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Abstract

Geopolymer foams, as a potential eco-friendly building materials, are increasingly being discussed in the literature. This study reports the synthesis and characterization of geopolymer foams using hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) solution as pore-forming agent and oil as the stabilizing agent. The geopolymer foams with low bulk densities ($0.37 < \rho_b < 0.74 \text{ g/cm}^3$), low thermal conductivities ($0.11 < \lambda < 0.17 \text{ W/(m.K)}$), high porosity ($66), and acceptable compressive strength (<math>0.3 < \sigma < 11.6 \text{ MPa}$) were successfully fabricated at appropriate conditions. Factors that influence the insulating, mechanical, porous, and microstructural properties were investigated. It was found that the content of the stabilizing

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