

1. Issues raised by the members during the 1st Steering Committee on construction chemicals (October 7, 2020):-

- a) Liquidity/ credit period be reduced from six to two months with a guarantee for payment. Liquidity rules be amended to increase liquidity.
- b) White paper on the data about the industry. Its current position.
- c) Lack of demand/how to create demand.
- d) Standardization of the products. Get the specifications standardized. Review of Indian standards to match the international standards.
- e) New processes using green technology.
- f) Reducing the wastage/ right processes using the right materials.
- g) Testing & Certification needs be ensured.
- h) Overseas trainers/preferably retired persons.
- i) More ruralisation of the industry including best practices leading to more employment.
- j) Seek support from government.
- l) Make apprenticeship mandatory.
- m) Existing training modules are very out dated/ need for upgradation.
- n) Water proofing be standardized.
- o) Quality norms be specified and compliance ensured.
- p) Proper testing laboratories
- q) Regularization of payment
- r) Training of engineers.
- s). In the next couple of years the major construction investment will be from government to kick start the economy. It will have to be more than normal investment. The private sector might remain conservative.
- t) COVID will lead to adopting ways of construction which are safer and will bring about certain changes like more precasting etc.
- u) Should we focus in this conference on - How construction chemical industry recommends to solve/ meet emerging needs of construction industry ??
- v) If the outcome of the conference can bring about a set of recommendations which can bring about few major upgradation in government projects , we would have achieved way forward to influence a change.
- w) Few initial thoughts post COVID are- why should we not ban brick bat coba and what are good alternatives, how cc can help build better precast buildings, why not spray plasters as a way of social

distancing and better quality, why not insulate the walls ?? All these are adopted globally. We can add many more such ideas.

Should we appeal the government engineers to decide the shape of things for future with such inputs ??

2. Several of these issues are simultaneously being deliberated upon in other steering groups. Members are requested to participate there in also.

As an example the Liquidity related issues are also being discussed in the contracting group as well as in the Banking group.

Accordingly, CIDC secretariat shall apportion these & inform the members