## ROAD PAVEMENT FORUM

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# Bitumen specifications Committee

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## BITUMEN SPECIFICATIONS

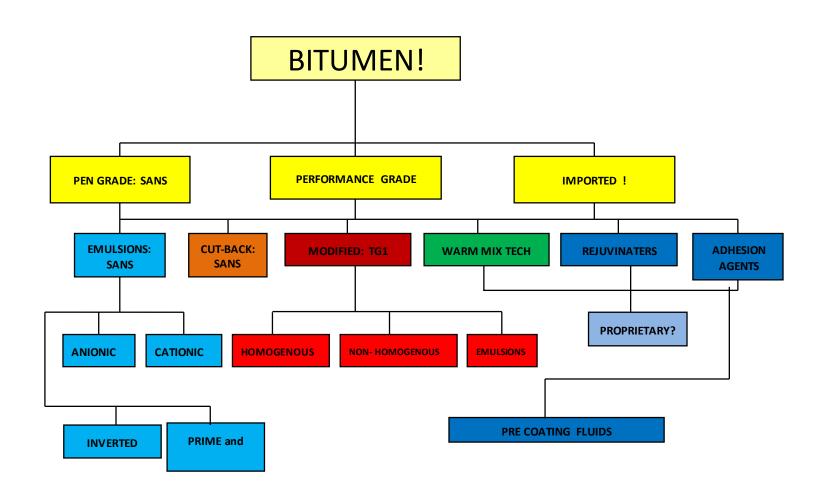
RPF RESOLUTION TO COMBINE ALL BITUMEN TYPES UNDER A SINGLE STEERING COMMITTEE, WITH APPROPRIATE WORKING GROUPS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC PRODUCTS



#### **BITUMEN SPECIFICATIONS**

BITUMEN CHARECTERISATION AND PROPERTIES MUST BE ALIGNED WITH "FINAL PRODUCT" REQUIREMENTS:

- SAPDM
- HMA DESIGN MANUAL
- SURFACE SEAL DESIGN
- "WINTER SEAL" REQUIREMENTS



#### PENETRATION GRADES

SANS 307 NOW SANS 4001 - BT1

What about binders for Hima??

The requirements (based on EN 13924: 2006) are proposed by the RPF task group on bituminous materials.

| Property                    | Test Method           | Unit   | Penetration grade |         |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------|---------|--|
|                             |                       |        | 10/20             | 15/25   |  |
| Before RTFOT                |                       |        |                   |         |  |
| Penetration at 25°C         | EN 1426               | 0,1 mm | 10 – 20           | 15 - 25 |  |
| Softening Point             | ASTM D36 <sup>a</sup> | °C     | 58 - 78           | 55 - 71 |  |
| Dynamic viscosity at 60°C   | ASTM D4402 b          | Pa.s   | ≥700              | ≥550    |  |
| Viscosity at 135°C °        |                       |        |                   |         |  |
| Kinematic viscosity         | ASTM D2170            | cSt    | ≥700              | ≥600    |  |
| Dynamic viscosity           | ASTM D4402 b          | mPa.s  | ≥750              | ≥650    |  |
| Flash point                 | EN ISO 2592 d         | °C     | ≥245              | ≥235    |  |
| After RTFOT                 |                       |        | ASTM D2872        |         |  |
| Retained penetration        | EN 1426               | %      | -                 | ≥55     |  |
| Softeningpoint              | ASTM D36              |        | -                 | ≥57     |  |
| Increase in softening point | ASTM D36              | °C     | ≤10               | ≤8      |  |
| Mass change                 |                       | %      | -                 | ≤0,5    |  |

a Using shouldered ring

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Recommended apparatus is the RV viscometer using SC4 spindles with thermosel system

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> This is an optional requirement of EN13924. Alternative values of dynamic viscosity are proposed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Cleveland open cup specified in EN 13924. If ASTM D93 (Pensky-Martens closed cup) is specified the compliance limits will have to be adjusted.

#### **RPF** Resolution

APPROVAL OF BITUMEN SPEC COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR 10-20 AND 15-25 PENETRATION GRADE SPECIFICATIONS (as proposed) TO BE INCLUDED AS NEW CLASSES WITHIN THE SANS 4001 – BT1 SPECIFICATION

#### **EMULSIONS**

- •SANS 309:2004 Anionic Road Emulsions
- •SANS 548:2003 Cationic Road Emulsions
- •SANS 1260:2004 Invert Bitumen Emulsion

After revisions having been completed > 1 year ago – STILL awaiting SABS approval and publication!!!!

## TACK COATS

Different applications/demands to 10-15 years?

- "Thinner" pavement layers?
- Asphalt overlays on concrete pavements?
- Night work?

# **Existing Standard**

COLTO (1998) Clause 4205 (C) iii – Tack Coat

## (iii) Tack coat

Where required In these specifications or the project specifications, or where indicated by the engineer. a tack coat shall be applied to the surface to be paved

The tack coat shall consist of a stable-grade bituminous emulsion diluted to have a 30% bitumen content and shall be applied at a rate of  $0.55 l/m^2$  or as directed by the engineer.

For bridge decks a tack coat consisting of 30% stable-grade grade bituminous emulsion shall be applied to the surface at a rate of 0.4 l/m2 • The tack coat shall then be allowed to dry.

The use of hand operated equipment for the application of tack coats shall be at the sole discretion of the engineer and his approval shall be timeously obtained.

All exposed portions of kerbing. channelling and bridge railing, shall be protected in terms of section 2300 when the tack coat is applied.

The tack coat shall not be applied more than 24 hours before the paving is done.







