

SINGAPUR Concrete Block Design, Production and Paving

Second Seminar in Singapore

Motivated by the success and interest shown in the first Seminar on Concrete Block Paving in 1998, Acme Paving Consultants Pte Ltd (Singapore) once again held the second seminar on 24 October 2000. The seminar was

jointly sponsored by Masa Aktiengesellschaft, Rampf Formen GmbH, Optimas Maschinenfabrik H. Kleinemas GmbH Germany and Premier Pigments of England.

The seminar held at Royal Plaza on Scotts, Singapore attracted more than 200 delegates from Australia, Brunei, England, East Malaysia, Germany, India, Italy, Singapore, Thailand, West Malaysia and Vietnam.

Among the main Singapore participants were representatives from the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, Defence Science and Technology Agency, Housing And Development Board, Jurong Town Corporation, Land Transport Authority, PSA Corporation, Sentosa Development Corporation, Singapore Tourism Board, Urban Redevelopment Authority, Building & Construction Authority, Construction Industry Training Institute, Nanyang Technological University, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic, 13 Town Councils of Singapore.

The favourable response from participants revealed that there is a lack of published information readily available locally which could be of help to the specifiers on the advantages of concrete block paving, its application, concrete method and maintenance.



In 1998, a range of qualified speakers informed the many delegates about concrete themes.



Over 200 delegates came to listen to the speakers and to have some discussions afterwards.

Although concrete block paving is being used for almost 2 decades in this region, in virtually every paving situations from ports to airports, its advantages have yet to be fully understood. This seminar was focused to create awareness among industry colleagues and keeping abreast with ever changing needs that impel to increase the performance and demand for quality in this industry.

These factors committed and prompted the organiser, Acme Paving Consultants Pte Ltd, to provide continuous state-of-the-art information, addressing problems and continuing education.

Nonetheless, there is no substitute for experience and the essence of this seminar is the scientific and professional papers presented by Peter Sommer of Masa, Roland Rampf and Helmut Dicknother of Rampf, Mike George of Premier Pigments, Noel P. Walsh of Opti-

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mas, Michael Lazar of Acme Paving Consultants, John Emery of APC/John Emery Consultants U.K., Mr. G. Ramarao of City Hall Kuala Lumpur, Mr William Kwang of the Land Transport Authority of Singapore and Mr Wang Chien Looi of the Housing and Development Board of Singapore.

Thus, much credit should be given to the authors and presenters of the various papers.

In the paper e.g. of Masa, the latest advancements and innovations in the concrete block paving technology were presented with a description of the tendencies in state-of-the-art concrete block making plants.

Other seminars encompassed paver production, materials, construction methods, aesthetic and environmental aspects.

This was an ideal opportunity to share the wisdom and knowledge of the experienced industry colleagues to in-

clude concrete block paving, besides aesthetic reason as a primary means to build technical credibility for a better way of street construction and repair.

The seminar proceedings were an important milestone in the development of this technology. Furthermore, there is an urgent need for the industry in Asia to be concerned in ensuring that the specifiers and users are fully aware of the developing potential of a durable paving system that has been on roads in ports and airports worldwide.

The response was overwhelming and there were calls during the questions and answers session for the seminar to be conducted on a yearly basis.

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