# Engineered bamboo as reinforcement for structural concrete

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### Problems

Large emission of Green House Gases



# Increasing demand for housing



#### Finite resources

|          | production<br>(mio. t) | reserves<br>(mio. t) | <b>R-T-P ratio</b><br>(years) |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| bauxite  | 159                    | 25'000               | 157                           |
| lead     | 3.15                   | 67                   | 21                            |
| iron ore | 1'340                  | 160'000              | 119                           |
| copper   | 14.6                   | 470                  | 32                            |
| nickel   | 1.4                    | 62                   | 44                            |
| zinc     | 9.4                    | 220                  | 23                            |
| tin      | 0.26                   | 6.1                  | 23                            |

Construction is responsible for almost **40%** of global carbon emissions

2 Billion new housing units needed by 2100 globally

Construction activity is a major user of the world's **non-renewable resources**.



# **IS THERE AN ALTERNATIVE?**



### Availability



#### Highly Renewable



#### High Strength









| Class   | Wall thickness<br>(MPa) | Measured tensile strength<br>(MPa) | Measured MOR<br>(MPa) |
|---------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|         | 6 to 7                  | 281                                | 209                   |
| Class 1 | 7 to 8                  | 295                                | 207                   |
|         | 8 to 9                  | 285                                | 198                   |
|         | 6 to 7                  | 260                                | 172                   |
|         | 7 to 8                  | 298                                | 180                   |
| Class 2 | 8 to 9                  | 292                                | 162                   |
|         | 9 to 10                 | 280                                | 190                   |
|         | 10 to 11                | 294                                | 161                   |
|         | 6 to 7                  | 288                                | 172                   |
|         | 7 to 8                  | 290                                | 168                   |
| Class 3 | 8 to 9                  | 285                                | 158                   |
|         | 9 to 10                 | 287                                | 160                   |
|         | 10 to 11                | 301                                | 168                   |
|         | 6 to 7                  | 324                                | 166                   |
| Class 4 | 7 to 8                  | 320                                | 159                   |
|         | 9 to 10                 | 326                                | 155                   |
|         | 8 to 9                  | 340                                | 159                   |
| Class 5 | 9 to 10                 | 318                                | 153                   |
| Class J | 10 to 11                | 303                                | 149                   |
|         | 11 to 12                | 268                                | 150                   |
|         | 10 to 11                | 310                                | 165                   |
| Class 6 | 11 to 12                | 282                                | 162                   |
|         | 12 to 13                | 263                                | 160                   |
|         | 14 to 15                | 247                                | 151                   |
|         | 11 to 12                | 244                                | 138                   |
| Class 7 | 12 to 13                | 224                                | 127                   |
| Class / | 16 to 17                | 203                                | 125                   |
|         | 19 to 20                | 193                                | 121                   |

Dendrocalamus asper Indonesia

#### The highest tensile strength of raw bamboo measured is 340MPa.

The lowest tensile strength of raw bamboo measured is 193MPa.

The highest MOR of raw bamboo measured is 209MPa.

The lowest MOR of raw bamboo measured is 121MPa.

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MOR = -0.78D + 250
E_f = -33D + 14300
E_t = -3620t + 25300
E_t = 18500SD + 6870
E_t = 33600SD + 70.4D + 13080
E_t = 27200SD + 95.1D - 364.6t - 7180
CS = -0.36D + 96.7
CS = -0.22D - 1.30t + 92.8
CS = -0.18D - 1.12t + 21SD + 71
TS = -8.5t + 363
SD = -0.002D - 0.009t + 1.075
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Statistical modeling

| Class   | Wall thickness<br>(MPa) | Measured<br>tensile<br>strength<br>(MPa) | Measured MOR<br>(MPa) | Estimated tensile<br>strength<br>(MPa) | Estimated MOR<br>(MPa) |
|---------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|------------------------|
| Class 1 | 6 to 7                  | 281                                      | 209                   | 268 to 291                             | 200 to 219             |
|         | 7 to 8                  | 295                                      | 207                   | 290 to 298                             | 201 to 217             |
|         | 8 to 9                  | 285                                      | 198                   | 276 to 289                             | 276 to 289             |
|         | 6 to 7                  | 260                                      | 172                   | 255 to 268                             | 166 to 180             |
|         | 7 to 8                  | 298                                      | 180                   | 291 to 301                             | 175 to 189             |
| Class 2 | 8 to 9                  | 292                                      | 162                   | 289 to 295                             | 155 to 170             |
|         | 9 to 10                 | 280                                      | 190                   | 277 to 283                             | 184 to 197             |
|         | 10 to 11                | 294                                      | 161                   | 291 to 300                             | 155 to 170             |
|         | 6 to 7                  | 288                                      | 172                   | 282 to 294                             | 166 to 178             |
|         | 7 to 8                  | 290                                      | 168                   | 284 to 296                             | 161 to 174             |
| Class 3 | 8 to 9                  | 285                                      | 158                   | 281 to 288                             | 150 to 166             |
|         | 9 to 10                 | 287                                      | 160                   | 285 to 291                             | 155 to 170             |
|         | 10 to 11                | 301                                      | 168                   | 296 to 306                             | 164 to 176             |
|         | 6 to 7                  | 324                                      | 166                   | 318 to 329                             | 162 to 175             |
| Class 4 | 7 to 8                  | 320                                      | 159                   | 315 to 324                             | 151 to 167             |
|         | 9 to 10                 | 326                                      | 155                   | 323 to 329                             | 151 to 157             |
|         | 8 to 9                  | 340                                      | 159                   | 333 to 347                             | 152 to 166             |
|         | 9 to 10                 | 318                                      | 153                   | 310 to 327                             | 148 to 157             |
| Class 5 | 10 to 11                | 303                                      | 149                   | 299 to 310                             | 141 to 156             |
|         | 11 to 12                | 268                                      | 150                   | 260 to 276                             | 145 to 155             |
| Class 6 | 10 to 11                | 310                                      | 165                   | 304 to 315                             | 160 to 170             |
|         | 11 to 12                | 282                                      | 162                   | 277 to 288                             | 155 to 168             |
|         | 12 to 13                | 263                                      | 160                   | 255 to 269                             | 155 to 167             |
|         | 14 to 15                | 247                                      | 151                   | 241 to 254                             | 145 to 157             |
|         | 11 to 12                | 244                                      | 138                   | 240 to 248                             | 130 to 144             |
|         | 12 to 13                | 224                                      | 127                   | 218 to 230                             | 120 to 133             |
| Class / | 16 to 17                | 203                                      | 125                   | 192 to 216                             | 120 to 130             |
|         | 19 to 20                | 193                                      | 121                   | 186 to 199                             | 119 to 127             |

