

## **APPROVAL AND DECLARATION SHEET**

This project report titled Study on Physical, Morphological and Strength Properties of Jana Manjung Ash Mixture was prepared and submitted by Asyraf Nasuha bt Mohd Yunus (091200118) and has been found satisfactory in terms of scope, quality and presentation as partial fulfillment of the requirement for the Bachelor of Engineering ( Building Engineering ) in Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP).

**Checked and Approved by**

---

**(DR. AFIZAH BT AYOB)**  
**Supervisor**

**School of Environmental Engineering  
Universiti Malaysia Perlis**

**June 2013**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

For the beginning, I am so grateful towards ALLAH S.W.T the Almighty that bestowed me and giving me the opportunity to finish my meaningful study.

To complete this Bachelor Degree Project report, I had received a lot of information and valuable guidance from my supervisor, Dr.Afizah bt Ayob. Her knowledge and research on related subjects are particularly helpful to provide me the insights and understanding needed to complete this report. Thus, I wish to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to her for her generosity, critics, and intellectual support.

Sincere gratitude goes to all the technicians and research officers in the School of Environmental Engineering and School of Material Engineering for give me a chance to use the machines there.

I am very thankful for the prayer and everlasting love from the most important persons in my life, my family with their support and encouragements giving me the spirit to always think out of the box and be the best.

Last but not least, I would like to dedicate my warmth thanks to my friends especially my partner doing all the laboratory works, Muhd Al-Hafiz bin Muhammad Yusoff and all who has involved directly and indirectly during this study. I pray that ALLAH S.W.T would repay your kindness and assistance to me. Thank you so much.

# **KAJIAN TENTANG SIFAT-SIFAT FIZIKAL, MORFOLOGI DAN KEKUATAN CAMPURAN ABU TERBANG DAN ABU DASAR DARI JANA MANJUNG**

## **ABSTRAK**

Bahan mentah seperti arang batu telah digunakan di Malaysia untuk menjana atau menghasilkan elektrik sejak 1988..Pembakaran arang batu menghasilkan sisa yang berlebihan dan secara langsung menyebabkan masalah ekonomi dan alam sekitar yang ketara. Abu itu tidak diuruskan dengan baik dan dibuang di dalam kolam sisa. Seperti di Manjung, Perak, abu adalah pemindahan dari kilang ke tanah tidak produktif dan beban kewangan untuk masa jangka panjang. Kajian ini memberi tumpuan kepada beberapa sifat abu terbang, abu bawah dan campuran mereka dari loji kuasa Manjung. Ciri-ciri yang termasuk dalam ciri-ciri tingkah laku yang dikaji ialah pemanasan, sifat-sifat kekuatan dan sifat-sifat morfologi. Sifat-sifat kekuatan sampel boleh dilakukan melalui ujian mampatan tak terkurung (UCT). Ciri-ciri fizikal yang terlibat ujian pemanasan dan analisis ayak gandum. Morfologi dan mineralogi campuran abu arang batu dijalankan menggunakan pembelauan X-Ray (XRD) dan Mikroskop Imbasan Elektron (SEM). Sampel menjalani pemanasan, dimeterai dan sembah untuk 0 dan 28 hari sebelum analisis lanjut. Sudut geseran bagi makmal XRD diperolehi daripada pelbagai  $24^{\circ}$  -  $36^{\circ}$ . Morfologi menunjukkan peningkatan jumlah zarah yang tidak teratur dan ikatan antara komponen yang kuat seperti umur peningkatan tempoh pengawetan. Terdapat beberapa sebatian kristal wujud di loji kuasa Manjung Quartz itu, Coesite, Berlinit. Ia menyimpulkan bahawa campuran abu arang batu boleh digunakan dalam pembinaan tambak, jalan raya dan mengisi di sebalik mengekalkan struktur.

