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Bitumen**

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## 1 Introduction

This Technical Specification applies to the stabilisation of materials insitu by the addition of bitumen, as a foam, and a secondary stabilising agent. It only applies to insitu stabilisation of the uppermost layer/s of an existing pavement to form a single stabilised layer of either base or sub-base.

This Technical Specification shall be read in conjunction with MRTS01 *Introduction to Technical Specifications*, MRTS50 *Specific Quality System Requirements* and other Technical Specifications as appropriate.

This Technical Specification forms part of the Transport and Main Roads Specifications Manual.

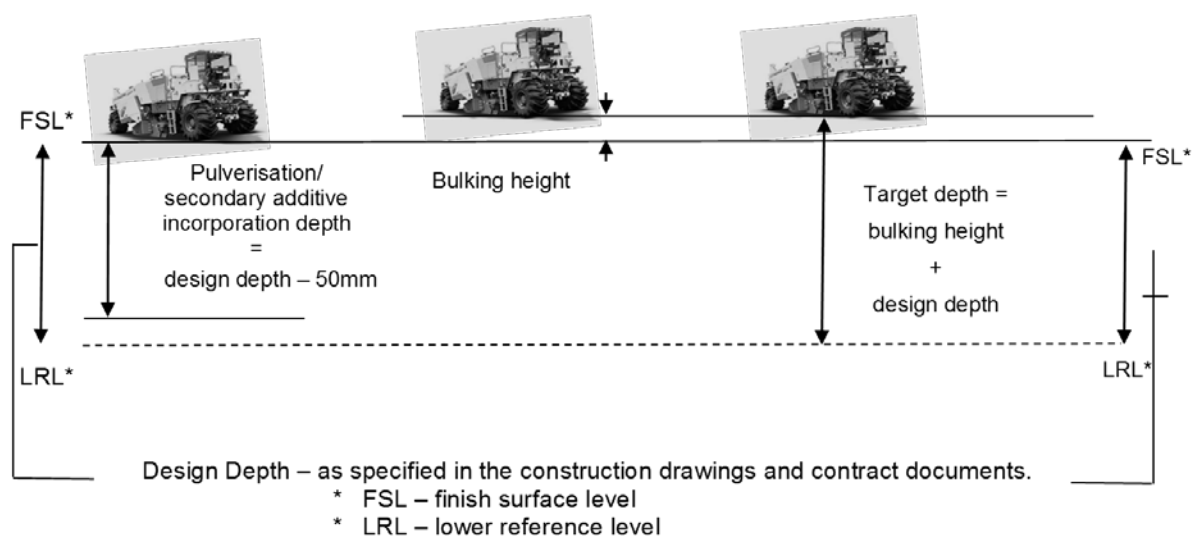
## 2 Definition of terms

The terms used in this Technical Specification shall be as defined in Clause 2 of MRTS01 *Introduction to Technical Specifications*. Additional terms used in this Technical Specification shall be as defined in Table 2. Where indicated in Table 2 of this Technical Specification, a more complete definition is contained in the referenced clause.

**Table 2 – Definition of terms**

| Term                              | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Actual stabilised layer thickness | Achieved stabilised layer thickness as measured from the bottom of stabilised layer to the top of compacted and trimmed stabilised layer.                                                                                                                |
| Allowable working time            | The time measured from the commencement of incorporation (i.e. mixing) of the secondary stabilising agent into the material to completion of compaction and trimming.                                                                                    |
| Available lime index              | The available calcium oxide for quicklime or available calcium hydroxide for hydrated lime in accordance with AS 4489.6.1.                                                                                                                               |
| Binder                            | Stabilising agents – see definitions below.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Bulking                           | Increase in vertical height during incorporating stabilising agents into material using a reclaimer / stabiliser. The increased vertical height of the material is measured from the surface level prior to this incorporation process – refer Figure 2. |
| Curing materials                  | Materials applied to the exposed surfaces of the completed stabilised layer for the purpose of curing.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Design depth                      | As specified in the construction drawings and contract documents – refer Figure 2.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Expansion Ratio                   | A term used to define the expansion properties of the bitumen. It is defined as the ratio of the maximum volume of the bitumen in its foamed state to the volume of bitumen once the foaming has completely subsided.                                    |
| Foamed bitumen                    | Class 170 bitumen which is (temporarily) brought into a foamed state by the addition of water and foaming agent(s).                                                                                                                                      |
| Foaming agent                     | A chemical additive added to bitumen to improve its foaming characteristics.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Half life                         | A term used to define the expansion properties of the bitumen. It is defined as the time taken for the foamed bitumen to settle to one half of the maximum volume of the bitumen in its foamed state. It is measured from the start of bitumen foaming.  |

| Term                          | Definition                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Height of collimation         | Height of collimation is the elevation of the optical axis of the telescope at the time of the setup. The line of collimation is the imaginary line at the elevation.                    |
| Hydrated lime                 | Hydrated lime is a granular form of lime consisting primarily of calcium hydroxide (Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> ).                                                                               |
| Lower reference level         | Lower reference level is the finish surface level minus the design depth – refer Figure 2.                                                                                               |
| Primary stabilising agent     | See 'foamed bitumen'.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Quicklime                     | Quicklime is a granular form of lime consisting primarily of calcium oxide (CaO). Quicklime hydrates rapidly in the presence of water.                                                   |
| Reclaimer / stabiliser        | A single-rotor mix-in-place plant of a type (i.e. plant that mixes insitu) specifically designed for the dual task of reclamation and stabilisation work.                                |
| Relative Moisture Ratio (RMR) | The relative moisture of the treated soil compared to optimum moisture content using standard compaction, expressed as a percentage.                                                     |
| Secondary stabilising agent   | Hydrated lime or slaked quicklime included in the stabilisation process used to improve the dispersion of the foamed bitumen and increase the early strength of the stabilised material. |
| Stabilising agents            | Primary and secondary stabilising agents – see definitions above.                                                                                                                        |
| Target depth                  | Target depth is the cutting depth required by the reclaimer / stabiliser to achieve the lower reference level and shall consider the bulking height – refer Figure 2.                    |

**Figure 2 – Target depth sketch**


| <b>Pulverisation / secondary additive incorporation</b>                                                               | <b>Bulking after secondary additive incorporation</b>                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Target depth / final foam bitumen pass</b>                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Preliminary pulverisation and incorporation of secondary stabilising agent shall be 50 mm less than the design depth. | After surface compaction and trimming, the materials will change in volume due to incorporation of the stabilising agent. The bulking height above FSL needs to be identified and added to the design depth. | Cutting depth required on the final pass by the reclaimer / stabiliser to reach the LRL shall account for the additional bulking above the FSL. |

### 3 Referenced documents

Table 3 lists documents referenced in this Technical Specification.

**Table 3 – Referenced documents**

| <b>Reference</b>                | <b>Title</b>                                                                     |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AS 4486.1                       | <i>Test methods for limes and limestones - Lime index - Available lime</i>       |
| AP-G41/02                       | <i>Austroads' Bitumen Sealing Safety Guide (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)</i>          |
| AP-G41/08                       | <i>Austroads' Bituminous Materials Safety Guide</i>                              |
| Version A –<br>14 February 2000 | National AustStab Guidelines – Verification of Bitumen Application Rate          |
| MRTS01                          | <i>Introduction to Technical Specifications</i>                                  |
| MRTS05                          | <i>Unbound Pavements</i>                                                         |
| MRTS17                          | <i>Bitumen</i>                                                                   |
| MRTS23                          | <i>Supply and Delivery of Quicklime and Hydrated Lime for Road Stabilisation</i> |
| MRTS50                          | <i>Specific Quality System Requirements</i>                                      |
| TN150                           | <i>Testing of Materials for Foamed Bitumen Stabilisation</i>                     |

## 4 Standard test methods

The standard test methods listed in Table 4 shall be used in this Technical Specification subject to the additional requirements given in this Technical Specification (e.g. see Clause 9).

Further details of test method numbers and test descriptions are given in Clause 4 of MRTS01 *Introduction to Technical Specifications*.

**Table 4 – Standard test methods**

| Property to be tested                                                          | Test Method No.          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Determination of the relationship between standard and subsidiary test methods | Q010                     |
| Selection of sampling and test locations                                       | Q050                     |
| Sampling of soils, crushed rock and aggregates                                 | Q060                     |
| Spot sampling of soils, crushed rock and aggregates                            | Q061                     |
| Preparation of disturbed samples                                               | Q101                     |
| Moisture content                                                               | Q102A, Q102B, Q102D      |
| Laboratory reference density                                                   | Q142A, Q143, Q144A       |
| Relative compaction                                                            | Q140A, Q141A, Q141B      |
| Sulfate content                                                                | AS 1289.4.2.1            |
| Road roughness surface evenness                                                | Q708B, Q708C, Q708D      |
| Surface spread rate of stabilising agent (for secondary stabilising agent)     | Q719                     |
| Plastic limit and plasticity index                                             | Q104A, Q104D, Q105, Q106 |
| Particle size distribution                                                     | Q103A                    |
| Relative moisture ratio                                                        | Q250                     |

## 5 Quality system requirements

### 5.1 Hold Points, Witness Points and Milestones

General requirements for Hold Points, Witness Points and Milestones are specified in Clause 5.2 of MRTS01 *Introduction to Technical Specifications*.

