

SIKA AT WORK MAPLE LEAF CEMENT FACTORY, ISKANDERABAD, DAUD KHEL

REFURBISHMENT OF CEMENT SILOS & CF SILOS



MAPLE LEAF CEMENT FACTORY, ISKANDERABAD, DAUD KHEL STRUCTURAL STRENGTHENING WITH SIKA CARBODUR® SYSTEM

Project:

Maple Leaf Cement Factory (MLCFL) is owned by Kohinoor Maple Leaf Group (KMLG) which is one of the largest cement manufacturers in Pakistan. Maple Leaf Cement Factory (MLCF) located in Iskanderabad, Mianwali, is a leading producer of Portland cement in the country with Installed capacity of 10,700 tons of Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC) per day. On 26th October 2015 an earthquake of magnitude 7.5 on Richter scale struck Afghanistan; the epicenter of the earthquake was 45 kilometers east of the City of Farkhar in Thakar Province which caused damages in two cement silos and one continuous feed mill silo in Maple Leaf Factory along with ancillary structures such as the packaging plant and the storage warehouse.

Project Requirements:

Maple Leaf Cement is the third largest cement factory in Pakistan. There are two cement production lines in the factory namely: Line-1 and Line-2, each having its own kiln for clinker production. The damages observed in the Line-2 cement silos and the CF silo following the 26 October 2015 Earthquake required Sika products worth Rs.90 Million. Damages comprised of vertical direction cracks in the silo walls at the ground level, the appearance of cracks on the underside of the material support slabs, and the cracks in the silo walls below the material support slab. Vertical direction cracks in the silo walls at the ground level were at fairly regular interval of 2 to 3 meters along the circumference of the silo walls and the height of the cracks ranges from 2 to 3 meters. This type of cracks was observed both in the two cement silos as well as the CF silo for the Line-2.



Where, the length of vertical cracks in Silo walls below the material support slab ranged from 1.5 to 2.0 meters and their width ranged from 0.15 mm to 1.0 mm. Cracks on the underside of the material support slabs were considered to be mostly flexure cracks and were concentrated in the area of the slab between the supporting columns. The width of these cracks ranged from 0.15 to 0.6 mm. In order to repair these cracks, Maple leaf demanded repair mortar based on a combination of epoxy resins. Adhesive for Bonding Reinforcement was also demanded for bonding CFRP plates to concrete. In addition to this, low viscosity Injection resins were also demanded to fill and seal voids and cracks in structures. Moreover, Maple leaf demanded CFRP plates for strengthening of material support slab of the CF Silo.



Sika Solution:

Sika strengthening system demonstrates performance, reliability and durability with sustained added value to building and civil engineering structure owners, consultants and contactors. In order to provide Maple Leaf a unique strengthening solution Sika suggested it's widely recognized and established Sika CarboDur®System- a carbon fiber reinforced polymer (CFRP) strengthening solution for the refurbishment of Cement Silos & CF Silos. The CF Silo is of critical importance for operation of the rotary kiln as the raw meal is fed to the kiln from the CF Silo. The material support slab of the CF Silo had to be strengthened during the routine 2 to 3 weeks maintenance shutdown of the rotary kiln. Sika CarboDur® S-812 plates were suggested for strengthening of the slab. Sika CarboDur® S-812 plates are pultruded carbon fibre reinforced polymer (CFRP) laminates designed for strengthening concrete, timber and masonry structures. Sika® CarboDur® plates are bonded onto the structure as externally bonded reinforcement using Sikadur®-30 LP structural adhesive. 14,800 linear meters Sika® CarboDur® plates were used for the refurbishment of 3 Silos. Further, Sikadur 30 LP which is an adhesive for Bonding Reinforcement was suggested. Sikadur®-30 LP is used for bonding structural reinforcement particularly in conjunction Sika® CarboDur® Plates with during strengthening works. It's a High strength adhesive. 9,000 Kg of Sikadur ®- 30 LP was used for the bonding of CarboDur plates.

In addition to this, Sikadur®- 31 LP was suggested for repairing the cracks. 9,500 Kg of Sikadur®- 31 was used for crack filling in Cement & CF Silos. All the cracks were to be cut open to start with, approximately 2 cm wide and 2 cm deep. Sikadur®31 is a Thixotropic Epoxy Resin Adhesive and repair mortar, based on a combination of epoxy resins and specially selected high strength fillers. Sikadur®-31 LP is an extremely versatile product as it provides excellent mechanical strengths. For repairing of the cracks, they were injected using low viscosity material Sikadur® 52 LP Slow. Sikadur® 52 LP Injection are used to fill and seal voids and cracks in structures such as bridges and other civil engineering buildings, industrial and residential buildings.