## ABSTRACT

Raw material like coal has been used in Malaysia to generate or produce electricity since 1988. The burning of coal producing excessive waste and directly cause of significant economic and environmental problem. The ash was not managed properly and was dumped in waste pond. Like in Manjung, Perak, the ash was transfer from the factory to the unproductive land and long-term financial burden. This study focuses on some properties of fly ash, bottom ash and mixture of them from Manjung power plant. The properties are include in characteristics studied are compaction behaviour, strength properties and morphological properties. Strength properties of the samples can be carried out through unconfined compression test (UCT). The physical properties involved the compaction test and grain sieve analysis. Morphology and mineralogy of coal ash mixtures are carried out using the X-Ray Diffraction(XRD) and Scanning Electron Microscope(SEM). The samples undergoes compaction, sealed and cured for 0 and 28 days before further analysis. The friction angle for the XRD laboratory obtained from range  $24^{\circ}$ - $36^{\circ}$ . Morphological showed the increasing number of irregular particles and the bonding between the components is strong as age of curing period increase. There are several crystalline compound exists in Manjung power plant such Quartz, Coesite, Berlinite. It conclude that the coal ash mixtures can be applied in construction embankment, roads and fill behind retaining structures.

## TABLE OF CONTENT

CHAPTER	TOPIC PAGE
<b>DECLARATION</b>	i
<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</b>	ii
<b>ABSTRAK</b>	iii
<b>ABSTRACT</b>	iv
<b>TABLE OF CONTENTS</b>	v
<b>LIST OF TABLES</b>	viii
<b>LIST OF FIGURES</b>	ix
<b>LIST OF APPENDICES</b>	xi
<b>LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS</b>	xii
<b>LIST OF SYMBOLS</b>	xiii

<b>1</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	<b>1</b>
1.1	Background of the Study	1
1.2	Problem Statement	2
1.3	Importance of Study	3
1.4	Objective of Study	5
1.5	Scope of study	5
1.6	Significance of Study	6

<b>2</b>	<b>LITERATURE REVIEW</b>	<b>7</b>
2.1	Introduction	7
2.2	Coal Power Plant in Malaysia	8
2.3	Production and Disposal of Coal Ash	11
2.3.1	Fly Ash and Bottom Ash	11
2.3.2	Coal Ash Mixtures	12
2.4	Utilization of Coal Ash	13
2.5	Physical Properties of Coal Ash	14
2.5.1	Particle Size Distribution	14
2.6	Compaction Behavior	15
2.7	Morphological and Mineralogical Properties	17
2.7.1	Microscopic Examination	17
2.7.2	X-Ray Diffraction	18
2.8	Strength Properties	20
<b>3</b>	<b>METHODOLOGY</b>	<b>21</b>
3.1	Introduction	21
3.2	Preparation of Sample	22
3.3	Physical Properties	23
3.3.1	Grain Size Analysis	23
3.3.2	Compaction test	24
3.4	Morphological and Mineralogical Properties	25
3.4.1	Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)	25
3.4.2	X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)	26
3.5	Strength Properties	26
3.5.1	Unconfined Compression Test (UCT)	26

<b>4</b>	<b>RESULT AND DISCUSSION</b>	<b>28</b>
	4.1    Introduction	28
	4.2    Physical Properties	28
	4.2.1    Particle Size Distribution	28
	4.3    Compaction Behavior	29
	4.4    Morphological and Mineralogical Properties	32
	4.4.1    Microscopic Examination (SEM)	32
	4.4.2    X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)	38
	4.5    Strength Properties	39
	4.5.1    Unconfined Compression Strength	39
<b>5</b>	<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<b>43</b>
	5.1    Conclusions	43
	5.2    Recommendations	44
	<b>REFERENCES</b>	<b>45</b>
	<b>APPENDIX A-E</b>	<b>47</b>