The Hold Points, Witness Points and Milestones applicable to this Technical Specification are summarised in Table 5.1.

**Table 5.1 – Hold Points, Witness Points and Milestones**

| Clause | Hold Point                                                      | Witness Point | Milestone                                                                                            |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5.2.2  | 1. Approval of construction procedures and construction program |               | Supply of the construction procedures and construction program for the stabilisation works (42 days) |



| Clause  | Hold Point                                                  | Witness Point                                                                   | Milestone                                           |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 7.1     | 2. Compliance of all materials prior to their incorporation |                                                                                 |                                                     |
| 8       | 3. Construction permitted to proceed                        |                                                                                 |                                                     |
| 8.3     | 4. Survey of services, utilities, buildings and drainage    |                                                                                 |                                                     |
| 8.6.1   | 5. Approval of compaction based on a process requirement    |                                                                                 |                                                     |
| 8.6.2   |                                                             | 1. Construction of trial section (if process standard specified for compaction) |                                                     |
| 8.7.1   |                                                             | 2. Removal and disposal of material not suitable for stabilisation              |                                                     |
| 8.7.2   |                                                             | 3. Preliminary pulverisation                                                    |                                                     |
| 8.7.4   |                                                             | 4. Compacting and trimming surface prior to spreading of the stabilising agent  |                                                     |
| 8.7.6   |                                                             | 5. Spreading secondary stabilising agent                                        |                                                     |
| 8.7.9.2 |                                                             | 6. Nominating the target depth                                                  |                                                     |
| 8.7.11  | 6. Foaming properties of bitumen                            |                                                                                 |                                                     |
| 8.8.1.1 |                                                             |                                                                                 | Ordered spread rate of stabilising agents (14 days) |
| 8.8.1.2 |                                                             | 7. Bitumen tanker dipping                                                       |                                                     |
| 9.9.2   |                                                             | 8. Testing for visible deflection of pavement layer                             |                                                     |
| 9.10    | 7. Acceptance                                               |                                                                                 |                                                     |

## 5.2 Construction procedures

### 5.2.1 General

The Contractor shall prepare documented procedures for all construction processes in accordance with Clause 5 of MRTS50 *Specific Quality System Requirements*.

The construction procedure described in this Clause shall be submitted to the Administrator.

### 5.2.2 Insitu stabilisation

A construction procedure detailing all work described in this Technical Specification shall be prepared.

The construction procedure shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) Details of all plant associated with the work detailed in this Technical Specification.
- b) Details of how services, utilities, buildings and drainage components shall be located (refer to Clause 8.3).
- c) Details of how services, utilities, buildings, drainage components, plant personnel shall be protected from damage, injury, etc. (refer to Clause 8.3).
- d) Calibration procedures (for example, for the spreader, for the bitumen spray bar).
- e) A detailed sequence of operations for all aspects of the stabilisation works, including, but not necessarily limited to:
  - i. details of joint locations
  - ii. details of joint overlaps
  - iii. the length of each run
  - iv. the width of each run
  - v. details of procedures for working up to, or against, structures, kerb, kerb and channel and road safety barriers, and such as bridges, access chambers, gullies, culverts and concrete medians and any existing pavement cutback point, and
  - vi. curing methodology.
- f) The proposed program of works, and
- g) A testing program which shall include, but not be limited to, the testing methodology that shall be used to assess:
  - i. stabilising agent spread rate
  - ii. stabilisation target depth
  - iii. relative moisture ratio
  - iv. compaction standard
  - v. geometric tolerances, and
  - vi. actual stabilised layer thickness.

The following shall also be submitted to the Administrator with the construction procedure:

- a) details of the proposed source(s) of the each stabilising agent(s)
- b) test results demonstrating compliance of the constituents of the proposed bituminous and secondary stabilising agents to the required standards (including a statement of allowable lime index)
- c) test results demonstrating compliance of each proposed water source, and
- d) compliance test results and a representative sample of the unbound pavement material from each proposed source to be used for shape correction and/or to replace material not suitable for stabilisation.

The proposed construction procedure shall be submitted to the Administrator at least 42 days prior to the commencement of stabilisation works. **Milestone**

No stabilisation works shall be commenced until the construction procedure for the stabilisation works is acceptable to, and approved by, the Administrator. **Hold Point 1**

### **5.3 Conformance requirements**

The conformance requirements which apply to lots of stabilised pavement covered by this Technical Specification are given in Clauses 6 to 9.

### **5.4 Testing frequencies and lot sizes**

Material compliance testing requirements are specified in Clause 7 and construction compliance testing requirements are specified in Clause 9.

The testing frequencies and lot sizes for any additional material required for shape correction and for new material to replace material not suitable for stabilisation shall be as stated in Clause 1.1 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

The testing frequencies and lot sizes for construction shall be as stated in Clause 1.2 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

Certification of the compliance of each primary (bituminous) stabilising agent and each secondary stabilising agent is required for each source and for each load.

## **6 Material**

### **6.1 New material to replace material not suitable for stabilisation**

New material which is required to replace material not suitable for stabilisation shall be unbound granular material that complies with the requirements stated in Clause 2 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

Where not so stated in the Annexure, materials shall be either Type 1, Type 2, Type 3 or Type 4 unbound pavement material complying with the requirements of MRTS05 *Unbound Pavements*.

Stabilised material shall not be used as new material for replacement material.

Additionally, any new material incorporated into the Works shall have a water soluble sulfate content not exceeding 1.9 grams of sulfate (expressed as SO<sub>4</sub>) per litre.

### **6.2 Additional material for shape correction**

The shape of the pavement shall be corrected prior to the importation of any overlay material.

Additional material that is required for shape correction shall be unbound granular material that complies with the requirements stated in Clause 3 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

Where not so stated in the Annexure, materials shall be either Type 1, Type 2, Type 3 or Type 4 unbound pavement material complying with the requirements of MRTS05 *Unbound Pavements*.

Stabilised material shall not be used as additional material for shape correction.

Additionally, any new material incorporated into the Works shall have a water soluble sulfate content not exceeding 1.9 grams of sulfate (expressed as SO<sub>4</sub>) per litre.

### 6.3 Stabilising agents

The primary (bituminous) and secondary stabilising agents shall comply with the relevant Technical Specification in Table 6.3.

**Table 6.3 – Stabilising agent requirements**

| Agent                       | Technical Specification                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Primary stabilising agent   | Class 170 Bitumen complying with MRTS17 <i>Bitumen</i>                                                                            |
| Secondary stabilising agent | Hydrated lime or quicklime complying with MRTS23 <i>Supply and Delivery of Quicklime and Hydrated Lime for Road Stabilisation</i> |

The estimated content and specified spread rate for the bituminous stabilising agent are given in Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07C.1. Where not so stated in Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07C.1, the total specified application rate shall be 18 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

The bituminous stabilising agent shall exhibit an expansion ratio greater than 10 and a half life greater than 20 seconds following incorporation of any foaming agents required to meet these minimum bitumen foaming requirements. The foaming agent content shall not be less than 0.4% nor greater than 2% of the bitumen by mass.

The estimated content and specified spread rate for the secondary stabilising agent are also given in Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07C.1. Where not so stated in Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07C.1, the total specified application rate shall be 10 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

At the time of spreading, the secondary stabilising agent shall not be more than three months old, measured from its date of manufacture. The stabilising agent shall have an available lime index of not less than 80%.

The Contractor shall make allowance for the type of secondary stabilising agent used and the variation of the Available Lime Index of the secondary stabilising agent supplied. The calculation to convert the hydrated lime content used in the laboratory, to the quicklime or hydrated lime content used in construction is shown below.

Converted Quicklime content (%) from laboratory Hydrated Lime content (%)

$$\text{Rate Q} = 0.76 \times (\text{Rate H}) \times \frac{AL_x}{AL_y}$$

where:

Rate Q is the content of quicklime to be targeted in the field (% by mass)

Rate H is the content of hydrated lime nominated in the design (% by mass)

$AL_x$  is available lime index of hydrated lime (%) used in the laboratory mix design testing

$AL_y$  is available lime index of quicklime (%), used in construction

Converted Hydrated Lime content (%) from laboratory Hydrated Lime content (%)

$$\text{Rate Q} = (\text{Rate H}) \times \frac{AL_x}{AL_y}$$

where:

Rate Q is the content of hydrated lime to be targeted in the field (% by mass)

Rate H is the content of hydrated lime nominated in the design (% by mass)

$AL_x$  is available lime index of hydrated lime (%), used in the laboratory mix design testing

$AL_y$  is available lime index of hydrated lime (%), used in construction

## 6.4 Water

Water used should be potable. Where potable water is not available, the Administrator may consider water from other sources. In all cases, the water used shall contain less than 0.5% sulfates and be free from oil, acids, organic matter and any other matter that could be deleterious to the mixture.

