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### REPORT ON 155<sup>TH</sup> LABORATORY PROFICIENCY TESTING DETERMINATION OF COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH AND DIMENSION OF RECTANGULAR PAVING BLOCK

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This document presents the results of the 155<sup>th</sup> inter-laboratory proficiency-testing program conducted during the month of June involving the **Determination of Compressive Strength and Dimension of Uni-shape Paving Block** with twenty one laboratories participating.

This program is part of the Inter-laboratory Comparison Programs organized by the Accreditation Center of DM for monitoring the validity of test results of laboratories operating in Dubai as a requirement of the Local Order 52/1990 and ISO/IEC 17011: 2004.

#### 2. EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

##### 2.1 Participants:

Eighteen private laboratories and three governmental laboratories (twelve of them are accredited by DM for construction materials testing) participated in this program.

##### 2.2 Samples tested:

Four (4) samples of Uni shape paving block 60\* mm Thick, Grey color, each sample consisting of ten specimens, which were distributed to all participating laboratories.

#### 3. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each laboratory is given a code number to maintain confidentiality of results and to protect their identities. Only the concerned laboratory knows its code number.

#### 4. TEST METHOD

Instructions were given to the participants to test the samples for:

4.1 BS 6717:1993 Part 1 Annex A & B.

4.2 BS 6717:1993 Part 1 Annex A.

#### 5. TEST RESULTS

The test results submitted by the participating laboratories are presented in Appendix A. In order to protect the identity of the participating laboratories, each one was assigned a code number. The numbers in the column headings, Lab #, of the tables represents the code numbers for the participating laboratories.



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### Note:

Two Laboratories (Lab 16 & Lab 20) did not provide the results for the thickness; therefore Z-Score for this parameter was calculated for nineteen laboratories only.

## 6. EVALUATION OF RESULTS

### 6.1 METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Please refer to document **DAC-G3-03** Robust Z-Score Analyses for the methodologies of analysis that can be downloaded from our website [www.dac.gov.ae](http://www.dac.gov.ae)

### 6.2 CALCULATIONS OF Z- SCORES

Appendix B gives the details of the calculation of the Z-Scores from the raw data. The Z-Score analysis is based on an internationally accepted procedure being used by accreditation bodies implementing Inter-laboratory comparison programs.

### 6.3 OUTLIER RESULTS

| Test                 | Labs outside the z-scores $\pm 3$ | Type of Outlier |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Compressive Strength | Lab 20-1                          | Between Labs    |
|                      | Lab 20-2                          |                 |
|                      | Lab 21-1                          |                 |
|                      | Lab 14-2                          |                 |
|                      | Lab 18-1                          |                 |
|                      | Lab 18-2                          |                 |
|                      | Lab 8-2                           | Within Labs     |
|                      | Lab 20-1                          |                 |
|                      | Lab 20-2                          |                 |

## 7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The test results provided by the abovementioned laboratories are outside the Z score limits of  $\pm 3$ , the abovementioned laboratories are requested to investigate the root cause of the outlier results, implement corrective action and email a report within 2 weeks to Accreditation Decisions Section of the Dubai Accreditation Center to the following address [lmqudah@dm.gov.ae](mailto:lmqudah@dm.gov.ae).