#### Estimated parameters

#### **Production Process**



US, China, EU and Singapore

#### Bamboo Veneer Lumber (BVL<sup>™</sup>); a high performance lightweight sustainable composite synthesized from **bamboo fibres and state-of-the-art binding matrix** based on a patented technology



#### **Tensile Tests**

Shimadzu AG-IC 100 kN ASTM D3039-08 for polymer matrix composite materials strain rate: 1 mm/min

Ave. Tensile strength  $f_t = 270 \text{ MPa}$ 

#### Ave. Young's Modulus = 30 GPa





#### **Flexural Tests**

Shimadzu AG-IC 100 kN ASTM D7264-15 for polymer matrix composite materials Four-point-bending

Ave. Flexural strength  $f_m = 250$  MPa Ave. Flexural Modulus = 28 GPa



#### **Compression Tests along fiber direction**

Shimadzu AG-IC 100 kN ASTM D6641-14 for polymer matrix composite materials

#### Ave. Compressive strength $\rm f_{c}$ = 145 MPa



#### BVL<sup>™</sup> Properties

|                            | BVL™             | Steel S275         | Glulam        |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Tensile Strength (MPa)     | 200 to 300       | 275 to 410         | 6 to 15       |
| Bending Strength (MPa)     | 150 to 250       | 220 to 350         | 13 to 24      |
| Compressive Strength (MPa) | 90 to 150        | 250 to 350         | 3 to 6        |
| Elastic Modulus (MPa)      | 20,000 to 35,000 | 190,000 to 220,000 | 8000 to 12000 |
| Density (Kg/m3)            | 1.10 to 1.30     | 7.2 to 7.9         | 0.5 to 0.8    |

# Applications

## **BVL™ Reinforcement for Concrete**

#### **Production of BVC stirrups**















**Pull-out tests** 







$$P = \frac{\left(\alpha_{fT} - \alpha_c\right)Tn_{fT}E_c}{n_{fT}(\beta + v_c) + (1 - v_{fT})}$$

$$\beta = \frac{(b^2 + a^2)}{(b^2 - a^2)}$$

$$\sigma_{tmax} = \beta P$$

| Estimatio | n of | ther | mal |
|-----------|------|------|-----|
| stresses  |      |      |     |

|      | Sample | Maximum<br>temperature<br>difference<br>(T), °C | Radial<br>pressure<br>(P), MPa | β    | Maximum<br>tangential stress<br>(σ), MPa |
|------|--------|---|--------------------------------|------|--|
| _    | 1      | 22  | 3.68                           | 1.01 | 3.72                                     |
| der  | 2      | 27  | 4.51                           | 1.01 | 4.56                                     |
| linc | 3      | 26  | 4.35                           | 1.01 | 4.39                                     |
| ටි   | 4      | 24  | 4.01                           | 1.01 | 4.06                                     |
|      | 5      | 26  | 4.35                           | 1.01 | 4.39                                     |
| Beam | 6      | 25  | 4.18                           | 1.01 | 4.23                                     |
|      | 7      | 25  | 4.18                           | 1.01 | 4.23                                     |
|      | 8      | 28  | 4.68                           | 1.01 | 4.73                                     |
|      | 9      | 23  | 3.84                           | 1.01 | 3.89                                     |
|      | 10     | 22  | 3.68                           | 1.01 | 3.72                                     |









#### **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**



Creating sustainable value chains using local resources by creating jobs and employing people 2 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

green sustainable alternative to steel, concrete and glass

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Bamboo as :

- Clean source of charcoal
- For biomass for electricity

13 CLIMATE ACTION a great alternative to cement, steel and even timber as a natural carbon sink to fight climate change

**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Engineered Bamboo for affordable housing solutions



Bamboo forest and plantation can help to restore degraded land and Help to balance the ecosystem in the nature

### Thank you

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