Recycled water shall not be used for any other purpose without the written approval of the Administrator.

The sources(s) of water shall not be changed without the written permission of the Administrator.

## 7 Material compliance testing

### 7.1 General

No material shall be incorporated into the work unless it has been demonstrated to the Administrator's satisfaction that the material(s) to be used in this Contract comply fully with the requirements of this Technical Specification. **Hold Point 2**

The Contractor is responsible for carrying out sufficient testing to ensure that the material complies with the standards and requirements of this Technical Specification. However, the Contractor's testing program shall be such that the testing frequencies and number of tests are not less than those given in Clause 5.4.

The testing of individual samples shall be carried out in accordance with the Test Methods described in Clause 4.

The material(s) / sources used in the Contract shall be the same as those for material(s) supplied as samples or for which certificates of compliance with this specification are provided.

The costs associated with material compliance testing shall be deemed to be incorporated in the relevant work items.

### 7.2 Stabilising agents and water

Sampling and testing shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant standards.

A certificate of test results demonstrating compliance of each of the bituminous and secondary stabilising agents to the relevant Specification shall be provided for each load, or part thereof, of each stabilising agent.

A certificate of test results demonstrating the compliance of each proposed water source shall be provided.

### **7.3 Unbound pavement material**

Compliance testing of any new unbound pavement material used to replace material not suitable for stabilisation shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

Compliance testing of any additional material used for shape correction shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

In all cases Type 1, Type 2, Type 3 and Type 4 material shall also comply with MRTS05 *Unbound Pavements*.

## **8 Construction**

Prior to acceptance (Clause 9.10), construction shall not proceed until the Administrator is satisfied that the requirements covered by Clause 8.1 to Clause 8.8.4.4.3 are satisfied. **Hold Point 3**

### **8.1 General**

Construction of the stabilised layer shown in the Drawings or otherwise specified in the Contract shall be completed as one layer.

Once the secondary stabilising agent has been spread (and fully hydrated via slaking if quicklime is used), and incorporated into pavement, the foamed bitumen incorporation shall follow. The foamed bitumen shall be incorporated over the entire area of stabilisation within the same work period in which the secondary stabilising agent was applied. The stabilised material shall be fully compacted and trimmed within the allowable working time as per Clause 8.4.

The required design depth shall be stated in Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07B.1.

The datum for measurement of the 'actual depth' shall be as stated in Clause 12 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

Details of measuring the actual thickness of stabilised layer is described in Clause 8.8.4.1.2.

### **8.2 Program of works**

The Contractor shall submit the proposed program of the stabilisation works to the Administrator at least 42 days prior to the commencement of stabilisation works unless otherwise agreed by the Administrator.

Stabilisation works shall not be commenced until the program has been approved by the Administrator (refer to Clause 5.2.2 and Hold Point 1).

### **8.3 Site services, utilities, buildings and drainage**

A survey of the site to determine the location and depth of services, utilities, buildings and drainage components shall be carried out prior to commencement of construction. The survey shall include details of how these and plant and personnel on site shall be protected and how the stabilisation works shall be completed without any detrimental effects to them in the proposed construction procedure (refer to Clause 5.2.2).

Stabilising operation shall not commence until the survey has been completed and a copy of the report provided to the Administrator. **Hold Point 4**

#### **8.4 Allowable working time**

The allowable working time, measured from the commencement of incorporating / mixing the first application of secondary additive into the unstabilised pavement materials, to the completion of trimming and compacting (excluding multi-tyre rolling) of the stabilised materials shall be 6.5 hours.

Compaction and trimming of the stabilised layer shall be completed within the allowable working time.

The construction process shall not extend overnight.

Instances where stabilisation cannot be completed within the 6.5 hour period, due to unforeseeable circumstances, the Administrator may consider the following:

- If lime is the secondary stabilising agent and the construction can recommence within 24 hours, the process may continue, provided the material prior to foam bitumen stabilisation meets the requirements in Clause 8.8.2. If the construction delay exceeds 24 hours, treatment within an additional 0.5% lime should be considered. Any extra lime addition (over 0.5%) should be only considered after extensive investigation and testing.
- If cement is the secondary stabilising agent and a delay is experienced due to unforeseeable circumstances, the material shall be considered unsuitable for foam bitumen stabilising.
- In all cases, any rework shall be performed to the full depth of the stabilised layer.

#### **8.5 Construction process**

##### **8.5.1 General**

The construction process shall be based either on a process requirement or a product standard. The method for this Contract shall be as stated in Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

##### **8.5.2 Construction based on process requirements**

If a process requirement is specified in Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07C.1, construction shall:

- a) incorporate the methodology and construction of trial sections in accordance with the requirements of Clause 8.6
- b) comply with the construction requirements stated in Clause 8.7, and
- c) comply with the product standards stated in Clause 8.8 except that compaction testing shall not be required on completed works other than trial section, provided that the Contractor uses the same construction plant, process and methodology as that used for the trial section.

##### **8.5.3 Construction based on product standards**

If a product requirement is specified in Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07C.1, construction shall:

- a) comply with the construction requirements stated in Clause 8.7, and
- b) comply with the product standards stated in Clause 8.8.

## **8.6 Process requirements**

### **8.6.1 Methodology**

Each section of the Works with a specific combination of stabilising agent type(s), stabilising agent content(s), material(s) to be stabilised and target depth shall be identified as a separate area for construction.

A trial section shall be constructed for each separate area for construction in accordance with the requirements of Clause 8.6.2.

The compaction of each trial section shall be checked for compaction in accordance with Clause 8.8.3 and tested in accordance with Clause 5.4. If the characteristic value of the relative compaction results for the trial section is not less than the value specified in Clause 8.8.3, no further compaction testing shall be carried out for the balance of the area for construction that is represented by that trial section, provided that the same construction plant, processes and methodology is used to construct the remaining area as that used for the construction of the trial section.

If the characteristic value of the relative compaction results for the trial section is less than the value specified in Clause 8.8.3, the trial section shall be rectified so that it complies with this Technical Specification and an additional trial section shall be constructed and assessed in accordance with this Clause 8.6.

Construction based on a process requirement and a trial shall not be used for the balance of the works without approval of the Administrator. **Hold Point 5**

### **8.6.2 Trial section**

A trial section shall be constructed using the same construction plant, processes and methodology that is proposed to be used for the remainder of the works represented by the trial section.

#### **Witness Point 1**

A trial section shall be at least 200 m long, 3 m wide and include a longitudinal joint.

All operations, testing etc., required by this Technical Specification, including compaction testing, shall be used in the construction and testing of each trial section.

## **8.7 Construction requirements**

### **8.7.1 Removal and disposal of material not suitable for stabilisation (if required)**

Material not suitable for stabilisation shall include:

- a) Any particle or conglomeration, that exists after preliminary pulverisation, with a dimension greater than 75 mm along any axis.
- b) Any material(s) deemed unsuitable by the Administrator, which may include:
  - i. cement treated patches, and
  - ii. asphalt patches where the total asphalt thickness is greater than 50 mm unless other methods are approved by the Administrator, and
- c) Any additional requirements stated in Clause 4 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

At least seven days prior to the date shown in the Contractor's program of works for the removal of material not suitable for stabilisation, the Administrator will mark out patches and/or identify unsuitable materials that are to be replaced.



Where material not suitable for stabilisation is encountered, the volume to be removed shall be agreed with the Administrator prior to removal and replacement operations commencing. **Witness Point 2**

Existing material that is unsuitable for stabilisation shall be removed and disposed of in accordance with Clause 10 of MRTS01 *Introduction to Technical Specifications* unless other methods are approved by the Administrator.

New material conforming to the requirements stated in Clause 6.1 shall be used to replace the material removed as not suitable for stabilisation. It shall be spread, compacted and trimmed to a shape suitable for stabilisation, compaction and trimming to the alignment, heights and shapes specified in the Contract for the completed work.

### **8.7.2 Preliminary pulverisation**

The material to be stabilised shall be pulverised in accordance with this clause. One pass of a reclaimer / stabiliser or profiler shall be used to pulverise the material to be stabilised to a depth that is 50 mm less than the target depth of the stabilised layer. **Witness Point 3**

Preliminary pulverisation shall occur:

- a) after the removal and replacement of material identified as material not suitable for stabilisation
- b) prior to the addition of shape correction material, and
- c) prior to the application or addition of either the bituminous or secondary stabilising agents.

Any additional patches identified during preliminary pulverisation as material not suitable for stabilisation and accepted by the Administrator as being material not suitable for stabilisation shall be removed and replaced as specified in Clause 8.7.1.