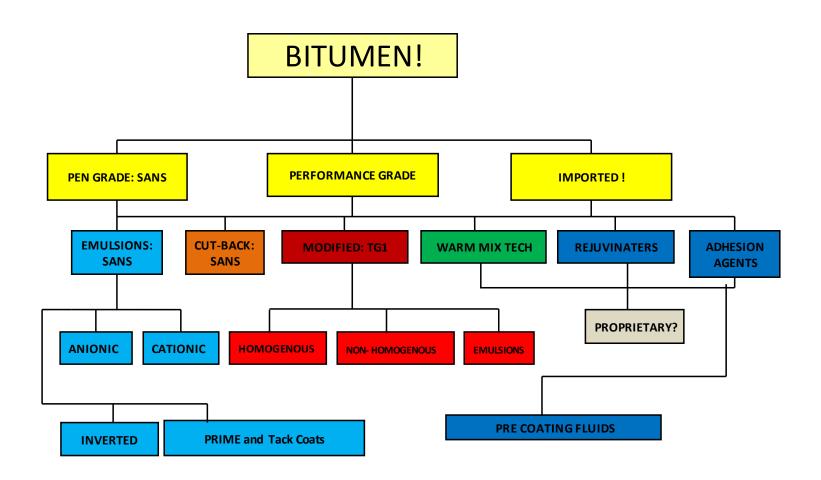


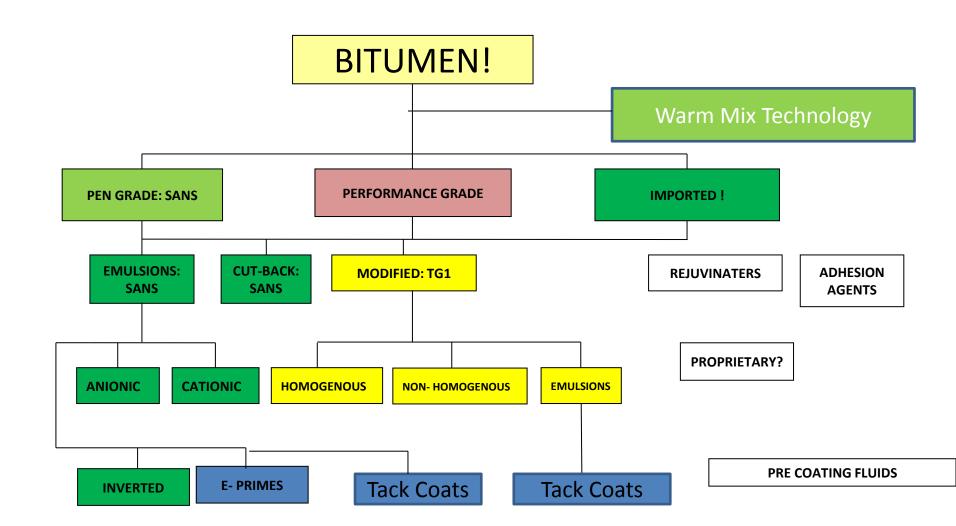
## PRIMES AND TACK COATS

- ENVIRONMENT "FRIENDLY" PRIMES???
- "TRACKLESS" (TACKLESS) TACK-COATS!

#### **MODIFIED BINDERS: TG1**

- ONLY MINOR AMMENDMENTS/CHANGES TO EXISTING PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS
- •"NEW GENERATION" BINDERS TO BE INCLUDED
- INCLUSION OF HYBRID BINDERS (COMBINATION OF POLYMERS/AGENTS) PRODUCTS?
- ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED W.R.T DIFFERENT PRODUCTS AND "MAKE-UP"
- •GUIDENCE W.R.T "WHAT IF" SITUATIONS TO BE INCLUDED ( E.G NON-CONFORMANCE)





# Focus Groups

Chair –

Performance grade bitumen (SANS)

PG binders: Additional research on PG testing

Imported bitumen (SANS)

Emulsions (SANS)

Cut-Back binders (SANS)

Primes ("E" + emulsion)

**Tack Coats** 

Modified binders (TG1)

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Kim Jenkins

Johan O'Connell (R&D ongoing)

John Onraet (received)

Joe Grobler (Awaiting SABS)

**Jacques van Heerden (SABS)** 

Johan Muller (New)

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Dennis Rossmann (ongoing)

#### TG 1 REVISION

**Chapter 1**: Introduction:

Chapter 2: OHS:

**Chapter 3:** Composition and Characteristics;

Hot:

Emulsions:

Warm Mix:

Rejuvenators:

**Chapter 4:** Manufacture:

**Chapter 5:** Classification:

**Chapter 6:** Product Requirements;

Chapter 7: Selection

Chapter 8: Construction

Chapter 9: Storage and Handling

Chapter 10: Sampling / Testing

"What if" section

**D** Rossmann

S Solomons (Received)

**J Muller** 

J Louw (received for comment)

K Naidoo (x-cutting)

W Nortje/Marais (move to HMA )design)

J Van Heerden (received this week)

Collective

H Loots/C Roux (in progress)

**D** Rossmann

J Grobler (Tie in with SAPEM et al)

C Williams (Due November)

H Loots (Tie in with SANS)

J van Heerden (New)

## **CONCLUSIONS - 1**

In the context of "Project Management" is the project:

- On time? NO!
- In budget? "NO BUDGET" (sweat equity)



## **CONCLUSIONS - 2**

Objective of committee's work is not just to compile and recommend new/amended product specifications:

But also to give guidance to industry w.r.t:

- Selection of appropriate binder type
- Correct <u>application</u> of selected product



## **CONCLUSIONS - 3**

The GOOD NEWS!

We are making progress ©

Thanks to all.

