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SAFETY GUIDELINE FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS SECTOR

Purpose

The Guidline objectives are as follows:

- (1) To ensure that company employees recognize and meet their direct responsibility to prevent injury to themselves and to others.
- (2) To consider public safety in relation to all of its laboratory activities and to be committed to minimizing the negative impact of its activities to the public under all conditions.
- (3) To implement and continually upgrade all its safety systems and procedures.
- (4) To eliminate accidents damage and loss which result in unnecessary business interruption directly affecting business performance and project viability.

Scope

This Guideline prescribes the safety requirements for all employee's activities and operations at the place of work for construction materials testing laboratories.

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1 Introduction

This guideline aims at setting the main guidelines for safety to be followed by individuals, companies and other entities active in the field of construction materials testing.

The purpose of this safety guideline is to protect the life, health and safety of all employees as well as to eliminate the possibility of damage to the property and equipment while carrying out an efficient work schedule.

2 Responsibilities

- The overall responsibility for safety lies with management and the person responsible for safety measures of lab.
- The top management of the lab is responsible for ensuring that the safety guideline is effectively communicated to all staff and that the implementation of the guideline is monitored.
- All laboratory staff should implement the safety guideline.

3 Guideline

The lab should develop and implement a safety statement that emphasizes the management commitment to:-

- Provide safety procedures in compliance with best practices in the construction materials fields.
- Provide a work place for all its employees free from recognized hazards.
- Disseminate safety procedures to all employees through continuous training and auditing and monitor its implementation.

The lab should provide all safety facilities, tools and equipment to ensure the full compliance with its safety requirements.

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