Eco-Innovative Solutions for the Processing of Technogenic Mineral Resources

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Abstract—The inorganic wastes and residues formed during the production and operation process are valuable technogenic minerals, the rational treatment of which can reduce the amount of non-renewable natural mineral resources.

The relatively low reuse of technogenic mineral resources is currently associated with specific characteristics of these resources. They have a wide and multiplex diversity in composition and structure, and hence a wide, uneven range of physical and chemical properties that require a complex approach to assessing the potential for developing each resource. In addition, it is necessary to evaluate the ecological and energy efficiency, technical feasibility and economic efficiency of the processing of these resources in comparison with the production of natural mineral substances from traditional technologies. A methodology for the evaluation production of potentially new goods from technogenic mineral waste is proposed. Parameters such as multifunctionality of new products, energy and resource saving, lifetime increase, reduction of negative impact on the environment, maintenance or improvement of production quality compared to original quality are taken into account. The basis for the analysis of these possibilities and methodology of assessment of eco-energetic efficiency to justify the usefulness of mineral wastes processing are given. Possibilities of using this approach for the development of mineral waste from construction and demolition recycling technologies for the production of composites, binders, fillers and monolithic structures are shown.

Keywords—mineral waste, waste managment, recycling, ecoefficiency, ecoindicators, product properties.

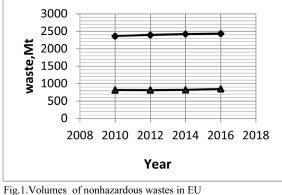
I. INTRODUCTION

It is known that significant part of waste produced in the industry have inorganic nature [1,2] In our previous investigations [3,4] we declared that all solid waste which are inorganic in the terms of chemistry are mineral waste. They include: the remnants of the construction and repair, debris, byproducts of mining, construction and demolition waste, glass and glass- use industrial waste, ceramic waste, combustion waste, and so on .

Mineral waste compared to organic waste is less susceptible to natural degradation processes. Consequently, it does not fit into the natural process of substance circulation in ecosystems and its volume is constantly increasing. At the same time, since these substances are less exposed to chemical and biochemical transformations, they are often not harmful to the environment (except for the specific waste group - classified as hazardous waste); Main effect of them are the passive pollution of the territory and their ineffective disposal into the dumpsites. However, all these mineral wastes have retained virtually unchanged the components from which they were made, as well as partly the original structure and physical properties, and thus potentially have been used either directly or after the relevant processing to serve as raw material for the production of new products by replacing natural raw materials - hence reducing the intensity of depletion of non-renewable resources and the amount of landfilled waste to be disposed of. [5] All these wastes should therefore be considered as technogenic minerals and valued at the same level as natural resources. There are two main reasons for this situation - first and foremost, the technologies for extraction and processing of natural resources were built, developed, equipped with the relevant techniques and materials - and became traditional and economically efficient. Secondly, the composition, structure and condition of technogenic resources are very uneven, complex, variable, so the properties are not permanent. Their volumes and formation sites are also variable and subject to a variety of random factors. As a result, traditional mineral resource processing technologies cannot be technically or economically profitable for the processing of techno resources. You need your own specific approach to the development of recycling technologies for these resources. [7, 8.9,].

In the .European Waste Classification[10] according to Regulation no. 849/2010 all the waste are divided into two groups: non-hazardous and hazardous and 51categories. Of these categories, mineral resources include: metallic wastes (0.61.0.62.0.63), glass wastes (0.71), mineral waste from construction and demolition (1.21), combustion wastes (1.24), soils (1.26), mineral wastes from waste treatment and stabilized wastes (12.8, 13), other mineral wastes (1.22.1.23.1.25). Waste such as discarded equipment (0.8), vehicles (0.81), battraries and accumulator wastes (0.841), mixed and undifferentiated materials (102) may also be partly related to mineral resources. The group recycable wastes (0.6.0.7) is not very precise in terms of composition

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The recycling of waste is around 38% of the total amount of waste produced. This means that the remaining 62% or around 1600 Mt of waste is collected annually in the environment. The total amount of non-hazardous waste in Latvia increased from 1430.2 kt in 2010. up to 2466.4 kt in 2016 - more than 1.7 times (Fig.2) [6].

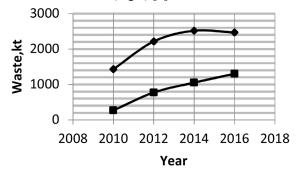


Fig.2.. Volumes of nonhazardous wastes in Latvia generated **•** and recycled **•**

But must be mentioned that the percentage of recycled waste in 2016 increased also -from 19% to 53% of the total.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

In our research, we paid attention to mineral waste, which is currently not recycled or recycled in very limited quantities. These are: mineral waste from construction and demolition, combustion wastes, soils, other mineral wastes. (fig.3)

Their total volume generated in 2016 in the European Union, achieved 1609 Mt, in Latvia consequently-486 kt (66% and 20% of the total non-hazardous waste respectively) (tab1).

