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11 ABSTRACT

12 Recycled concrete fines (RCF) are fine aggregates and particles from the demolition waste of 13 old concrete. Unlike recycled coarse aggregates, RCF is seldom used to replace sands in 14 concrete due to its high surface area and attached old mortar on the surface of RCF. This 15 study investigated potential use of RCF as microsilica sand substitute in the production of 16 engineered cementitious composites (ECC), a unique high performance fiber-reinforced 17 cementitious composites featuring extreme tensile strain capacity of several percent. The 18 results showed that it is viable to use RCF as microsilica sand substitute in the production of 19 ECC and the resulting RCF-ECCs possess decent compressive strength and strain capacity. 20 Microstructure investigation on the component level revealed that RCF size and content 21 modify matrix toughness and fiber/matrix interface properties. The influence of RCF size and 22 content on ECC properties was clearly revealed and explained by the resulting fiber bridging 23 $\sigma(\delta)$ curves of RCF-ECCs calculated from the micromechanical model. Micromechanics-

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