## 8. APPENDICES

7.1 Appendix A: Raw Data

7.2 Appendix B: Calculation of z-scores and other statistics

7.3 Appendix C: Charts

Appendix A: Raw results

| Compressive strength, N/mm2 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| <b>Sample 1</b>             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| Lab #                       | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | Ave |
| Lab1                        | 57.1 | 56.7 | 66.2 | 64.7 | 63.7 | 66.7 | 63.7 | 66.6 | 52.2 | 60.6 | 62  |
| Lab2                        | 53.9 | 63.4 | 62.7 | 58.2 | 67.6 | 64.4 | 61.1 | 60.3 | 57.7 | 59.5 | 61  |
| Lab3                        | 63.4 | 61.8 | 63.1 | 60.0 | 50.3 | 60.5 | 62.3 | 64.4 | 58.1 | 55.5 | 60  |
| Lab4                        | 57.9 | 59.1 | 54.9 | 53.3 | 54.9 | 58.5 | 58.2 | 60.6 | 58.8 | 57.4 | 57  |
| Lab5                        | 53.9 | 53.4 | 54.2 | 57.5 | 53.3 | 56.5 | 62.6 | 64.5 | 63.7 | 49.6 | 57  |
| Lab6                        | 58.0 | 58.6 | 57.3 | 58.2 | 57.7 | 59.3 | 57.6 | 57.1 | 58.1 | 57.7 | 58  |
| Lab7                        | 55.0 | 58.0 | 58.0 | 56.0 | 55.0 | 59.0 | 56.0 | 59.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 58  |
| Lab8                        | 60.6 | 57.7 | 58.2 | 68.3 | 62.1 | 64.0 | 65.9 | 66.1 | 58.2 | 64.2 | 63  |
| Lab9                        | 58.8 | 60.4 | 61.4 | 58.1 | 56.6 | 58.9 | 59.9 | 57.6 | 58.4 | 59.7 | 59  |
| Lab10                       | 60.6 | 65.3 | 61.4 | 55.8 | 54.4 | 60.1 | 56.6 | 59   | 62.6 | 61.7 | 60  |
| Lab11                       | 56.8 | 64.9 | 62.5 | 63.6 | 58.7 | 61.5 | 55.8 | 55.4 | 51.7 | 58.0 | 59  |
| Lab12                       | 63.7 | 55.3 | 62.8 | 56.5 | 60.7 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 59.4 | 62.9 | 61.7 | 60  |
| Lab13                       | 55.8 | 56.2 | 61.6 | 61.2 | 53.9 | 56.1 | 59.4 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 62.1 | 59  |
| Lab14                       | 70.9 | 66.3 | 60.5 | 68.8 | 61.4 | 64.8 | 65.8 | 62.2 | 63.0 | 53.4 | 64  |
| Lab15                       | 72.1 | 64.6 | 61.6 | 65.8 | 62.3 | 67.3 | 59.5 | 64.9 | 58.0 | 66.0 | 64  |
| Lab16                       | 68.0 | 69.0 | 62.0 | 56.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 62.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 63.0 | 62  |
| Lab17                       | 54.0 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 51.0 | 53.0 | 59.0 | 51.0 | 60.0 | 58.0 | 64.0 | 57  |
| Lab18                       | 73.6 | 74.8 | 72.9 | 65.4 | 66.3 | 70.2 | 66.6 | 74.1 | 73.7 | 66.5 | 70  |
| Lab19                       | 61.0 | 59.0 | 57.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 59.0 | 62.0 | 58.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab20                       | 16.5 | 16.6 | 16.6 | 16.5 | 16.9 | 17.0 | 16.6 | 16.4 | 16.8 | 16.6 | 17  |