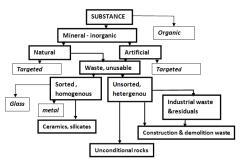


Fig.3. Mineral technogenic resources .In bold blocks – analysed wastes.

It should be understood that in order to obtain a highquality eco-innovative product with better qualities (at least not lower, but better upcycled) than for the former product, with high-value (hightech) characteristics, a serious phase of raw material research is obligatory using modern hardware and research methods. resulting from processing.

Otherwise, the product obtained as a result of waste processing will be uncompetitive and unsuitable to use.

Therefore, the comparison of techno-mineral waste recycling methods and the quality of the obtained product and the justification of the optimal variant is needed. Currently there are a number of indicators of ecological, economic, energy efficiency evaluation and calculation methods of different directions [12,13, 14]. The paper analyzes them and adapts to the conditions of mineral waste recycling.

Year	Country	Total hazardous + non-hazardous,	Total non-haz- ardous	Mineral wastes from construc- tion and demolition	Soils	Combustion wastes	Other mineral wastes	Total 5+6+7+8+9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	EU ,Mt	2,460	2,364	328	420	111	742	1601
2010	Latvia, kt	1,498	1,430	144	0	153	31	328
	EU, Mt	2,491	2,395	329	406	122	781	1638
2012	Latvia, kt	2,310	2,214	396	31	174	30	631
2014	EU, Mt	2,515	2,420	306	459	115	754	1634
2014	Latvia, kt	2,621	2,517	571	9	45	29	654
2016	EU ,Mt	2,535	2,435	335	485	112	677	1609
	Latvia, kt	2,533	2,466	387	13	46	40	486

TABLE 1 Mineral waste generated in EU and Latvia (2010-2016)

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Thus. the of developing mineral process and technologies waste recycling methods should consist of the following stages: recycling need 1.Justification for recycling 2.Setting target а 3.Technological and physical research of mineral resources 4. Evaluation of the physical effects on the formation of minerals and new properties. 5.Designing of the experiments, conducting testing the obtained material experiments and 6.Assessment of technical feasibility, ecological efficiency of processes. and economic 7.Development of a Production Technology Pilot Project.

Let us look at each of these stages. In the initial **1. stage** phase must be answered the question - is there a need for some sort of action on these wastes or would it be best to simply dump it into a landfill or otherwise integrate it into the environment.

For example, if they are not a hazardous waste group they can be used in the reconstruction of mechanically degraded areas, changing relief, in building engineering objects (embankments, roads, dams). The need in recycling of mineral waste is related to -Danger to the environment and man, -Large volumes and continuous growth of waste, - Economic disadvantages and environmental hazards for landfill storage,

Valuable components or useful properties of this waste,
Inadequacy with any use variant directly without prior processing.

The information obtained in the first stage is used in the **stage2** to formulate the recycling target. It may be directed to:

the need (a) waste itself, to eliminate or reduce (regulate) its quantity; the production predetermined (b)of а mineral product from this waste. In the first case, further research is related to a broad assessment of possible uses of mineral resources and a reduction in their volume. In the second case, the studies are performed within a narrow range of potential product design characteristics. In the Stage 3 the research methodology is set according to the goals formulated in the second stage. If the task is to avoid the total volume of the mineral waste, it should be taken into account that the mineral waste is a resource and that it is necessary to find the most useful way of avoiding it by obtaining the maximum benefit from it. This means that in this case also a complex analysis of this substance is required - to determine the macro-composition, mineral and chemical composition, structure and state parameters, physical and chemical properties.

At all stages of the study, the results should be evaluated using the available data base on the physical, chemical properties, structure and composition of existing analogue materials. Research may be interrupted at any stage if the compliance of the properties of the mineral

waste with any existing and used material is found [15]. If the task is to use this mineral resource to produce а predefined product. the research following program consists of the steps: defines Precisely the essential requirements • properties and to be met by the final product existing (according analogues). to mineral properties are studied • Compliance or non-compliance of these properties is determined.

The main task of Stage4 is to determine, on the basis of the physical effects database, the possible physical fields and processes that could result in the creation of a set of required properties corresponding to the intended use of the recycled resource. [16] • Experiment planning is being carried out in Stage 5. The aim of the experiments - to check the results of the selected physical effects, to obtain samples of the final product, to evaluate the conformity of their properties to the properties of the planned reference material. Stage 6 specifies the technologies and regimes for the potential treatment and recycling of the mineral resource and analyzes them according to the criteria of ecological, technical feasibility and economic efficiency. The most mineral wastes are not biodegradable and can not be used as a fuel for thermal energy. Their processing must be based on changing physical properties of materials by mechanical, thermal treating or using other physical fields such as electromagnetic, acoustic, nuclear radiation, thermo-chemical, biochemical, mycrobiological processes.

