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04-03-2010	0	First draft
21-03-2010	1	Issue for use
01-02-2011	2	Revised (frequency of testing and other test requirements) Including of DMS 1: PART 5,
		Removing the year of issuance of the standard (always refer to latest edition)
20-02-2019	3	Adding frequency of SRI independent testing
25-12-2019	4	Adding requirements for AAC Blocks. (DMS 1: PART 3-2011) and aligning with new numbering
16-07-2020	5	Removing the requirements of all materials testing frequency in table A.2.1 as these
10-11-2020	6	requirements have been modified in the standard specification (DMS1 all parts) to address the
		frequency and testing as per the approved internal quality testing plan of the factory.
		Revised to include the provision of waiving the testing requirements for cement, admixtures,
		supplementary cementitious materials, and polystyrene insert if supplied by DCLD-CQPS certified
		source. Include the additional requirements of AAC blocks as per the updated DMS 1 Part 3:
		2020.
04-10-2022	7	Changing section name and replace HOU to CPQSM
27-03-2023	8	Restructured to align with the new formatting of all documents. Use of New DM Logo
22-08-2024	9	Changing the logo of the Government of Dubai with the latest design
12-09-2024	10	Revised due to changes of DMS 1 into TG 01 in clause 3 and all related tables.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This document details the steps that shall be taken by Block Manufacturers under the factory assessment scheme, in establishing and documenting a system of production quality control to ensure that the finished product will conform to a specified requirement.

2. SCOPE

2.1 The established factory production system shall consist of procedures, regular inspection and tests and the utilization of the results to control raw and other incoming materials, equipment, the production process and the finished products.

3. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- 3.1 DM-DCLD-RD-DP21-2001 (IC): General rules for the DM Third-party product certification system through factory assessment
- 3.2 DM-DCLD-RD-DP21-2169 (IC): Specific Rules for Certification of Precast Concrete Masonry Blocks (as per TG 01 Part 1) through Factory Assessment
- 3.3 DM-DCLD-RD-DP21-2170 (IC): Specific Rules for Certification of Precast Concrete Filler Blocks (as per TG 01 Part 2) through Factory Assessment
- 3.4 DM-DCLD-RD-DP21-2172 (IC): Specific Rules for Certification of Precast Concrete Paving Blocks (as per TG 01 Part
 4) through Factory Assessment
- 3.5 DM-DCLD-RD-DP21-2174 (IC): Specific Rules for Certification of Concrete-Polystyrene Sandwich Masonry Blocks (as per TG 01 Part 5) through Factory Assessment
- 3.6 DM-DCLD-RD-DP21-2173 (IC): Specific Rules for Certification of Autoclaved Aerated Concrete Masonry Units as per TG 01 Part 3) through Factory Assessment

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 Block factory quality control department
 - Responsible for the preparation and effective implementation of an internal production quality control System,
 including documentation and recording of the results.
- 4.2 DM-Certification Body (DCLD-CQPS)
 - Responsible for the approval of the manufacture internal production quality control

5. DEFINITIONS

- Manufacturer Block Factory.
- Finished product: Different Types and shapes of Blocks.

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⁻ DM-Certification Body - Certification and Quality Control of Products Section - DCLD-CQPS - Dubai Central Lab. Department (DCLD)

6. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROVISIONS

- 6.1 The manufacturer shall establish Production Quality Control System(Product Quality Assurance Plan) conforming to Table (1), including procedures for ensuring proper controlling and monitoring of all inspections carried out for equipment's, raw materials, production and process, and finished product.
 - 6.1.1 Equipment inspection shall conform to A.1 of Table (1).
 - 6.1.2 Materials inspection shall conform to A.2 of Table (1).
 - 6.1.3 Production process inspection shall conform to A.3 of Table (1).
 - 6.1.4 Finished Product Inspection shall conform to A.4 of Table (1).
- 6.2 The manufacturer shall maintain and keep all records of inspection, sampling and testing.
- 6.3 The action to be taken when control values or acceptable criteria are not met shall be given; actions shall be recorded and documented.
- 6.4 Durability aspects for all blocks shall be in compliance with the related requirements of TG 01 standards.