| Lab21                       | 48.3 | 39.6 | 48.3 | 46.6 | 54.1 | 46.5 | 44.8 | 46.0 | 43.3 | 43.5 | 46  |
| <b>Sample 2</b>             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| Lab #                       | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | Ave |
| Lab1                        | 57.8 | 60.0 | 63.7 | 65.9 | 70.8 | 70.5 | 68.4 | 60.2 | 64.4 | 61.7 | 64  |
| Lab2                        | 50.5 | 55.4 | 58.4 | 60.6 | 58.8 | 61.2 | 52.5 | 58.9 | 57.3 | 59.1 | 57  |
| Lab3                        | 64.5 | 60.2 | 60.6 | 59.3 | 62.5 | 59.7 | 57.9 | 60.6 | 61.3 | 65.5 | 61  |
| Lab4                        | 56.9 | 62.8 | 54.8 | 56.9 | 53.7 | 55.3 | 55.1 | 50.2 | 51.8 | 60.2 | 56  |
| Lab5                        | 55.2 | 56.7 | 61.8 | 69.9 | 53.1 | 58.3 | 61.7 | 53.4 | 53.1 | 59.0 | 58  |
| Lab6                        | 58.0 | 59.1 | 59.6 | 60.1 | 60.7 | 59.2 | 58.6 | 58.3 | 59.1 | 58.9 | 59  |
| Lab7                        | 56.0 | 61.0 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 61.0 | 64.0 | 61.0 | 56.0 | 52.0 | 57.0 | 59  |
| Lab8                        | 70.5 | 68.8 | 70.7 | 61.5 | 59.5 | 58.9 | 56.2 | 65.3 | 67.9 | 57.3 | 64  |
| Lab9                        | 60.8 | 58.5 | 59.0 | 61.7 | 59.5 | 59.7 | 58.6 | 60.3 | 59.0 | 61.3 | 60  |
| Lab10                       | 63.8 | 59   | 53.2 | 58.2 | 57.1 | 54.4 | 56.8 | 58.7 | 58.5 | 67.9 | 59  |
| Lab11                       | 65.2 | 59.3 | 65.6 | 61.2 | 58.5 | 62.4 | 55.5 | 56.9 | 54.1 | 52.7 | 59  |
| Lab12                       | 56.8 | 53.8 | 56.9 | 60.9 | 46.8 | 59.5 | 61.4 | 63.1 | 63.6 | 69.2 | 59  |
| Lab13                       | 59.7 | 59.5 | 60.4 | 61.9 | 60.6 | 62   | 59.8 | 58.6 | 60.5 | 60   | 60  |
| Lab14                       | 63.6 | 71.6 | 74.4 | 71.6 | 70.2 | 64.3 | 63.9 | 58.7 | 61.5 | 64.4 | 66  |
| Lab15                       | 53.4 | 56.3 | 59.6 | 58.9 | 56.6 | 58.3 | 62.4 | 66.2 | 68.3 | 70.3 | 61  |
| Lab16                       | 51   | 49   | 57   | 61   | 49   | 63   | 53   | 53   | 63   | 51   | 55  |
| Lab17                       | 63   | 68   | 61   | 64   | 66   | 69   | 55   | 59   | 60   | 61   | 63  |
| Lab18                       | 81.6 | 83.5 | 82.7 | 81   | 77.4 | 72.2 | 77.5 | 74.2 | 74.2 | 71.3 | 78  |
| Lab19                       | 58   | 62   | 59   | 60   | 57   | 58   | 60   | 58   | 57   | 61   | 59  |
| Lab20                       | 17.6 | 16.6 | 16.6 | 16.4 | 16.7 | 16.3 | 16.3 | 17.6 | 16.6 | 16.4 | 17  |
| Lab21                       | 58.5 | 60.9 | 43.4 | 62.4 | 63   | 66.1 | 57.6 | 62.9 | 52.9 | 49.6 | 58  |

