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**Study of gypsum addition role in the production of eco-friendly cement mortars from CDW**

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Cement samples composed of 96% clinker - 4% recycled calcium sulphates (RCS) from construction and demolition wastes (CDW) were investigated by thermal analysis (DSC), X-ray diffraction and scanning electron microscopy. The samples were prepared by mixing, grinding and heating the components at 110°C, 150°C and 170°C (to modify the different phases), whereas the tests were performed after submitting them (1, 7, 14, 21 and 28 days) to a wet or dry medium in two desiccators with distilled water and calcium chloride, respectively. The evolution of the phases shows that the waste gypsum acts as set retarder of cement, avoiding the quick hydration of calcium aluminate ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 3\text{CaO}$ )<sub>1</sub> in the first hours of preparation (whose effects on the cement properties are generally undesirable). Results suggest that the heat generated in grinding can be enough to achieve the dehydration of plasters, while the clinker extracts part of the water of gypsum through an endothermic reaction and this paste produces a "delay" in cement flash setting. Thus, we propose to include RCS (present in construction debris) as additive in cement manufacturing, optimizing the chain of value of new construction products, reducing the energy consumption for extraction of natural gypsum, the temperatures that are necessary for partial dehydration of these residues, as well as the cement processing and mortar setting conditions.