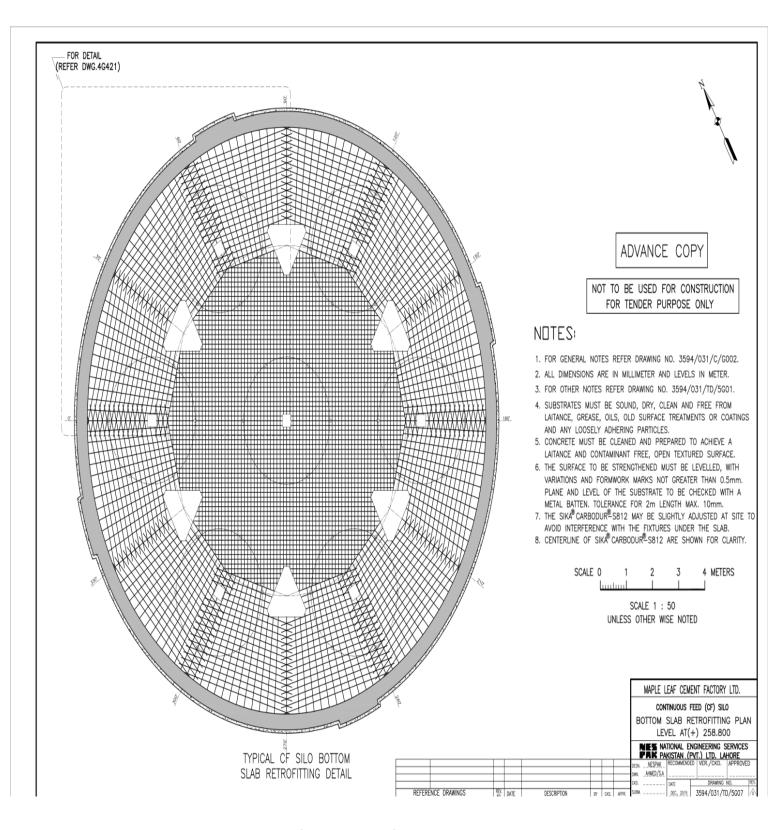




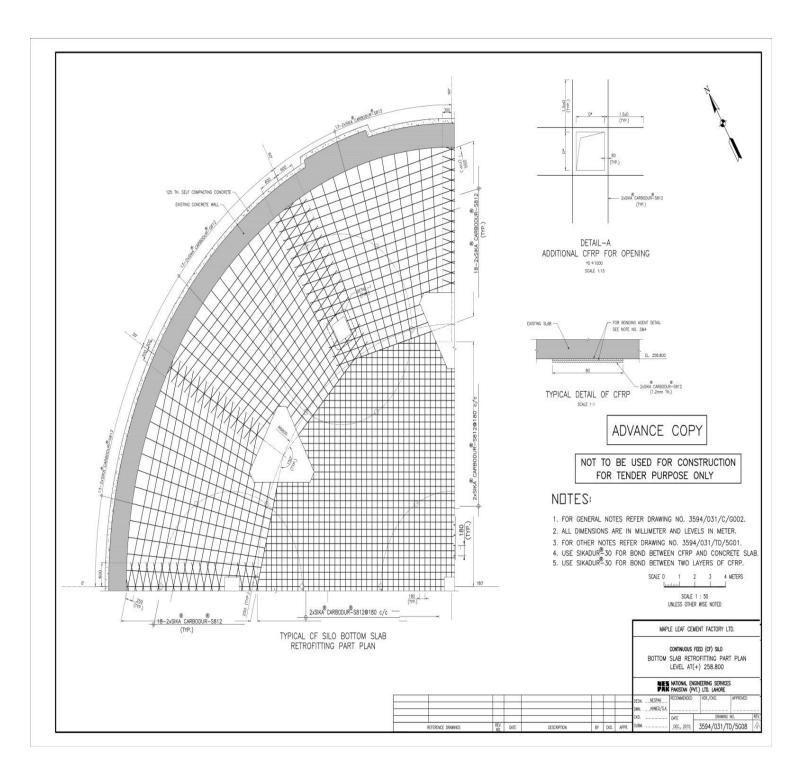
It not only forms an effective barrier against water infiltration and corrosion promoting media, but it also structurally bonds the concrete sections together. Lastly, Sikadur [®] -42 MP Slow was recommended for grouting of anchors & steel re-bars. Sikadur®-42 MP is a multi- purpose moisture tolerant, epoxy grouting system.



Final look of Silos after the application of Sika CarboDur® structural strengthening system



Design of Sika CarboDur® strengthening system



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