Appendix A: Raw results

| <b>Sample 3</b> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| Lab #           | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | Ave |
| Lab1            | 37.9 | 42.2 | 48.4 | 45.6 | 49.6 | 52.3 | 46.0 | 49.2 | 45.5 | 46.2 | 46  |
| Lab2            | 45.8 | 51.0 | 49.4 | 51.7 | 47.5 | 48.4 | 51.2 | 44.4 | 49.7 | 48.7 | 49  |
| Lab3            | 45.0 | 39.2 | 39.0 | 40.4 | 39.7 | 38.7 | 41.2 | 40.9 | 43.5 | 40.9 | 41  |
| Lab4            | 35.9 | 38.7 | 44.6 | 43.2 | 43.9 | 47.8 | 43.6 | 50.1 | 40.1 | 46.6 | 43  |
| Lab5            | 44.7 | 47.0 | 43.0 | 47.8 | 44.9 | 47.0 | 50.3 | 48.5 | 50.7 | 50.9 | 47  |
| Lab6            | 44.0 | 44.5 | 45.1 | 43.6 | 43.4 | 43.7 | 44.8 | 43.8 | 43.3 | 44.0 | 44  |
| Lab7            | 46.0 | 46.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 47.0 | 45.0 | 40.0 | 46.0 | 42.0 | 41.0 | 44  |
| Lab8            | 42.7 | 42.8 | 41.3 | 40.9 | 43.4 | 36.9 | 45.3 | 42.4 | 38.9 | 35.7 | 41  |
| Lab9            | 44.8 | 46.9 | 44.0 | 49.4 | 46.2 | 46.7 | 45.7 | 48.0 | 44.3 | 46.6 | 46  |
| Lab10           | 42.1 | 40   | 42.4 | 43.5 | 39   | 42.6 | 41.3 | 45.6 | 41.3 | 49.6 | 43  |
| Lab11           | 54.4 | 42.0 | 48.7 | 41.2 | 46.6 | 43.7 | 44.5 | 48.7 | 41.1 | 50.4 | 43  |
| Lab12           | 41.8 | 46.4 | 49.1 | 42.7 | 50.3 | 45.2 | 42.6 | 42.9 | 42.3 | 43.4 | 45  |
| Lab13           | 41.1 | 45.2 | 47.6 | 46.5 | 42.2 | 45.4 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.2 | 45.7 | 44  |
| Lab14           | 53.7 | 48.3 | 53.3 | 49.6 | 50.6 | 49   | 46.9 | 41.2 | 49.3 | 43.9 | 49  |
| Lab15           | 48.9 | 42.5 | 41.7 | 44.4 | 48.5 | 45   | 44.1 | 46.8 | 46.2 | 49.9 | 46  |
| Lab16           | 52.0 | 41   | 49   | 50   | 49   | 41   | 46   | 39   | 39   | 40   | 45  |
| Lab17           | 42.0 | 54   | 43   | 47   | 51   | 46   | 46   | 46   | 43   | 42   | 46  |
| Lab18           | 48.2 | 51.3 | 60.1 | 62.8 | 62.5 | 54.4 | 65.2 | 63.4 | 53.6 | 59.9 | 58  |
| Lab19           | 45.0 | 47   | 44   | 46   | 45   | 45   | 43   | 46   | 47   | 47   | 46  |
| Lab20           | 17.8 | 17.6 | 17.5 | 16.4 | 17.8 | 16.2 | 16.3 | 16.3 | 17.7 | 17.5 | 17  |
| Lab21           | 31.9 | 26.4 | 38.3 | 39.1 | 47.7 | 41.3 | 31.1 | 48.1 | 39.5 | 50.6 | 39  |
| <b>Sample 4</b> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| Lab #           | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | Ave |
| Lab1            | 49.9 | 47.1 | 53.0 | 54.6 | 53.3 | 52.3 | 46.4 | 40.7 | 43.1 | 43.5 | 48  |
| Lab2            | 42.2 | 39.1 | 45.1 | 48.7 | 52.7 | 48.7 | 46.7 | 50.2 | 48.9 | 47.9 | 47  |
| Lab3            | 36.7 | 39.4 | 44.9 | 44.1 | 43.5 | 41.9 | 34.9 | 40.6 | 42.8 | 44.0 | 41  |
| Lab4            | 51.3 | 43.1 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 50.4 | 44.0 | 40.8 | 38.9 | 41.1 | 40.0 | 45  |
| Lab5            | 52.6 | 43.8 | 46.3 | 48.4 | 49.5 | 50.8 | 43.6 | 49.1 | 40.6 | 45.4 | 47  |
| Lab6            | 43.7 | 43.1 | 42.3 | 42.0 | 44.5 | 42.3 | 43.6 | 43.2 | 42.9 | 42.9 | 43  |
| Lab7            | 46.0 | 39.0 | 46.0 | 43.0 | 43.0 | 44.0 | 47.0 | 46.0 | 53.0 | 49.0 | 46  |
| Lab8            | 37.7 | 35.3 | 43.7 | 33.8 | 42.3 | 43.4 | 40.0 | 38.5 | 40.3 | 41.8 | 40  |
| Lab9            | 44.6 | 47.4 | 43.6 | 45.7 | 46.6 | 44.8 | 45.3 | 46.7 | 45.5 | 44.4 | 45  |
| Lab10           | 46   | 44   | 42.1 | 43.9 | 44.1 | 45.2 | 43.8 | 43.5 | 46.3 | 42.4 | 44  |
| Lab11           | 38.8 | 42.1 | 49.9 | 49.7 | 45.9 | 53.6 | 45   | 46.5 | 45.7 | 47.4 | 46  |
| Lab12           | 39.5 | 41.8 | 44.7 | 51.5 | 41.6 | 41.4 | 47.9 | 49.9 | 40.3 | 41.9 | 44  |
| Lab13           | 47.5 | 43.7 | 46.3 | 46.8 | 48.8 | 46.8 | 44.3 | 41.8 | 40.1 | 44.3 | 45  |
| Lab14           | 58.1 | 51.4 | 54.8 | 55.8 | 59   | 55.9 | 50.1 | 62.4 | 54.7 | 54   | 56  |
| Lab15           | 40.8 | 39.2 | 48.6 | 44.5 | 48.2 | 48.3 | 55.1 | 45.2 | 50.1 | 49.2 | 47  |
| Lab16           | 44   | 38   | 34   | 43   | 45   | 40   | 46   | 39   | 36   | 33   | 40  |
| Lab17           | 46   | 42   | 44   | 45   | 50   | 46   | 52   | 50   | 50   | 43   | 47  |
| Lab18           | 51.8 | 62.3 | 63.4 | 60.7 | 67.9 | 62   | 58.5 | 61.1 | 56.5 | 58.2 | 60  |
| Lab19           | 45   | 44   | 46   | 44   | 46   | 45   | 44   | 43   | 42   | 43   | 44  |
| Lab20           | 17.7 | 17.6 | 17.6 | 17.4 | 17.3 | 17.5 | 17.3 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 17.6 | 17  |
| Lab21           | 48.4 | 54   | 54.2 | 43.9 | 40.9 | 44.6 | 41.9 | 42.8 | 41.4 | 39.2 | 45  |