In all cases, it is necessary to identify the types of potential exposures to which the material may be exposed and the possible outcomes of this exposure (tab.2).

The only determining factors for the change of material properties are their composition, structure and condition at different levels - from submicroscopic to macroscopic. External physical and chemical fields are the means by which these parameters can be changed. Thus, all types of exposure to minerals that determine the possible changes in the physical fields of a mineral can be divided into 4 groups: energy 1.Changes in status. 2. Changes in link strengths between the different structural elements of the substance at different scales. 3. Changes in phase condiof aggregation). tion (including state 4. Changes in composition (including chemical). Practical tasks of mineral processing are in many cases directly related to the last process. Inturn, they can be divided into the following types of activity: 1. Extraction of useful components from the original mineral mass 2. Separation of inappropriate, harmful components from the original useful mineral mass. 3. Combining different components into a single composite material to produce the product with the required properties.

The construction and demolition waste in many cases consists of a mixture of such different components: concrete,

reinforced concrete, clay bricks, silicate bricks, glass, metal, soil admixtures, organic materials (plastic, wood). Assessing the feasibility of rational use of these wastes begins with determining their aggregate composition. The best way to use is when the raw material is the least exposed to the processing, but at the same time the quality of the final material is the best of the available variants and its producing technology has the least negative effect on the environment- princips most quality – less losses (MQ-LL).. This means that mineral waste can only be used directly if its use is in line with the MQ-LL principle. Recycling starts from a basic stage - pre-preparation of a mineral resource that includes operations:

Primary sorting by composition - metal, glass, organic, and by components size: (granulometric composition). Modern materials processing technologies allow to effectively implement these waste preparation works, incl. separation of iron reinforcement from reinforced concrete structures [17]. As a result of the pre-preparation, an intermediate product is obtained which is more even in the composition and structure than the primary waste . Iron and glass components can already be used in traditional waste recycling technologies. Organic compaunds may be subjected to incineration, resulting in heat energy, or exposed biological recycling for biofuel production.

The mineral part of the waste according to the size of the components and their composition may in turn be used in different ways. 1. Monolithic pieces - according to their composition as: - just elements for New Building Structures, Bs additional elements to create macrocomposite structures.Mbs 2. Dispersed material as a

-filler for cement FCe

-filler for composite FCo

-binder Bi

-adsorbent Ad

-heat insulation Hi

- alloy (fusion) - sintering, vitrified material Fu TABLE 2

Physical, Chemical and Biological Field Effects which are Perspective for Mineral Waste Processing

Action nature	Processes	Physical effects, changes in composition, state, structure, properties		
	Disintegration	Structure, granulometric compo- sition, strength, specific surface, fluid permeability, reactivity		
Mechan- ical	Consolidation (compacting)	Density, strength, elasticity, per- meability, chemical reactivity		
	Separation (sorting, rinsing, dusting))	Homogenization, homogeneity in composition, structure, properties		

		Formation of solutions, release of soluble and insoluble compo- nents		
Hydraulic	J	Formation of new chemical compounds		
		Formation of new compounds (hydrates, solvates)		
	Extraction	Extraction of components		
	Dehydration	Water is released from the material		
	Destruction	Disintegration (changes in structure, granulometry, and all related properties)		
		Melt formation - changes all properties incl. structure, compo- sition, density, porosity		
Thermal	Second-order phase transitions (polymorphic transformations)	Changes of crystalline structure and all properties		
		Changes in strength and elasticity parameters, porosity, permeabili- ty, density, humidity changes		
		Changes in chemical composi- tion, formation of oxides, release of components		
Electro- magnetic	Electrothermal Heating	All effects according to thermal effects		
	Electrolysis	Partitioning in components		
	chemical synthesis reactions	New substance formation		
Chemical	Chemical decomposition reactions	New substance formation		
	Replacement and ex- change reactions	New substance formation		
Microbio- logical	Microbial leaching (bioleaching)	Release of chemical elements		

The properties of the product to be designed and the physical fields to be used for their production are listed in Table 3

An assessment of the ecological, economic and social efficiency of the selected process for the recycling of mineral waste can be done using developed methods for assessing the eco-energy, socio-efficiency of production -BASF's Eco-EfficiencyAnalysis Methodology [20],

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Delft University of Technology [21,22] and others. The recycling of waste should be aimed at the development of recycling technologies, the use of which gives the final product with a quality not less than the quality of the original product - the upcycling principle now predominantly practiced in place of the "downcycling" principle when a product with a lower value is obtained at each subsequent processing stage compared to previous quality [23,24] During analysis process we divided the evaluation criteria into two groups - the first characterizing the production area - recycling of waste, the second - the quality of the product obtained. In the first group we included 4 indicators - energy consumption -E, gas emissions- G, water consumption - L, secondary waste- W

