additive use per ton of concrete and continuing recovery in concrete demand following steep losses experienced during the housing market collapse and the Great Recession.

Most growth in additive demand will register in the building construction market, aided by gains in new housing starts and investments in nonresidential facilities. Rising usage of technologically advanced forms of concrete that require high additive loadings and also a progression toward stronger, more durable concrete will promote growth and gradually shift the product mix toward high value additives.

Nonresidential market contributes most to additive gains

The nonresidential building construction market will be the largest contributor to overall gains in demand. On average, concrete used for nonresidential building construction contains twice the additives per volume as concrete used for residential construction.

Supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs), particularly fly ash and slag cement, are continuing to gain favor in nonresidential building construction because of their ability to strengthen concrete and reduce its permeability, thereby rendering it less susceptible to such problems as corrosion. These materials are also increasingly ubiquitous in highway and street construction.

Architectural & decorative applications increase

The usage of concrete for architectural and decorative purposes will continue to climb. Demand for specialty products used in these applications, such as coloring agents, white portland cement, white pozzolans, and glass fibers, will grow. The rising popularity of concrete flooring will support demand for fiber additives, particularly microfibers, which reduce shrinkage cracking and allow wider spacing of expansion joints. Industrial concrete flooring will provide growing demand for synthetic macrofiber and steel fiber, as these materials can replace steel mesh reinforcement while reducing labor costs. However, growth in the industrial market will be limited due to weakness in construction activity in that sector.

Study coverage

This study analyzes the US cement and concrete additive market. It presents historical demand data (2005, 2010, 2015) plus forecasts (2020, 2025) by type of additive (fiber, chemical, mineral) and market (nonresidential building, residential building, highway and street, other). The study also considers market environment factors, assesses the industry structure and evaluates company market share.
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Demand for slag cement, also known as ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBFS), is expected to grow 6.1 percent annually to $275 million in 2020. Like fly ash, slag cement is an SCM used to partially replace portland cement. Slag cement is a processed form of blast furnace slag, which is a byproduct of iron production. Demand for slag cement will be strengthened by a progression toward higher performance concrete and the movement for sustainable construction. However, increasingly limited supply and the high price of slag cement as compared to fly ash will check growth.

Slag cement is produced by quenching molten slag with water to produce a sand-like material (granulated blast furnace slag), which is then ground into a fine white powder. Slag cement typically replaces 20 to 50 percent of portland cement in a concrete mix, about twice the replacement rate for fly ash. As a result, the potential of slag cement to reduce the carbon dioxide emitted in concrete production is greater than that of fly ash. Slag cement can replace cement in higher portions because it is both cementitious and pozzolanic, whereas fly ash is primarily a pozzolanic material.

Like fly ash, slag cement can be included in a blended cement added into a concrete mix. Concrete made with slag cement also has similar benefits to that made with fly ash, such as improved workability, greater strength, reduced permeability, and reduced alkali-silica reactivity. In general, however, slag cement exhibits higher performance and more consistent properties than fly ash; slag cement also provides more stable air entrainment. The light color of slag cement is also sometimes preferred over the gray shade of fly ash, particularly for colored concrete.

Slag cement is acquired through partnerships between slag cement suppliers and iron and steel producers to collect blast furnace slag.
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