Appendix A: Raw results

| Average thickness, mm |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| Sample 1              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| Lab #                 | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | Ave |
| Lab1                  | 60.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab2                  | 59.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab3                  | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 59.0 | 60  |
| Lab4                  | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 62.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 61  |
| Lab5                  | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 62.0 | 61.0 | 62.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61  |
| Lab6                  | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab7                  | 60.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61  |
| Lab8                  | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab9                  | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 58.0 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 59  |
| Lab10                 | 58.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 58.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 59  |
| Lab11                 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 58.0 | 59.0 | 61.0 | 60  |
| Lab12                 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab13                 | 58.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 59.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60  |
| Lab14                 | 57.0 | 58.0 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 61.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 59  |
| Lab15                 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61  |
| Lab17                 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 62.0 | 60  |
| Lab18                 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab19                 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab21                 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Sample 2              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| Lab #                 | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | Ave |
| Lab1                  | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab2                  | 59.0 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab3                  | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab4                  | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 62.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 62.0 | 61  |
| Lab5                  | 61.0 | 61.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61  |
| Lab6                  | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61  |
| Lab7                  | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61  |
| Lab8                  | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab9                  | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61  |
| Lab10                 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab11                 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 58.0 | 60  |
| Lab12                 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab13                 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60  |
| Lab14                 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 62.0 | 61.0 | 61  |
| Lab15                 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab17                 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60  |
| Lab18                 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 62.0 | 61.0 | 60  |
| Lab19                 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60  |
| Lab21                 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60  |