Any particle or conglomeration with a dimension greater than 75 mm along any axis shall be removed from the pulverised material and the voids made good prior to stabilisation. Voids shall be made good either by using new material in accordance with Clause 6.1 or excess pulverised material that is both adjacent to the void and suitable for stabilisation.

### **8.7.3 Additional material for shape correction (if required)**

The shape of the pavement shall be corrected prior to the importation of any overlay material.

Additional material required for shape correction shall be as specified in Clause 6.2 and shall be added after preliminary pulverisation has been completed. It shall be spread onto the surface of the pavement to a shape suitable for stabilisation, compaction and trimming to the alignment, heights and shapes specified in the Contract.

Compaction of the additional material required for shape correction shall be administrated through either product requirement (Clause 9.3) and/or process requirement (Clause 9.2). This shall be approved by the Administrator.

The characteristic value of the relative compaction results shall not be less than 100%. This compaction testing requirement is not applicable if the material thickness less than 75 mm.

#### **8.7.4 Compacting and trimming the surface prior to spreading of the secondary stabilising agent**

Prior to spreading of the stabilising agent, the surface shall be shaped, compacted and trimmed to a degree that is sufficient to facilitate stabilisation specified in the Contract. **Witness Point 4**

#### **8.7.5 Secondary stabilising agent equipment**

Secondary stabilising agent shall be transported, stored and spread using equipment that is both waterproof and watertight. Equipment used to transfer the secondary stabilising agent shall also be waterproof during the transfer process. All such equipment shall be emptied, cleaned and dried prior to the introduction of each type of secondary stabilising agent to be used in the stabilisation works.

Where a stabiliser or reclaimer/stabiliser with a calibrated integrated spreader is used or required (refer to Clause 5 of Annexure MRTS07C.1), the secondary stabilising agent shall be incorporated into the pavement directly using this device. In this case, quicklime shall not be used as the secondary stabilising agent.

Where a stabiliser or reclaimer / stabiliser with a calibrated integrated spreader is not used or required (refer to Clause 5 of Annexure MRTS07C.1), the secondary stabilising agent shall be uniformly spread over the insitu material using a purpose-built calibrated spreader at a controlled rate (mass per unit area, kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

#### **8.7.6 Spreading of secondary stabilising agent**

The stabilising agent shall be uniformly spread over the insitu material at a controlled rate (mass per unit area, kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

The maximum amount of secondary stabilising agent to be spread in one pass shall be 10 kg/m<sup>2</sup> to avoid wastage. Spread rates greater than 10 kg/m<sup>2</sup> are generally not recommended. However, a maximum spread rate of 12 kg/m<sup>2</sup> may be considered by the Administrator provided a successful field trial is carried out. If excessive wastage is seen, a maximum spread rate of 10 kg/m<sup>2</sup> shall be adopted. The number of passes shall be calculated to comply with this requirement.

Traffic shall be stopped during spreading of secondary stabilising agent. If wind direction is such that airborne secondary additive are impeding through traffic.

At the start of each individual spreading run, the surface spread rate of the secondary stabilising agent shall be determined using the surface spread rate test method (Q719). The surface spread rate test shall be carried out within a distance of 35 m from the start of each individual spreading run. After the purpose-built calibrated spreader/integrated spreader has spread over the mat or tray/s, the spreader shall be halted, the actual spread rate measured and this result compared with allowable tolerances specified in Clause 8.8.1.3. If the spread rate result is within the allowable tolerance, the spreader shall be allowed to complete the run. If the spread rate result is outside the allowable tolerance, additional surface spread rate tests shall be repeated in 35 m intervals until the measured surface spread rate result is within the tolerance stated in Clause 8.8.1.3. The Contractor shall undertake corrective action in the area which has non-conforming surface spread rates. **Witness Point 5**

Additional surface spread rate tests at other locations (for example middle and/or end of a run) shall be conducted upon the request of the Administrator.

Once the secondary stabilising agent has been spread, no traffic, other than the construction plant employed for the stabilisation work, shall travel over it.

The results of all surface spread rate tests shall be recorded and included in the quality records and reported to the Administrator (refer to Clause 9.7).

Secondary stabilising agent shall be incorporated as specified in Clauses 8.7.7, 8.7.8, 8.7.9, 8.7.10 and 8.7.11. Further trimming and/or compaction as required (refer to Clauses 8.7.4, 8.7.12, 8.7.13 and 8.7.14) shall be completed before each spreading run.

#### **8.7.7 Quicklime as the secondary stabilising agent**

Where quicklime is used as the secondary stabilising agent, it shall be spread (refer to Clause 8.7.6) and fully slaked prior to incorporation into the material(s) to be stabilised. There shall be no residual quicklime after slaking. Quicklime shall be slaked with sufficient potable water to allow complete hydration such that the material remains friable after slaking and no further exothermic reaction occurs when further water is added to the material.

All through traffic shall be stopped during any slaking operation.

The equivalent calcium oxide content of quicklime (lime index) shall not be less than 80%.

#### **8.7.8 Incorporation of the secondary stabilising agent**

Incorporation of the secondary stabilising agent shall be achieved using a reclaimer / stabiliser before the incorporation of the bituminous stabilising agent. The exact location at the start and end of each of the stabilisation runs shall be marked out.

Single pass secondary stabilising agent incorporation (refer to Clause 8.4):

1. Spread and mix the maximum allowable secondary additive for a single pass as per Clause 8.7.6 with the addition of water by means of stabiliser / reclaimer to achieve 55–75% RMR. The secondary stabilising agent incorporation depth shall be 50 mm less than design depth (50 mm above the lower reference level) and compacted with a smooth drum roller with vibration (refer to the Table 8.7.19) and trimmed prior to foamed bitumen pass by using a grader (refer to Clause 8.7.9.2).
2. If the secondary stabilising agent is lime, not more than four hours after the secondary stabilising agent is incorporated into the pavement material, the bituminous stabilising agent shall be mixed into the pavement material with one pass of the reclaimer/stabiliser to the full target depth of stabilisation to achieve lower reference level (refer to Figure 2 and Clause 8.7.9.2).
3. If the secondary stabilising agent is GB (General Blend) cement, not more than two hours after the secondary stabilising agent is incorporated into the pavement material, the bituminous stabilising agent shall be mixed into the pavement material with one pass of the reclaimer / stabiliser to the full target depth of stabilisation to achieve lower reference level (refer to Figure 2 and Clause 8.7.9.2).

Two pass secondary stabilising agent incorporation (refer to Clause 8.4):

1. Spread and mix the first pass at a rate of up to half the required rate of the secondary stabilising agent without the addition of water. The first incorporation pass shall be to a depth of 50 mm less than design depth (50 mm above the lower reference level) and compacted with smooth drum roller with vibration (refer to the Table 8.7.19).
2. Spread and mix remaining balance of the required secondary stabilising agent with the addition of water by means of stabiliser / reclaimer to achieve 55–75% RMR. The secondary

stabilising agent incorporation depth shall again be 50 mm less than design depth (50 mm above the lower reference level) and compacted with a smooth drum roller with vibration (refer to the Table 8.7.19) and trimmed prior to final foamed bitumen pass using a grader (refer Clause 8.7.9.2).

3. If the secondary stabilising agent is lime, not more than four hours after the secondary stabilising agent is incorporated into the pavement material, the bituminous stabilising agent shall be mixed into the pavement material with one pass of the reclaimer / stabiliser to the full target depth of stabilisation to achieve the lower reference level (refer Figure 2).
4. If the secondary stabilising agent is GB cement, not more than two hours after the secondary stabilising agent is incorporated into the pavement material, the bituminous stabilising agent shall be mixed into the pavement material with one pass of the reclaimer / stabiliser to the full target depth of stabilisation to achieve the lower reference level (refer Figure 2).

After each spreading run, and before any other spreading run, secondary stabilising agent shall be incorporated as specified in Clauses 8.7.7, 8.7.8, 8.7.9, 8.7.10 and 8.7.11. Further trimming and/or compaction as required (refer to Clauses 8.7.4, 8.7.12, 8.7.13, and 8.7.14) shall be completed before each spreading run.

#### **8.7.9 Incorporation of moisture**

Moisture may be incorporated into the stabilised pavement material using a stabiliser or reclaimer / stabiliser to correct for moisture variations in the existing pavement material at the following stages during the stabilisation process to assist with bitumen dispersion:

- a) during the initial pulverisation of the pavement material
- b) during the incorporation of the secondary stabilising agent into the pavement material, and
- c) during a separate pass of the reclaimer / stabiliser prior to, or during the, incorporation of the bituminous stabilising agent.

Unless otherwise approved by the Administrator, water shall be added by means of a controlled pressure feed distribution system located inside the mixing chamber of the reclaimer/stabiliser. This system shall be capable of spraying varying rates across its width. The moisture content of the material being stabilised shall be uniform and within the specified range indicated in Clause 8.8.2.

Moisture may also be incorporated into the stabilised pavement material following incorporation of the bituminous stabilising agent for the purposes of achieving compaction.

