No changes to the approved mix design will be permitted unless the type or source of aggregate differs from those already tested, in which case further tests at both the laboratory and at site will be made.

Any concrete placed which does not conform to the approved mix designs, shall be removed and replaced by the Bidder at his own cost.

Admixture shall not be used in concrete mix design

10.1.4.10 Mixing and Placing of Concrete

Proportions of aggregates and cement and the quantity of water for each batch of concrete shall be closely monitored by an experienced mixer operator. Aggregate shall preferably be weight batched but, where this is not possible, volume batching shall be permitted, provided that the net volumes of the loading equipment are approved by the Engineer. Containers for measuring quantities of water shall be clearly marked and only approved quantities of water shall be used in the manufacture of concrete.

Mechanical mixers shall be in good condition and well maintained. After loading, the constituent parts of the concrete shall be mixed together for a period of not less than two minutes or 30 revolutions of the barrel, whichever is the greater. For mixers with a capacity greater than 1.5m3 these periods may be increased if the Engineer so requires.

When the constituents are adequately mixed, the fresh concrete shall be discharged from the mixer and placed in the foundation with the minimum of delay. Chutes shall be used to ensure that fresh concrete is not dropped by more than 1.5 metres.

No concrete shall be placed until all form work, installation of parts to be embedded, and preparation of surfaces involved in the placing have been approved. No concrete shall be placed in or through water, except with the written permission of the Engineer, and the method of depositing such concrete shall be approved by the Engineer. Concrete shall not be placed in running water and shall not be subjected to the action of running water until after the concrete has hardened for seven days. All surfaces of forms and embedded materials that have become encrusted with dried mortar or grout from concrete previously placed, mud or other foreign material, shall be cleaned of all such refuse before the surrounding or adjacent concrete is placed. Immediately before placing concrete, all surfaces of foundations upon or against which the concrete is to be placed shall be free from standing water, mud and other foreign matter. The surfaces of concrete which have set, and against which new concrete is to be poured, shall be thoroughly cleaned to remove all foreign material and laitance, and be saturated with water immediately before placing concrete. Concrete shall be deposited continuously and as rapidly as possible until the unit being poured is complete. If for any reason the work is stopped before completing the unit of operation, a construction joint shall be installed in accordance with the instructions of the Engineer. Concrete shall be so deposited as to maintain, until the completion of a unit, a plastic surface approximately horizontal.

The method and equipment used for transporting concrete shall be such that concrete having the required composition and consistency will be delivered as near as practical to its final position without segregation or loss of slump. All concrete mixing and placing equipment and methods shall be subject to approval by the Engineer. Concrete placement will not be permitted when, in the opinion of the Engineer, weather conditions or other pertinent factors prevent proper placement and consolidation.

Bidders are reminded that, as a minimum standard, the following series of inspections should be carried out by the Bidder before concreting can begin:

Depending on the moisture content of the samples of aggregate the Contractor will report to the Engineer on the expected water/cement ratio and the aggregate/cement ratio of concrete to be produced on site.

Following the successful testing of the laboratory samples the Contractor shall make trial mixes at site (from which he will take at least 4 test specimens) using the proportions advised to the Engineer (and in the presence of the Engineer) and using the equipment he intends to use in the normal day to day manufacturing of concrete. This is a Hold Point. The minimum 28 day crushing strength of any such test specimen shall be not less than 20N/mm².

After successful testing of the test specimens made at site, the Engineer may then approve the source(s) of aggregate and the mix design.

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Any concrete placed which does not conform to the approved mix designs, shall be removed and replaced by the Contractor at his own cost.

Admixture shall not be used in concrete mix design

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