Appendix A: Raw results

| <b>Sample 3</b> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| Lab #           | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | Ave |
| Lab1            | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab2            | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab3            | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab4            | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61  |
| Lab5            | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65  |
| Lab6            | 62.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab7            | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab8            | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62  |
| Lab9            | 62.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63  |
| Lab10           | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab11           | 65.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab12           | 62.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62  |
| Lab13           | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab14           | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 63  |
| Lab15           | 64.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 63  |
| Lab17           | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 65.0 | 62.0 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 63  |
| Lab18           | 65.0 | 65.0 | 66.0 | 66.0 | 67.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 66.0 | 66.0 | 65  |
| Lab19           | 63.0 | 62.0 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62  |
| Lab21           | 62.0 | 62.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 66.0 | 64  |
|                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
|                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
|                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| <b>Sample 4</b> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| Lab #           | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | Ave |
| Lab1            | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab2            | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab3            | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab4            | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 61  |
| Lab5            | 65.0 | 64.0 | 65.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab6            | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 65.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab7            | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab8            | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62  |
| Lab9            | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63  |
| Lab10           | 61.0 | 61.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 62  |
| Lab11           | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64  |
| Lab12           | 63.0 | 62.0 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62  |
| Lab13           | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab14           | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 66.0 | 65.0 | 61.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64  |
| Lab15           | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 63  |
| Lab17           | 62   | 62   | 63   | 64   | 64   | 64   | 64   | 63   | 63   | 63   | 63  |
| Lab18           | 65   | 66   | 66   | 66   | 67   | 66   | 66   | 65   | 66   | 65   | 66  |
| Lab19           | 62   | 63   | 62   | 62   | 63   | 62   | 63   | 63   | 62   | 62   | 62  |
| Lab21           | 63   | 64   | 64   | 64   | 64   | 63   | 63   | 63   | 63   | 63   | 63  |