The stabiliser / reclaimer shall control the moisture content to be incorporated into the stabilised pavement material following incorporation of the bituminous stabilising agent for the purposes of achieving compaction.

##### **8.7.9.1 Compaction after incorporation of the secondary stabilising agent**

Adequate compaction shall be completed after each application of secondary stabilising agent has been incorporated into the material. This shall be carried out using an appropriate roller that is capable of achieving relatively uniform compaction over the depth of the stabilised layer.

##### **8.7.9.2 Trimming prior to the incorporation of the bituminous stabilising agent**

Prior to the final bituminous incorporation pass, the surface level shall be compacted and shaped to the specified crossfall. Surface level heights higher than specified in the Drawings or Contract after

compaction and shaping due to the effects of 'bulking' shall be uniform and shall be identified. In this case, the difference in height between specified in the Drawings or Contract and attained (bulking) shall be added to the design depth to determine the stabilising target depth for the final bituminous incorporation pass (refer to Figure 2). **Witness Point 6**

Alternatively, prior to the incorporation pass of the bituminous stabilising agent, the surface shall be shaped, compacted and trimmed to the alignment, heights and shapes specified in the Contract.

#### **8.7.10 Bituminous stabilising agent equipment**

The bituminous stabilising agent shall be transported, stored and transferred using the recommended equipment and procedures described in *Austrroads' Bitumen Sealing Safety Guide* (2nd Edition) and *Austrroads' Bituminous Materials Safety Guide*. Notwithstanding this the bituminous stabilising agent shall also be transported, stored and transferred as specified in MRTS17 *Bitumen*. Further bituminous stabilising agent equipment shall also comply with the requirements given in Clause 8.7.19.

#### **8.7.11 Incorporation of bituminous stabilising agent and mixing**

Incorporation of the bituminous stabilising agent and mixing of the stabilised pavement material shall be carried out using a stabiliser / reclaimer with at least the attributes stated in Clause 8.7.19.

The exact location at the start and end of each of the stabilisation runs shall be marked out.

Foaming agent should be added to bitumen tanker at last 30 minutes prior to incorporation to enable foaming properties to be achieved as per Clause 6.3.

The bituminous stabilising agent shall be incorporated and mixed into the pavement material during one pass of the reclaimer / stabiliser. Mixing shall be to the full depth of stabilisation to ensure mixing to the lower reference level whereby meeting the requirements of Clause 8.8.4.1. In addition, the distribution of the bituminous stabilising agent, secondary stabilising agent and water shall be uniform throughout the full depth, and over the entire area of the material to be stabilised. The resultant layer shall have no lenses, pockets, lumps or granules of either incompletely mixed material, or incompletely mixed bituminous and secondary stabilising agents. It shall also not be segregated. Mixing uniformity shall be continuously inspected visually and work shall stop if bitumen streaks, blotches or bitumen rich agglomerations form in the mixed material. Corrective action shall immediately be implemented to limit the extent of the defective area.

Where test results or visual inspection by the Administrator indicate that the mixing requirements stated in this clause have not been met, additional mixing passes shall be carried out to improve the uniformity of the:

- a) materials to be stabilised
- b) distribution of the bituminous and secondary stabilising agents, and
- c) distribution of water.

No additional or separate payment shall be made for any additional passes ordered by the Administrator.

The foamed bitumen shall exhibit a minimum expansion ratio of 10 and a minimum half life of 20 seconds at the time of incorporation. The bitumen shall be incorporated at a temperature between 180°C and 190°C. Bitumen temperature shall not fall below 170°C throughout the bitumen incorporation process. The expansion ratio and half life of every tanker load of bitumen shall be checked using the inspection nozzle on board the stabiliser / reclaimer.

Foaming properties shall be determined within the first 35 m of incorporation of bitumen stabilisation agent while the machine is in motion. Incorporation shall halt until expansion ratio and half life requirements stated in the clause are satisfied. **Hold Point 6**

The bituminous stabilising agent shall not continue to be incorporated into the pavement material where the foaming properties of the tanker load of bitumen are not in accordance with the requirements stated in this clause.

#### **8.7.12 Initial compaction and trimming after completion of stabilisation but before final compaction**

Immediately after stabilisation, the stabilised area shall be initially compacted to eliminate the height differential between the bulked stabilised material, and any wheel ruts left by the stabiliser / reclaimer. This may be achieved with at least two passes of a vibrating roller.

After initial compaction, and before final compaction commences, the surface shall be trimmed to approximately the alignment, heights and shapes specified in the Contract for the completed work and any depressions shall be filled with additional material stabilised with both stabilising agents that is mixed and placed within its allowable working time. Further final compaction and trimming of all materials shall be completed within the allowable working time of each material (refer to Clause 8.4).

The stabilised layer shall be compacted to the standard stated in Clause 8.8.3.

Compaction shall be undertaken on the single layer of stabilised material. Compaction shall be achieved for the full thickness of the single stabilised layer. The stabilised layer shall be compacted to the standard stated in Clause 8.8.3.

#### **8.7.13 Trimming after final compaction**

Final trimming of the pavement shall be carried out as soon as practicable after rollers have completed compacting the pavement.

Pad foot marks shall be cut to prevent the marks reflecting to the surface after trafficking. The cutting depth to remove the pad foot marks shall not be less than 100 mm.

No marks caused by a pad foot or other roller shall remain on the surface after final trimming and the surface shall be free from loose pockets, holes, bumps and lenses of material.

Localised depression and rises shall be treated as determined jointly by the Administrator and the Contractor.

The trimmed surface shall be free from loose pockets, holes, bumps and lenses of material.

All trimming shall involve cutting to waste. All material cut to waste shall be disposed of in accordance with Clause 10 of MRTS01 *Introduction to Technical Specifications*. No separate or additional payment shall be made for the disposal of material cut to waste. The cost of all activities associated with the disposal of material cut to waste shall be deemed to be incorporated into the relevant works.

#### **8.7.14 Period for compaction and trimming**

Compaction and trimming (excluding multi-tyre rolling) shall be completed within the allowable working time (refer to Clause 8.4).

## **8.7.15 Construction joints**

### **8.7.15.1 General**

Joints shall be constructed such that the material at the joints complies with the requirements of this Technical Specification.

A construction joint shall be deemed fresh when the material on each side of the joint has been stabilised, placed and compacted within the allowable working time of the stabilised material constructed first.

### **8.7.15.2 Longitudinal joints**

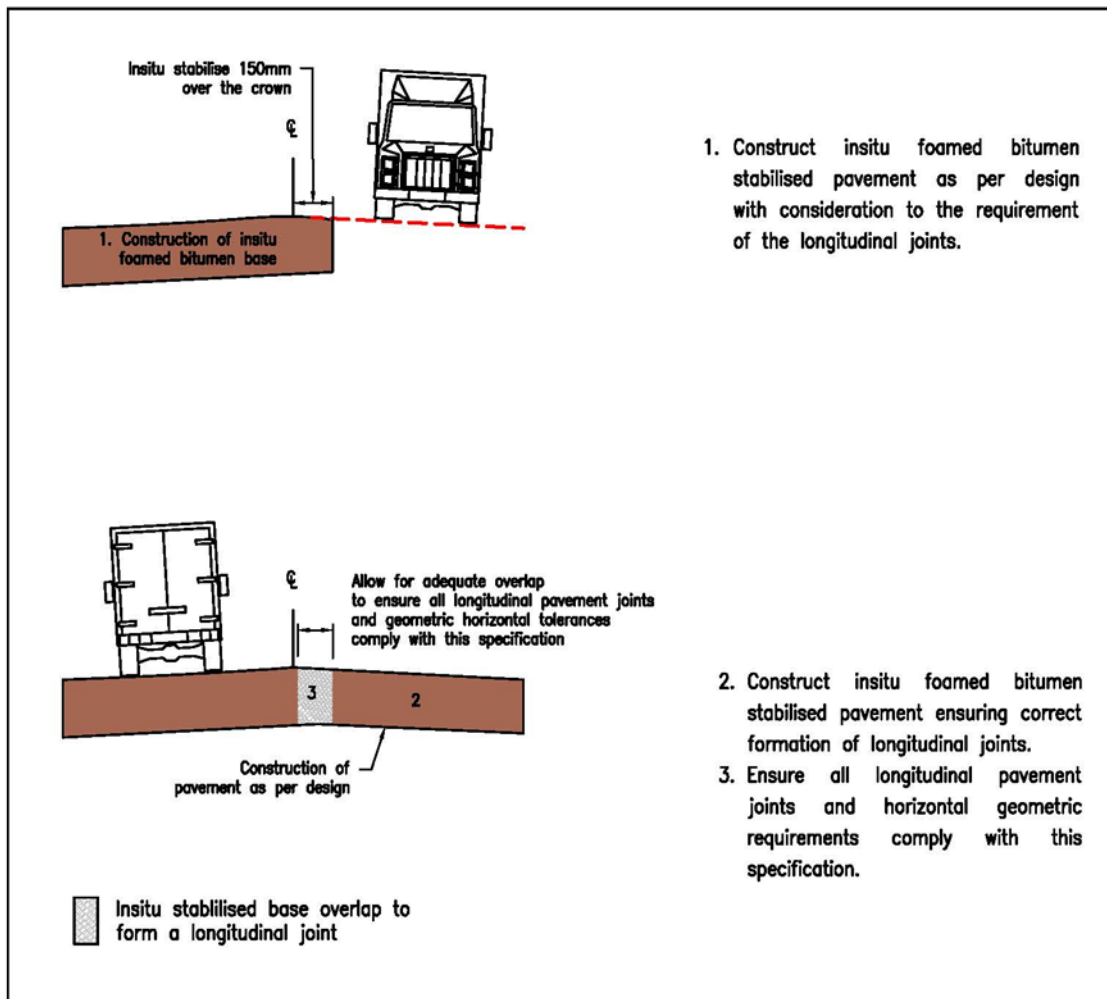
Longitudinal joints shall not be located in the through traffic wheel paths.

