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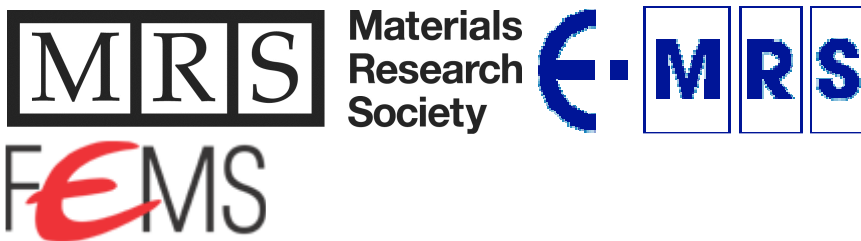
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Composition of red mud and/or metakaolin-based modified geopolymers

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There is potential use of red mud for synthesis of inorganic polymeric materials through a geopolymerization process as an alternative in the sectors of construction and building materials. By introducing of inorganic and organic modifiers of microstructure (calcium hydroxide, bi-functional epoxy resins, or various types of alkoxylenes) during the geopolymer synthesis the enhanced values of ductility and strength can be obtained.

Research was performed on aluminosilicate material (red mud and metakaolin) and alkali activator raw mixture with defined quantity of modifier. The best synthesis conditions were identified. Post-synthesis curing also play important role in obtaining of good-performing geopolymers. Characteristics of geopolymers were defined by measuring of compressive strength, N₂-physisorption, as well as by SEM analysis, X-ray diffraction (XRD) and Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR). In addition the lower value of zeta potential was identified as the assisting factor for the specific structure domains formation (within the certain range of pH) accompanied by the high compressive strength.

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