Appendix B: Calculation of z-scores

Compressive strength, N/mm<sup>2</sup>

| Result#        | S1<br>S2 | S3<br>S4 | S1+S3<br>S2+S4 | S1-S3<br>S2-S4 | Between<br>Labs z-<br>score | Within<br>Labs z-<br>score |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Lab1-1         | 62       | 46       | 108            | 16             | 1.199                       | 0.360                      |
| Lab1-2         | 64       | 48       | 112            | 16             | 2.398                       | 0.360                      |
| Lab2-1         | 61       | 49       | 110            | 12             | 1.799                       | -1.079                     |
| Lab2-2         | 57       | 47       | 104            | 10             | 0.000                       | -1.799                     |
| Lab3-1         | 60       | 41       | 101            | 19             | -0.899                      | 1.439                      |
| Lab3-2         | 61       | 41       | 102            | 20             | -0.600                      | 1.799                      |
| Lab4-1         | 57       | 43       | 100            | 14             | -1.199                      | -0.360                     |
| Lab4-2         | 56       | 45       | 101            | 11             | -0.899                      | -1.439                     |
| Lab5-1         | 57       | 47       | 104            | 10             | 0.000                       | -1.799                     |
| Lab5-2         | 58       | 47       | 105            | 11             | 0.300                       | -1.439                     |
| Lab6-1         | 58       | 44       | 102            | 14             | -0.600                      | -0.360                     |
| Lab6-2         | 59       | 43       | 102            | 16             | -0.600                      | 0.360                      |
| Lab7-1         | 58       | 44       | 102            | 14             | -0.600                      | -0.360                     |
| Lab7-2         | 59       | 46       | 105            | 13             | 0.300                       | -0.719                     |
| Lab8-1         | 63       | 41       | 104            | 22             | 0.000                       | 2.518                      |
| Lab8-2         | 64       | 40       | 104            | 24             | 0.000                       | 3.238                      |
| Lab9-1         | 59       | 46       | 105            | 13             | 0.300                       | -0.719                     |
| Lab9-2         | 60       | 45       | 105            | 15             | 0.300                       | 0.000                      |
| Lab10-1        | 60       | 43       | 103            | 17             | -0.300                      | 0.719                      |
| Lab10-2        | 59       | 44       | 103            | 15             | -0.300                      | 0.000                      |
| Lab11-1        | 59       | 43       | 102            | 16             | -0.600                      | 0.360                      |
| Lab11-2        | 59       | 46       | 105            | 13             | 0.300                       | -0.719                     |
| Lab12-1        | 60       | 45       | 105            | 15             | 0.300                       | 0.000                      |
| Lab12-2        | 59       | 44       | 103            | 15             | -0.300                      | 0.000                      |
| Lab 13-1       | 59       | 44       | 103            | 15             | -0.300                      | 0.000                      |
| Lab 13-2       | 60       | 45       | 105            | 15             | 0.300                       | 0.000                      |
| Lab 14-1       | 64       | 49       | 113            | 15             | 2.698                       | 0.000                      |
| Lab 14-2       | 66       | 56       | 122            | 10             | 5.396                       | -1.799                     |
| Lab 15-1       | 64       | 46       | 110            | 18             | 1.799                       | 1.079                      |
| Lab 15-2       | 61       | 47       | 108            | 14             | 1.199                       | -0.360                     |
| Lab 16-1       | 62       | 45       | 107            | 17             | 0.899                       | 0.719                      |
| Lab 16-2       | 55       | 40       | 95             | 15             | -2.698                      | 0.000                      |
| Lab 17-1       | 57       | 46       | 103            | 11             | -0.300                      | -1.439                     |
| Lab 17-2       | 63       | 47       | 110            | 16             | 1.799                       | 0.360                      |
| Lab 18-1       | 70       | 58       | 128            | 12             | 7.195                       | -1.079                     |
| Lab 18-2       | 78       | 60       | 138            | 18             | 10.192                      | 1.079                      |
| Lab 19-1       | 60       | 46       | 106            | 14             | 0.600                       | -0.360                     |
| Lab 19-2       | 59       | 44       | 103            | 15             | -0.300                      | 0.000                      |
| Lab 20-1       | 17       | 17       | 34             | 0              | -20.984                     | -5.396                     |
| Lab 20-2       | 17       | 17       | 34             | 0              | -20.984                     | -5.396                     |
| Lab 21-1       | 46       | 39       | 85             | 7              | -5.696                      | -2.878                     |
| Lab 21-1       | 58       | 45       | 103            | 13             | -0.300                      | -0.719                     |
| No. of Results | 42       | 42       | 42             | 42             |                             |                            |
| Median         | 59       | 45       | 104            | 15             |                             |                            |
| Q 1            | 59       | 43       | 102            | 12             |                             |                            |
| Q 3            | 62       | 47       | 107            | 16             |                             |                            |
| Inter Q Range  | 3        | 4        | 5              | 4              |                             |                            |
| Normalzd IQR   | 2.04     | 2.59     | 3.34           | 2.78           |                             |                            |
| Robust CV,%    | 3.46     | 5.77     | 3.21           | 18.53          |                             |                            |
| Minimum        | 17.0     | 17.0     | 34.0           | 0.0            |                             |                            |
| Maximum        | 78.0     | 60.0     | 138.0          | 24.0           |                             |                            |

Appendix B: Calculation of z-scores

|       |      |      |       |      |
|-------|------|------|-------|------|
| Range | 61.0 | 43.0 | 104.0 | 24.0 |
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Appendix B: Calculation of z-scores

Average Thickness (mm)