Where a fresh longitudinal joint between adjacent runs is to be compacted, the outside 300 mm of material from the first run shall be left uncompacted until the adjacent material is ready for compaction. The joint shall be water cured during this period. When the fresh joint is compacted the roller shall be partially supported on the portion of the first run that has been previously compacted.

To ensure complete stabilisation across the full width of the pavement, the minimum distance for cutting back / overlapping into previously stabilised material shall be the greater of 100 mm or the distance to a point where the stabilised material complies with this specification. The overlap at a change of crossfall or crown will need to be carefully considered to comply with the longitudinal joint requirements of this clause and Clause 8.8.4.

No separate or additional payment shall be made for the disposal of material cut to waste. The cost of all activities associated with the disposal of material cut to waste shall be deemed to be incorporated into the relevant works.

Figure 8.7.15.2 – Typical construction process



### 8.7.15.3 Transverse joints

For transverse joints that are not made during the allowable working time of the material stabilised, the adjoining section previously stabilised shall be cut back by the greater of 1.5 m and the distance to a point where the stabilised material complies with this Technical Specification. The cutback material shall be removed, disposed of and replaced in accordance with this Technical Specification. After this material has been replaced with material that complies with the requirements of Clause 6.1, the material shall then be included in the stabilisation process of the adjoining section to be stabilised.

Alternatively, with approval by the Administrator, the adjoining stabilised section shall be remixed using a stabiliser / reclaiming machine by the greater of 1.5 m or the length ordered by the Administrator.

No separate or additional payment shall be made for the disposal of material cut to waste. The cost of all activities associated with the disposal of material cut to waste shall be deemed to be incorporated into the relevant work items.

### 8.7.16 Curing

A curing operation shall commence immediately after the completion of compaction. Curing operation shall be carried out with extreme care to avoid any damage to the stabilised layer.



The stabilised layer shall be cured using water by maintaining the layer surface and edges in a continuously damp condition, using the occasional application of a uniformly applied fine mist, until a bituminous surfacing with a cover aggregate is placed as described in Clause 8.7.17 has been applied. Water shall be applied in a manner such that slurring of the surface, pavement instability, pavement erosion flushing and/or leaching of the stabilising agents are all avoided.

#### 8.7.17 Bituminous surfacing

Unless otherwise approved by the Administrator, a bituminous surfacing with a cover aggregate shall be applied within seven calendar days of completion of the stabilised layer.

#### 8.7.18 Maintenance of the stabilised layer

The stabilised layer shall be maintained by the Contractor until a bituminous surfacing with a cover aggregate is applied, or until the stabilised layer is covered by another pavement layer, or until the Administrator accepts and takes responsibility for that area (whichever is the longer).

The surface of the compacted layer shall be kept moist, in good order, in good condition and free from contamination. Construction and other traffic shall not use the compacted stabilised layer where damage to the surface may occur.

No separate or additional payment shall be made for maintenance of the stabilised layer. The cost of all activities associated with maintenance of the stabilised layer shall be deemed to be incorporated into the relevant work items for the stabilised layer.

#### 8.7.19 Minimum requirements and numbers of particular plant

The minimum requirements and numbers of particular plant that shall be on Site at all times during the stabilisation works shall be as stated in Clause 5 of Annexure MRTS07C.1. This shall also be the plant used for the stabilisation. Where not so stated in the Annexure, the minimum requirements and numbers of particular plant that shall be on Site at all times during the stabilisation works shall be as stated in Table 8.7.19.

**Table 8.7.19 – Minimum requirements and numbers of particular plant**

| Description                                                                                                                                                                  | Minimum requirement for each piece of plant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Minimum number of units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Reclaimer / stabiliser with foamed bitumen spray bar in mixing chamber<br>or<br>Integrated spreader / reclaimer / stabiliser with foamed bitumen spray bar in mixing chamber | a) Minimum power capacity of 155 kW/m of the drum width.<br>b) Capable of mixing to the specified depth.<br>c) Purpose built foamed bitumen spray bar located inside the mixing chamber of the stabiliser or stabiliser / reclaimer.<br>d) Bitumen injection systems linked to the ground speed to ensure an accurate application of foamed bitumen throughout a run irrespective of the speed of the plant.<br>e) Inspection or test jet to ensure uniform flow of bitumen and that the required expansion ratio and half life of the foamed bitumen are being achieved.<br>f) Self-cleaning bitumen jets.<br>g) Bitumen foaming jets can be shut off individually for partial reclaimer width stabilisation. | 1                       |

| Description                       | Minimum requirement for each piece of plant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Minimum number of units |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                   | h) Bitumen temperature gauges to verify bitumen temperature.<br>i) Capable of supplying both water and additive such that incorporation rates can be varied across the full width of the stabilising box and incrementally across the box.<br>j) Computer controlled bitumen flow meter for verification of applied additive content, and<br>k) Calibrated and capable of spreading varying widths (if integrated spreader / reclaimer / stabiliser). |                         |
| Purpose-built calibrated spreader | Calibrated with load cells and capable of uniformly spreading stabilising agent using a fixed bulk bin feeding a mechanical or hydraulic driven spreading rotor to varying widths.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1                       |
| Vibrating pad foot roller         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 tonnes for compacted thicknesses up to 200 mm.</li> <li>• 21 tonnes for compacted thicknesses up to 300 mm.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1                       |
| Vibrating smooth drum roller      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 tonnes for compacted thicknesses up to 200 mm.</li> <li>• 21 tonnes for compacted thicknesses up to 300 mm.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1                       |
| Multi-tyre roller                 | Minimum 12 tonnes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1                       |
| Water truck                       | Minimum capacity of 6000 litres                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2                       |
| Grader                            | Manned by final trim operator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1                       |

### 8.7.20 Conditions under which stabilisation shall not proceed

The entire stabilisation process shall not proceed in any of the following situations:

- a) during rainfall
- b) when rainfall appears to be imminent
- c) during periods when the wind is strong enough to cause particles of the secondary stabilising agent to become airborne
- d) during conditions that may result in the work causing nuisance or danger to people, property or the environment
- e) when the pavement temperature, measured 50 mm below the surface, drops below 10°C, or
- f) when the air temperature, measured in the shade, exceeds 40°C.

### 8.8 Product standards

Compliance testing of the pavement shall be undertaken for each lot. Where a process standard is specified, the compaction requirements in this clause apply to trial sections but not to other sections. Where a product standard is specified, the compaction requirements in this clause apply to all sections / lots.

## **8.8.1 Stabilising agent content**

### **8.8.1.1 Ordered spread rate**

At least 14 days prior to the commencement of stabilisation works, the Administrator will confirm or adjust the estimated bituminous stabilising agent content and the estimated secondary stabilising agent content stated in Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

The confirmed or adjusted stabilising agent contents shall be defined as the ordered bituminous stabilising agent spread rate and the ordered secondary stabilising agent spread rate respectively.

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### **8.8.1.2 Actual bituminous stabilising agent spread rate**

The actual bituminous stabilising agent spread rate shall be represented either by the average of the measured application rates, measured by the flow meter on board the reclaimer / stabiliser, or the average of the tanker dipping readings measured at the start and end of each stabilising run.

**Witness Point 7** The system to be used for this Contract shall be as stated in Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

The actual bituminous stabilising agent spread rate shall be within  $\pm 10\%$  of the ordered bituminous stabilising agent spread rate defined in Clause 8.8.1.1.

The Principal will only pay for quantity of bitumen and additives required to meet the tolerances given above in this clause. The Contractor shall be liable for the bitumen and additives in excess of the ordered bituminous stabilising agent spread rate plus 10%.

### **8.8.1.3 Actual secondary stabilising agent content**

The actual secondary stabilising agent spread rate shall be represented by the average of the surface spread rates of the secondary stabilising agent for each lot.