## LIST OF TABLES

<b>TABLE NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PAGE</b>
1.1	Fly ash production and fly ash used	4
1.2	Bottom ash production and bottom ash used	4
3.1	Ratio of coal ash mixtures	22
4.1	Summarization of compaction test	30
4.2	XRD analysis of coal ash mixtures at 0 day	38
4.3	XRD analysis of coal ash mixtures at 28 days	39
4.4	Summarization of UCT results	42

## LIST OF FIGURES

<b>FIGURE NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PAGE</b>
2.1	TNB Jana Manjung' Stesen Janakuasa Sultan Azlan Shah	9
2.2	Tanjung Bin power plant	9
2.3	Kapar power plant	10
2.4	Jimah power plant	11
2.5	The process of production of fly ash	12
2.6	Land of fly ash	13
2.7	Land of bottom ash	13
2.8	Range of particle sizes	14
2.9	Basic soil type groups	15
2.10	SEM machine	17
2.11	Image of scanning(SEM)	18
2.12	X-Ray Diffraction(XRD)	19
3.1	Work Schedule Using Gantt chart(2012)	21
3.2	Work Schedule Using Gantt chart(2013)	22
3.3	Standard test method for particle size analysis	24
3.4	Compaction test	25
3.5	XRD machine	26
3.6	Flowchart of the project	27
4.1	Particle distribution of ash mixture	29
4.2	A graph of maximum dry density( $\text{kn}/\text{m}^3$ )	31
4.3	A graph of optimum moisture content(%)	31

4.4	SEM micrograph of coal ash mixtures particles from Tanjung Bin power plant (0 day) (Magnification $\times 1000$ ), (a) 0% FA, (b) 25% FA, (c) 50% FA, (d) 75% FA, (e) 100% FA	34
4.5	SEM micrograph of coal ash mixtures particles from Tanjung Bin power plant (0 day) (Magnification $\times 3000$ ), (a) 0% FA, (b) 25% FA, (c) 50% FA, (d) 75% FA, (e) 100% FA	35
4.6	SEM micrograph of coal ash mixtures particles from Tanjung Bin power plant (28 day) (Magnification $\times 1000$ ), (a) 0% FA, (b) 25% FA, (c) 50% FA, (d) 75% FA, (e) 100% FA	36
4.7	SEM micrograph of coal ash mixtures particles from Tanjung Bin power plant (0 day) (Magnification $\times 1000$ ), (a) 0% FA, (b) 25% FA, (c) 50% FA, (d) 75% FA, (e) 100% FA	37
4.8	A graph of stress versus strain for 0% FA	40
4.9	A graph of stress versus strain for 25% FA	40
4.10	A graph of stress versus strain for 50% FA	41
4.11	A graph of stress versus strain for 75% FA	41
4.12	A graph of stress versus strain for 100% FA	42

## **LIST OF APPENDICES**

<b>APPENDIX</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PAGE</b>
A	Particle Size Distribution Test Data	47
B	Compaction Test Data	49
C	SEM and XRD prepared sample	59
D	XRD Analysis Test Data	60
E	Unconfined Compression Test Data	66

© This item is protected by original copyright

## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

BA	Bottom Ash
BS	British Standard
CCPs	Coal Combustion Products
FA	Fly Ash
MW	Mega Watt
SEM	Scanning Electron Microscopic
TNB	Tenaga Nasional Berhad
XRD	X-Ray Diffraction
UCT	Unconfined Compression test
PSD	Particle Size Distribution
ICDD	International Centre for Diffraction Data
PDF	Powder Diffraction File

## LIST OF SYMBOLS

$V$	Volume
$kN$	Kilo Newton
$Mg$	Mega Gram
$MN$	Mega Newton
$cm$	centimetre
$mm$	Milimetre
$\mu m$	Micrometre
$kg$	Kilogram
$w$	Moisture Content
$w_{opt}$	Optimum Moisture Content
$\rho_d$	Dry Density
$\rho_{d(max)}$	Maximum Dry Density
$\%$	Percent
$^o$	Degree
$qu$	unconfine compressive strength
$su$	Undrained Shear Strength