Table (1) Internal Quality Control Plan (Product Quality Assurance Plan)

A.1 Equipment Inspection						
Subject		Aim	Method	Frequency		
A.1.1 Testing and measuring equipment						
				On (re)installation, after major		
mea	asuring equipment's	accuracy	approved standards or norms	repair or once per year		
		A.1.2 Storage	e and production equipment			
1	Storage of materials	Absence of contamination	Visual inspection or other appropriate method	-On installation -Weekly		
2	Weighing or volumetric batching equipment's	Correct functioning and according to manufacturer's declared accuracy	Visual inspection and calibration, traceable to approved standard or norms	-On installation -Weighing-once a year -Volumetric-Twice a year -In case of doubt		
3	Mixers	Wear and correct functioning	Visual inspection	Daily		
4	Moulds	Cleanliness and conditions	Visual inspection	Daily		
5	Curing chamber or Autoclave	Correct functioning according to manufacturer's operational manual and internal instruction	Visual inspection or other appropriate method	Daily		
6	Dosing and mixing systems	Correct functioning according to manufacturer's operational manual and internal instruction	Visual inspection or other appropriate method	Daily		
7	Cutting machines	Cleanliness and conditions	Visual Inspection	Daily		
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	A.2 Materials Inspection					
	A.2.1 All materials					
1	Cement (All types)	Conformity with Block manufacturer's requirements.	Appropriate test method or acceptable criteria	As per the defined testing frequency in the factory's internal product quality assurance plan (Where all used cement sources in the production is certified by DCLD-CQPS, this requirement can be waived)		
2	Aggregates	Conformity with Block manufacturer's requirements.	-Visual inspection and appropriate test method or acceptable criteria	As per the defined testing frequency in the factory's internal product quality assurance plan		
3	Aluminum (Powder/Paste)	Conformity with Block manufacturer's requirements.	Appropriate test method or acceptable criteria	As per the defined testing frequency in the factory's internal product quality assurance plan		
4	Quick Lime (Powder)	Conformity with Block manufacturer's requirements.	Appropriate test method or acceptable criteria (Conforming to the requirements BS 890)	As per the defined testing frequency in the factory's internal product quality assurance plan		
5	Silica Sand / Fly Ash (Type C) for AAC Blocks	Conformity with Block manufacturer's requirements.	Appropriate test method or acceptable criteria	As per the defined testing frequency in the factory's internal product quality assurance plan		
6	Gypsum	Conformity with Block manufacturer's requirements.	Appropriate test method or acceptable criteria	As per the defined testing frequency in the factory's internal product quality assurance plan		
7	Other Supplementary cementitious materials (Silica Fume, Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GGBS), or Fly Ash) for Masonry Blocks	Conformity with Block manufacturer's requirements.	Appropriate test method or acceptable criteria	As per the defined testing frequency in the factory's internal product quality assurance plan (Where all used supplementary cementitious materials sources in the production is certified by DCLD-CQPS, this requirement can be waived)		
8	Admixture	Conformity with Block manufacturer's requirements.	Appropriate acceptance criteria	As per the defined testing frequency in the factory's internal product quality assurance plan (Where all used admixture sources in the production is certified by DCLD-CQPS, this requirement can be waived)		
9	Pigments (whenever applicable)	Conformity with Block manufacturer's requirements.	Appropriate acceptance criteria	As per the defined testing frequency in the factory's internal product quality assurance plan		
10	Water	Conformity with Block manufacturer's requirements.	Appropriate test method or acceptable criteria	As per the defined testing frequency in the factory's internal product quality assurance plan		

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11	Thermal insert- for blocks	r sandwich	Conformity with manufacturer requirements	's	Visual inspection to verify that the insert is certified by DCLD-CQPS and bears the DCLD Mark	As per the defined testing frequency in the factory's internal product quality assurance plan (Where all used Thermal insert sources in the production is certified by DCLD-CQPS, this requirement can be waived)
			A.3 Produc	tion F	Process Inspection	,
1	Mixture composition		ty with intended n/mixture values		ual on weighing equipment necking against production process documents	Daily
2	Fresh concrete	Corr	ect mixing		-Visual check	Daily
3	Production	Conformity with documented factory procedures		Chec	king actions against factory procedures	Daily
4	AAC Bocks Production (Raw materials preparation / Dosing and mixing process/Casting, rising and curing /Demoulding and cutting	Conformity with documented factory procedures			king actions against factory procedures	Daily
			A.4 Finish	ed Pr	oduct Inspection	
	Subject Aim Method/Criteria Frequency				Frequency	
	A.4.1 Product Testing					
			A.4	.1.1 Pa	ving Blocks	
1	Visual checking	of TO	orm to Clause 4.5 G 01 Part 4		Visual	-Daily
2	Size (Work size and dimensions)		form to Clauses 3.2 of TG 01 Part 4		Annex B of TG 01	One test per machine per production day
3	Chloride and sulphate		form to Clause TG 01 Part 4		BS 1881:Part 124	One test quarterly and for every change of materials source
4	Compressive strength	4.3.3 of	conform to Clause 3 of TG 01 Part 4		Annex C of TG 01	One test per machine per production day
5	Water absorption		form to Clause TG 01 Part 4		Annex D of TG 01	One test monthly
6	Abrasion resistance		form to Clause TG 01 Part 4	Cla	ause 4.3.5 of TG 01 Part 4	One test yearly
7	Solar Reflective Index (SRI)		form to Clause TG 01 Part 4		ASTM E1980	One test yearly for paving blocks having Class 1 colors (> 29 SRI)
	A.4.1.2 Masonry Blocks					
1	Visual checking		orm to Clause 1.5 G 01 Part 1		Visual	Daily