The actual secondary stabilising agent spread rate shall be within  $\pm 10\%$  of the ordered secondary stabilising agent spread rate defined in Clause 8.8.1.1. The actual stabilising agent spread rate shall be based on the use of hydrated lime (Refer to Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07C Part B).

## **8.8.2 Relative moisture ratio**

The Relative Moisture Ratio (RMR) prior to incorporation of the bituminous additive shall be as stated in Clause 6 of Annexure MRTS07C.1 or, where not so stated, shall not be less than 55% nor greater than 75% of OMC under standard compaction (refer Clause 9.8).

## **8.8.3 Compaction standard**

The minimum characteristic value of the relative compaction results shall be as stated in Clause 7 of Annexure MRTS07C.1 or, where not so stated, not less than 102% (standard compaction).

## **8.8.4 Geometrics**

The stabilised layer shall be constructed so as not to depart from the alignment, widths, thicknesses, lengths, heights and shapes specified in the Drawings or Contract by more than the tolerances stated in Clause 8.8.4.1 to Clause 8.8.4.4.

### 8.8.4.1 Geometrics, thickness

#### 8.8.4.1.1 General

At any point of the completed stabilised layer, the measured actual stabilised layer thickness shall be within tolerance given in Clause 8.8.4.2.1 of the design depth specified in Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07C.1 Part B.

#### 8.8.4.1.2 Measuring actual stabilised layer thickness

During each final bituminous incorporation pass and prior to compaction, depth checks shall be undertaken to determine the lower reference level at the bottom of the stabilised layer. The frequency of the depth checks shall be stated in Clause 1.2 of Annexure MRTS07C.1. Where not so stated in the Annexure, the depth checks shall be measured as per the following minimum frequency:

- a) one per 5 m within the first 20 m of each final bituminous incorporation pass, and
- b) one per 20 m for the remaining length of each final bituminous incorporation pass.

The following reduced level of testing may be accepted by the Administrator:

- a) one per 5 m within the first 20 m of each final bituminous incorporation pass, and
- b) one per 50 m for the remaining length of each final bituminous incorporation pass.

Following compaction and final trim, levels shall be obtained from the top of the finished stabilised layer. They shall be recovered in the horizontal plane to an accuracy of  $\pm 50$  mm of the same location as those from which the lower reference levels were obtained. The difference between the finished surface level and lower reference level shall be recorded as the actual stabilised layer thickness.

The actual stabilised layer thickness shall be recorded by the Contractor and reported to the Administrator. The record for each thickness determination shall include:

- a) the position and measurement of the lower reference level for each test location
- b) the position and measurement of the finished surface level for each test location (shall be recoverable in the horizontal plane to an accuracy of  $\pm 50$  mm)
- c) the actual stabilised layer thickness record obtained by subtracting the finish surface level measurement from the lower reference level measurement for each test location.

### 8.8.4.2 Geometrics, vertical tolerances

#### 8.8.4.2.1 Primary tolerance

A primary tolerance shall apply to the height of any point on the surface of a layer.

The primary tolerance shall be as stated in Clause 8.1 of Annexure MRTS07C.1 as one of the alternatives in Table 8.8.4.2.1. If no such indication is given, the primary tolerance shall be thickness only.

**Table 8.8.4.2.1 – Primary tolerance for stabilised layers**

| Alternative | Primary tolerance (mm) |
|-------------|------------------------|
| A           | -5 to + 10             |
| B           | -5 to + 15             |
| C           | Thickness only         |

In all cases, a primary tolerance shall also apply for the thickness of the completed stabilised layer (refer to Clause 8.8.4.1.1).

Alternative A (-5 to + 10 mm) is recommended for the stabilised layer when the subsequent layer(s) is asphalt.

Where 'thickness only' Alternative C has been specified in Clause 8.1 of Annexure MRTS07C.1., the following shall apply:

- a) height of collimation shall be used to determine the actual stabilised layer thickness
- b) minimum testing frequency for determining the actual stabilised layer thickness shall be at each compaction test location (refer Clause 9.6), and
- c) any point of the completed stabilised layer the measured thickness shall be within -5 mm and + 15 mm of the design depth stated in Clause 9 of Annexure MRTS07B.1 Part B.

#### **8.8.4.3 Geometrics, horizontal tolerances**

The horizontal position of any point on the pavement shall not differ from the corresponding point shown on the drawings or as otherwise specified in the Contract, calculated as described in Clause 8.8.4, by more than  $\pm 50$  mm, except where alignment of the pavement with an existing pavement or structure is necessary. In this case, the new work shall be joined neatly to the existing work or structure in a smooth manner as shown on the drawings or as otherwise specified in the Contract. If the drawings or other Contract documents do not show, describe or specify how new work is to join to existing pavement or structures then it shall be done in a manner that is acceptable to the Administrator.

#### **8.8.4.4 Additional tolerances**

##### **8.8.4.4.1 General**

Where required by Clauses 8.8.4.4.2, 8.8.4.4.3 and 8.8.4.4.4, additional tolerances shall apply to the pavement lots in a stabilised layer.

The Contractor may have to carry out additional work to achieve these additional tolerances. Payment for any such work shall be deemed to be included in the Contractor's scheduled rate for the relevant work items.

##### **8.8.4.4.2 Deviation from a straight-edge**

Where Clause 8.2.1 of Annexure MRTS07C.1 states a deviation from a straight-edge tolerance applies, the deviation from a 3 m long straight-edge placed anywhere on the surface of a layer shall not exceed the limits stated in Clause 8.2.2 of Annexure MRTS07C.1, due allowance being made for design shape, where relevant. The limit stated in Clause 8.2.2 of Annexure MRTS07C.1 shall be one of the alternatives given in Table 8.8.4.4.2.

**Table 8.8.4.4.2 – Tolerance for deviation from a straight-edge**

| Alternative | Primary Tolerance (mm) |
|-------------|------------------------|
| D           | 5                      |
| E           | 8                      |
| F           | 15                     |

#### **8.8.4.4.3 Crossfall**

Where Clause 8.3 of Annexure MRTS07C.1 states a crossfall tolerance applies, the crossfall shall not depart from the corresponding crossfall shown in the Contract by more than 0.5% absolute.

The crossfall shall be measured:

- a) between any two points more than two metres apart except where a pavement verge is less than two metres wide. For pavement verges less than two metres wide, the measurement shall be made between the extreme edges of the pavement verge on each side of the pavement
- b) transverse to the centre line of the carriageway, and
- c) within the boundaries of a cross-section element which has a constant crossfall.

#### **8.8.4.4.4 Surface evenness**

Where Clause 8.4.1 of Annexure MRTS07C.1 states a surface evenness tolerance applies, a surface evenness tolerance shall apply to a stabilised layer. In such a case, the surface evenness of a stabilised layer shall be such as to provide a road roughness count rate not exceeding the specified road roughness ( $R_s$ ) stated in Clause 8.4.2 of Annexure MRTS07C.1 or, where not so stated, not exceeding 50 counts per kilometre.

### **9 Construction compliance testing**

#### **9.1 General**

Unless otherwise stated in this Technical Specification, the selection of sampling or test locations shall be carried out using random stratified sampling. Exceptions include testing of:

- a) geometrics (Clause 9.4)
- b) the bituminous stabilising agent content (Clause 9.6)
- c) the surface spread rate of the secondary stabilising agent (Clause 9.7), and
- d) visible deflection of pavement layers (Clause 9.9).

The Contractor is responsible for performing sufficient tests to ensure that the pavement complies with the standards and requirements of this Technical Specification. However, the Contractor's testing program shall be such that the testing frequencies and number of tests are not less than those specified in Clause 5.4.

#### **9.2 Process requirements**

Where construction has been carried out using process requirements, checking for compliance with the specified requirements shall be carried out during and after the construction operation, as relevant. Except for compaction, compliance checking shall be carried out in accordance with Clause 5.4. If a process requirement is specified for compaction the minimum testing frequencies and minimum number of tests for compaction specified in Clause 5.4 apply to trial sections and do not apply to other sections.

Notwithstanding this, the requirements of Clause 8.6 shall be met and the requirements of Clause 8.7 shall apply.

### **9.3 Product standards**

Where construction has been carried out using product standards, compliance testing of the pavement shall be undertaken for each lot. If a product standard is specified, the minimum testing frequencies and minimum number of tests for compaction specified in Clause 5.4 apply.

The requirements of Clauses 8.7 and Clause 8.8 shall also apply.

### **9.4 Geometrics**

#### **9.4.1 General**

All geometric tolerances, except for surface evenness as specified in Clause 9.4.2, shall be checked at regular intervals not greater than those specified in Clause 5.4.

#### **9.4.2 Surface evenness**

The surface evenness of a stabilised pavement layer shall be measured by road roughness as per Test Method Q708B, Q708C, Q708D.

The minimum length of a lot for this test shall be 100 m and the maximum length of a lot for this test shall be 500 m.

### **9.5 Compaction**

Where construction has been carried out using product standards, the compaction standard for each lot shall be represented by the characteristic value of relative compaction results.

