

# TIHRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN MATERIALS RESEARCH SOCIETY: STYLE GUIDE FOR THE PREPARATION OF PAPERS

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## INTRODUCTION

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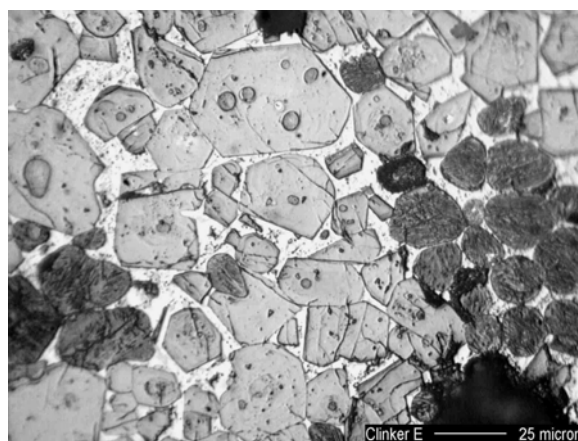
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**Table 1: Sample table in the text**

	MIX A	MIX B
Portland cement	350	210
GGBS	-	140
9.5 mm quartz stone	850	850

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