| Result#        | S1<br>S2 | S3<br>S4 | S1+S3<br>S2+S4 | S1-S3<br>S2-S4 | Between<br>Labs z-<br>score | Within<br>Labs z-<br>score |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Lab1-1         | 60       | 64       | 124            | -4             | 0.0000                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab1-2         | 60       | 64       | 124            | -4             | 0.0000                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab2-1         | 60       | 64       | 124            | -4             | 0.0000                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab2-2         | 60       | 64       | 124            | -4             | 0.0000                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab3-1         | 60       | 64       | 124            | -4             | 0.0000                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab3-2         | 60       | 64       | 124            | -4             | 0.0000                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab4-1         | 61       | 61       | 122            | 0              | -1.3490                     | 2.0235                     |
| Lab4-2         | 61       | 61       | 122            | 0              | -1.3490                     | 2.0235                     |
| Lab5-1         | 61       | 65       | 126            | -4             | 1.3490                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab5-2         | 61       | 64       | 125            | -3             | 0.6745                      | 0.0000                     |
| Lab6-1         | 60       | 64       | 124            | -4             | 0.0000                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab6-2         | 61       | 64       | 125            | -3             | 0.6745                      | 0.0000                     |
| Lab7-1         | 61       | 64       | 125            | -3             | 0.6745                      | 0.0000                     |
| Lab7-2         | 61       | 64       | 125            | -3             | 0.6745                      | 0.0000                     |
| Lab8-1         | 60       | 62       | 122            | -2             | -1.3490                     | 0.6745                     |
| Lab8-2         | 60       | 62       | 122            | -2             | -1.3490                     | 0.6745                     |
| Lab9-1         | 59       | 63       | 122            | -4             | -1.3490                     | -0.6745                    |
| Lab9-2         | 61       | 63       | 124            | -2             | 0.0000                      | 0.6745                     |
| Lab10-1        | 59       | 64       | 123            | -5             | -0.6745                     | -1.3490                    |
| Lab10-2        | 60       | 62       | 122            | -2             | -1.3490                     | 0.6745                     |
| Lab11-1        | 60       | 64       | 124            | -4             | 0.0000                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab11-2        | 60       | 64       | 124            | -4             | 0.0000                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab12-1        | 60       | 62       | 122            | -2             | -1.3490                     | 0.6745                     |
| Lab12-2        | 60       | 62       | 122            | -2             | -1.3490                     | 0.6745                     |
| Lab13-1        | 60       | 64       | 124            | -4             | 0.0000                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab13-2        | 60       | 64       | 124            | -4             | 0.0000                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab14-1        | 59       | 63       | 122            | -4             | -1.3490                     | -0.6745                    |
| Lab14-2        | 61       | 64       | 125            | -3             | 0.6745                      | 0.0000                     |
| Lab15-1        | 61       | 63       | 124            | -2             | 0.0000                      | 0.6745                     |
| Lab15-2        | 60       | 63       | 123            | -3             | -0.6745                     | 0.0000                     |
| Lab17-1        | 60       | 63       | 123            | -3             | -0.6745                     | 0.0000                     |
| Lab17-2        | 60       | 63       | 123            | -3             | -0.6745                     | 0.0000                     |
| Lab18-1        | 60       | 65       | 125            | -5             | 0.6745                      | -1.3490                    |
| Lab18-2        | 60       | 66       | 126            | -6             | 1.3490                      | 0.0607                     |
| Lab19-1        | 60       | 62       | 122            | -2             | -1.3490                     | 0.6745                     |
| Lab19-2        | 60       | 62       | 122            | -2             | -1.3490                     | 0.6745                     |
| Lab21-1        | 60       | 64       | 124            | -4             | 0.0000                      | -0.6745                    |
| Lab21-2        | 60       | 63       | 123            | -3             | -0.6745                     | 0.0000                     |
| No. of Results | 38       | 38       | 38             | 38             |                             |                            |
| Median         | 60       | 64       | 124            | -3             |                             |                            |
| Q 1            | 60       | 63       | 122            | -4             |                             |                            |
| Q 3            | 61       | 64       | 124            | -2             |                             |                            |
| Inter Q Range  | 1        | 1        | 2              | 2              |                             |                            |
| Normalzd IQR   | 0.56     | 0.74     | 1.48           | 1.48           |                             |                            |
| Robust CV,%    | 0.93     | 1.16     | 1.20           | -49.42         |                             |                            |
| Minimum        | 59.0     | 61.0     | 122.0          | -6.0           |                             |                            |
| Maximum        | 61.0     | 66.0     | 126.0          | 0.0            |                             |                            |
| Range          | 2.0      | 5.0      | 4.0            | 6.0            |                             |                            |