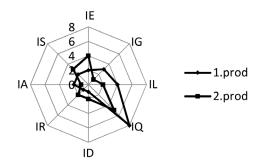
TABLE3

The defining characteristics of the final product to be designed and the physical processes of their formation

Intended		L PROCESSES OF THEIR FORMATION		
product	Key Features	Physical Fields and Process- es Used		
Building details, blocks of monolithic waste (Bs)	Geometric dimensions, shape, strength, frost and moisture resistance	Mechanical, hydraulic treat- ment, heating.		
Composite constructions of macroele- ments (Mbs)	Geometric dimensions, shape, strength, frost and moisture resistance	Mechanical, hydraulic treat- ment, heating.		
Cement Filler (Fce)	Degree of dispersion, adhesion, adsorption, spe- cific surface and surface energy, strength	Mechanical treatment (shredding, sieving), surface activation		
Filler for composite materials FCo	Degree of dispersion, adhesion, adsorption, spe- cific surface and surface energy, strength	Hydraulic processing, thermal, mechanical (pressing),electro- magnetic fields		
Binder Bi	Chemical composition (CaO, SiO ₂ , Al ₂ O ₃ , Fe ₂ O ₃) Degree of dispersion, adhesion, adsorption, spe- cific surface and surface energy, strength	Mechanical treatment (shredding, sieving), surface activation		
Adsorbent Ad	Specific surface, adsorp- tion	surface activation, crushing,- milling		
Heat insula- tion Hi	Thermal properties λ, α, c, porosity, pore structure, humidity	Thermal treatment, mechani- cal compacting		
Alloy	Melting, sintering, vitrification temperature and energy, specific heat capacity	Thermal efficacy		
sieving, Gr	Components difference in particle size	Mechanical treatment		
Separation in Physical Fields	Components difference by physical properties (density, elasticity, mag- netic, electrical, thermal)	Relevant Physical Fields		
Melting, Me	Componens difference by melting point	Thermal efficacy		
Extraction, Ex	Components difference in solubility in different solutions and at different temperatures	Hydraulic efficacy, also with heat fields		
Biological ex- traction .Bex	The ability of the com- ponents to be exposed to microorganisms	Microbiological effects		
Formation of chemical compounds) .Ch Rādīt vairāk Rādīt mazāk	Chemical activity in different fields	Effects of chemical fields, including thermal reactions		

In the second group was included the integrated properties of the produced product as durability of the product -D, compliance with the product's quality criteria rate -R, range of applications (its amplification) - A, product safety - S.

All these indicators are converted into dimensionless proportions. In addition, the indicators of the first group are calculated as the ratio of the value of the parameter to be evaluated for the traditional production of the product to the same new production parameter: IE = E0 / EM, IG = G0 / GM, IL = L0 / LM, IQ= QO / QM product is attributed to the quality criterion of the traditionally made product: ID = DM / D0, IR = RM / R0, IA = AM / A0, IS = SM / S0As a result, the efficiency of the new products from the techno-minerals is higher, the larger is each of these indicators. Figures less than one indicate the inefficiency of the new process or production according to this indicator. By displaying these indicators in the diagram, the total efficiency indicator will be proportional to the corresponding field of the limited area (Fig.4).



The choice of weight coefficients should be based on the degree of hazard to the environment caused by the recycling of techno-waste and the importance of the quality of the product obtained. If the calculation $\Phi \leq 1$, the selected processing technology is not useful. With regard to the assessment of the construction waste recycling process and the efficacy of the final product, the following weightings may be recommended, taking into account existing experience: E = 0.6, G = 0.8, L = 0.4, W = 0.3, D = 0.7, R = 0.9, A = 0.4, S = 0.6.

Coefficients may be specified and adapted to the recycling of a particular waste and production. At present, programs [25,26,27] have been developed that enable the use of a comprehensive database for calculating the indicators needed to assess the eco-efficiency of the relevant technological processes throughout the production life cycle.

IV. CONCLUSION

Industrial mineral waste according to its composition, structure and physical properties is a valuable resource that can be effectively used as a source of natural primary resources in many cases, thereby reducing the use of natural resources, increasing energy and eco-efficiency in the production sector. But this is achievable if, on the basis of resource physical and chemical properties exploration and acquantance with the possibility of physical processes acting on the material to obtain the required quality product, the optimum technology of processing the resource is developed. In this case, it is possible to obtain technologically valuable, high quality eco-innovative end products with high added value. This means that the most important stage in solving the problems of mineral waste utilization is the in-depth study of physical processes and field interaction with substances and the implementation of a rational technological process according to the obtained results.

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