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2	Sizes (Work size and dimensions)	Shall conform to Clauses 1.3.1 & 1.3.2 of TG 01 Part 1	BS EN 772: Part 16	One test per machine per production day
3	Net Density	Shall conform to Clause 1.3.2.5 of TG 01 Part 1	BS EN 772: Part 13	One test monthly and for every change of materials source
4	Chloride and sulphate	Shall conform to Clause 1.3.2.6 of TG 01 Part 1	BS 1881:Part 124	One test quarterly and for every change of materials source
5	Compressive strength	Shall conform to Clause 1.3.2.7 of TG 01 Part 1	BS EN 772: Part 1 or Annex A of TG 01	One test per machine per production day
6	Drying shrinkage	Shall conform to Clause 1.3.2.8 of TG 01 Part 1	ASTM C 426	One test quarterly
7	Thermal conductivity (whenever applicable)	Shall conform to Clause 1.3.2.9 of TG 01 Part 1	Test methods as per Clause 1.3.2.9 of TG 01 Part 1	One test yearly
		A.4	4.1.3 Filler Blocks	
1	Visual checking	Shall conform to Clause 5.1 of TG 01 Part 2	Visual	-Daily
2	Size (Work size and dimensions)	Shall conform to Clauses 2.3.1 & 2.3.2 of TG 01 Part 2	BS EN 772: Part 16	One test per machine per production day
3	Net Density	Shall conform to Clause 2.3.3 of TG 01 Part 2	BS EN 772: Part 13	One test monthly and for every change of materials source
4	Chloride and sulphate	Shall conform to Clause 2.3.4 of TG 01 Part 2	BS 1881:Part 124	One test quarterly and for every change of materials source
5	Compressive strength	Shall conform to Clause 2.3.5 of TG 01 Part 2	BS EN 772: Part 1 or Annex A of TG 01	One test per machine per production day
6	Drying shrinkage	Shall conform to Clause 2.3.6 of TG 01 Part 2	ASTM C 426	One test quarterly
7	Thermal conductivity (whenever applicable)	Shall conform to Clause 2.3.7 of TG 01 Part 2	Test methods as per clause 2.3.7 of TG 01 Part 2	One test yearly
		A.4.1.4 Concre	ete Thermal Sandwich Blocks	
1	Visual checking	Shall conform to Clause 5.5 of TG 01 Part 5	Visual	Daily
2	Size (Work size and dimensions)	Shall conform to Clauses 5.3.1 & 5.3.2 of TG 01 Part 5	BS EN 772: Part 16	One test per machine per production day
4	Chloride and sulphate	Shall conform to Clause 5.3.4 of TG 01 Part 5	BS 1881:Part 124	One test quarterly and for every change of materials source
5	Compressive strength	Shall conform to Clause 5.3.5 of TG 01 Part 5	BS EN 772: Part 1 or Annex A of TG 01	One test per machine per production day
7	Thermal conductivity of the blocks	Shall conform to Clause 5.3.6 of TG 01 Part 5	Test methods as per clause 5.3.6 of TG 01 Part 5	One test yearly

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A.4.1.5 Autoclaved Aerated Concrete Masonry Blocks				
1	Gross Density	Shall conform to Clause 3.3.1 of TG 01 Part 3	BS EN 772: Part 13	One test monthly and for every change of materials source
2	Chloride and Sulphate content	Shall conform to Clause 3.3.2 of TG 01 Part 3	BS 1881: Part 124	One test monthly and for every change of materials source
3	Drying Shrinkage	Shall conform to Clause 3.3.3 of TG 01 Part 3	BS EN 680	One test quarterly and for every change of materials source
4	Thermal Conductivity	Shall conform to Clause 3.3.4 of TG 01 Part 3	Test methods as per ASTMC 518 (Clause 3.3.4 of TG 01 Part 3)	One test yearly and for every change of materials source
5	Size (Work size and Dimensions)	Shall conform to Clause 3.6.1 of TG 01 Part 3	BS EN 772-16	One test per machine per production day
6	Normalized Compressive Strength	Shall conform to Clause 3.6.2 of TG 01 Part 3	BS EN 772 Part 1	One test per machine per production day
		Shall conform to Clause 3.4 of	Shall continue to provide	
7	Durability Aspect	TG 01 Part 3	satisfactory strength	Visually
	Durability Aspect		confirming to clause 3.4 of TG	Visually
			01 Part 3	
		Shall conform to Clause 3.5 of	Shall be sound and free of	
8	Visual Aspects	TG 01 Part 3	defects as described in Clause	Visually
			3.5.1 and 3.5.2 of TG 01 Part 3	

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