

The Complete Technology Book on Asbestos, Cement, Ceramics and Limestone

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Asbestos is the generic term for a group of naturally occurring fibrous minerals with high tensile strength, flexibility, and resistance to thermal, chemical and electrical conditions. Asbestos fibers are of high-tensile strength, flexible, heat and chemical resistance, and good frictional properties. Cement is the most essential raw material in any kind of construction activity. Ceramics also known as fire clay is an inorganic, non-metallic solid article, which is produced by the art or technique of heat and subsequent cooling. Limestone is a sedimentary rock, mainly composed of calcium carbonate (CaCO_3). It is the principal source of crushed stone for construction, transportation, agriculture, and industrial uses.

Emerging applications in commercial sectors such as asbestos, cement and ceramic are poised to fuel demand in the coming years. Growing demand for limestone in the production of cement as well as in several other chemicals that are used in the production of high-value every-day products offers significant opportunities for growth. Global Limestone consumption is projected to reach 5.7 billion tons and expected to grow at an average annual rate of 4–5% in coming years. Presently, cement production is 330 million tonnes and expected to double to reach almost 550 million tonnes in future.

The major contents of the book are asbestos, monitoring and identification of air-borne asbestos, asbestos in industrial applications, asbestos – cement products, non – occupational asbestos emissions and exposures, cements, mortars and concrete, raw materials, additives and fuels for cement, processes of manufacturing of cement, cement based on natural and artificial pozzolanas, fast-setting cements, special portland cements, packing of cement, storages of cement, ceramics, lime & limestone, glass & glass ceramics etc. It describes the manufacturing processes and photographs of plant & machinery with supplier's contact details.

It will be a standard reference book for professionals, entrepreneurs, those studying and researching in this important area and others interested in the field of these industries.

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