The characteristic value shall be calculated as stated in Clause 12 of MRTS01 *Introduction to Technical Specifications* using the individual relative compaction results determined from testing each lot.

The locations of all samples taken for the determination of reference density, insitu dry density and relative compaction shall be at the same offset and positioned one metre longitudinally in a direction opposite to the travel of the stabiliser or stabiliser / reclaimer from the location of samples taken to determine the corresponding laboratory reference density.

Sampling of stabilised materials to determine the laboratory reference density as detailed in Test Method Q142A shall take place after the final mixing run, but prior to the commencement of compaction of the stabilised material.

The relative compaction of the stabilised material, as detailed in Test Method Q140A, shall be determined using the ratio of the compacted dry density to the maximum dry density. The relative compaction shall be determined for the entire thickness of the stabilised layer.

#### **9.5.1 Reference density laboratory compaction time**

Following sampling, reference density testing shall be completed to a stage where laboratory compaction has been completed within three hours of the commencement of bituminous stabilisation for the corresponding lot. Additionally, following sampling, oven drying of any specimens used to determine the moisture content shall commence within three hours of the commencement of bituminous stabilisation for the corresponding lot. Refer to Clause 10 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

For calibration for Test Method Q141A, compacted density testing as detailed in Test Methods Q141B and Q143, shall be completed to a stage where the mass of wet sample has been determined and the oven drying of any moisture sub-sample is completed within the following time constraints:

- a) where rolling is completed before 4 pm – same day, or
- b) where rolling is completed 4 pm or later – same day or before 10 am on the following day.

### **9.6 Bituminous stabilising agent content**

The bituminous stabilising agent content shall be determined by either the average of the measured application rate, measured by the flow meter onboard the stabiliser or reclaimer / stabiliser, or by the average of the tanker dipping readings measured at the start and end of each run as specified in Clause 11 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

In all cases, the bituminous stabilising agent content shall be within the allowable tolerance specified in Clause 8.8.1.2. Further results of all dipping tests recorded and included in the quality records and reported to the Administrator. This shall be done irrespective of the method used to determine the bituminous stabilising agent content.

The results of all dipping tests shall be recorded and included in the quality records and reported to the Administrator. The record and report for each application rate test shall include:

- a) the position, date and time
- b) all values and calculations, including assumptions, used to calculate the application rate, and
- c) the calculated application rate of bitumen.

The testing program shall be established prior to commencement of stabilising operation.

In addition, the quantity of bituminous stabilising agent incorporated during each stabilising run shall be recorded and included in the quality records and reported to the Administrator. The record and report for each run shall include:

- a) the start position, date and time
- b) the end position, date and time
- c) the length of the run
- d) the width of the run
- e) the quantity of bitumen in the tanker at the start of the run
- f) the quantity of bitumen in the tanker at the midpoint of the run (if the length of the run exceeds 500 m)
- g) the quantity of bitumen in the tanker at the end of the run
- h) the quantity of bitumen incorporated into the pavement between each dip reading (if the length of the run exceeds 500 m)
- i) the quantity of bitumen incorporated into the pavement for the entire run
- j) the temperature of the bitumen in the tanker during stabilisation
- k) the average bitumen application rate, and
- l) expansion ratio and half life.



All records shall be such that the actual bitumen application rate for each stabilisation run shall be calculated at 15°C prior to the next stabilising run.

All volume conversions, in relation to changes in temperature of bituminous materials, shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant factors listed in Table 9.6 using the following formula:

$$V_B = V_{BH} \times F_T$$

or

$$V_{BH} = \frac{V_B}{F_T}$$

where:

$V_B$  = volume of bitumen at 15°C (litres)

$V_{BH}$  = volume of bitumen in high temperature (litres) immediately prior to incorporation to the materials to be stabilised, and

$F_T$  = factor in high temperature from Table 9.6.

The mass of bitumen is then calculated from the volume of bitumen at 15°C using the following formula:

$$M_B = V_B \times 1.04$$

or

$$V_B = \frac{M_B}{1.04}$$

where:

$M_B$  = mass of bitumen at 15°C (kg)

$V_B$  = volume of bitumen at 15°C (litres).

**Table 9.6 – Equivalent volumes at 15°C of 1 litre of bituminous material measured at higher temperatures**

| Temp (°C) | Factor | Temp (°C) | Factor | Temp (°C) | Factor |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 15        | 1      | 80        | 0.9597 | 145       | 0.9207 |
| 20        | 0.9969 | 85        | 0.9566 | 150       | 0.9177 |
| 25        | 0.9938 | 90        | 0.9536 | 155       | 0.9148 |
| 30        | 0.9907 | 95        | 0.9506 | 160       | 0.9118 |
| 35        | 0.9876 | 100       | 0.9476 | 165       | 0.9089 |
| 40        | 0.9844 | 105       | 0.9446 | 170       | 0.906  |
| 45        | 0.9813 | 110       | 0.9416 | 175       | 0.9031 |
| 50        | 0.9782 | 115       | 0.9385 | 180       | 0.9002 |
| 55        | 0.9751 | 120       | 0.9355 | 185       | 0.8973 |
| 60        | 0.972  | 125       | 0.9326 | 190       | 0.8945 |
| 65        | 0.9689 | 130       | 0.9296 | 195       | 0.8916 |

| Temp (°C) | Factor | Temp (°C) | Factor | Temp (°C) | Factor |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 70        | 0.9658 | 135       | 0.9266 | 200       | 0.8888 |
| 75        | 0.9627 | 140       | 0.9236 | 205       | 0.886  |

### **9.7 Secondary stabilising agent content**

The secondary stabilising agent content shall be determined by testing using the surface spread rate of the secondary stabilising agent (Test Method Q719).

The secondary stabilising agent content shall be within the allowable tolerance specified in Clause 8.8.1.3.

The results of all surface spread rate tests shall be recorded and included in the quality records and reported to the Administrator.

The record and report for each surface spread rate test shall include:

- a) the position/s, date and time
- b) all values and calculations, including assumptions, used to calculate the surface spread rate, and
- c) the calculated surface spread rate.

The testing program for determination of the secondary stabilising agent content shall be discussed and agreed with the Administrator prior to commencement of stabilising operation.

In addition, the tonnage of stabilising agent placed during each spreading run shall be recorded in the quality records and reported to the Administrator. The record and report for each run shall include the:

- a) start position, date and time
- b) end position, date and time
- c) length of the run
- d) width of the run
- e) tonnage of stabilising agent in the spreader at the start of the run
- f) tonnage of stabilising agent at in the spreader 500 m intervals (if the length of the run exceeds 500 m)
- g) tonnage of stabilising agent in the spreader at the end of the run
- h) tonnage of stabilising agent spread for each 500 m interval (if the length of the run exceeds 500 m), and
- i) tonnage of stabilising agent spread for the entire run.

### **9.8 Relative moisture ratio**

The relative moisture ratio of the stabilised material shall be determined in accordance with Q250. The moisture sample locations shall be identical to the reference density testing locations for compaction testing. The moisture samples shall be extracted immediately following the final bituminous stabilising agent incorporation by the stabiliser or reclaimer / stabiliser and prior to the addition of any additional moisture for the purposes of compaction and trimming. The relative moisture ratio shall be calculated using the individual moisture content compared to the optimum moisture content for each

corresponding location (refer Clause 9.5). As a minimum frequency, the relative moisture ratio of stabilised materials shall be assessed at each test location for compaction. The results shall be reported to the Administrator as soon as it is available.

### **9.9 Visible deflection**

#### **9.9.1 Visual deflection prior to early trafficking**

No trafficking shall be allowed until the requirement of Clause 9.9 is carried out until no visual deflection is observed. Additional curing time may be required prior to traffic.

#### **9.9.2 Visual deflection pavement layers**

The objective visible deflection test specified in this clause shall apply to a stabilised layer unless stated otherwise in Clause 9 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

Where the surface of any section of a stabilised layer displays visible deflection, as a result of the movement of a vehicle with an eight tonne gross axle load, **Witness Point 8** the Administrator may require the Contractor to carry out additional compliance testing to ensure that the affected section of the pavement layer complies with Clauses 9.5, 9.6, 9.7 and 9.8. No additional payment shall be made by the Principal for such additional testing.

### **9.10 Acceptance**

Construction shall not proceed until the Administrator has received the results of all compliance testing for all lots constructed in the preceding two work periods except where less than two work periods have passed since the commencement of stabilisation works. **Hold Point 7** The Contractor shall allow at least one working day for a response from the Administrator.

No layer of a pavement shall be covered by a subsequent layer of pavement, or by surfacing, until all testing has been completed and the layer has been presented to the Administrator for permission to proceed.

## **10 Supplementary requirements**

The requirements of MRTS07C *Insitu Stabilised Pavements Using Foamed Bitumen* are varied by the supplementary requirements given in Clause 13 of Annexure MRTS07C.1.

