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**GENERAL APPROVAL** – Renewal - Vac-Lite and Agg-Lite Structural Lightweight concrete aggregates.

## DETAILS

Vac-Lite Structural Lightweight Concrete Aggregate is a treated pumice aggregate obtained from open-pit mines located near Little Lake, California. The pumice aggregate is vacuum treated to stabilize moisture content and to enhance qualities for pumping through hoses. The pumice aggregate is of volcanic origin and is formed when volcanic gases within ejected rock expand and then suddenly cool, resulting in a porous glass aggregate. The aggregate is light gray in color and is available in 1/2-inch maximum aggregate size.

### The approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The aggregates shall conform to ASTM C330 and ASTM C332.
2. Physical property requirements for aggregates are as following:

| Property                             | Test Method | Allowable Values |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Dry Unit Weight                      | ASTM C29    | 25-28 pcf        |
| Absorption                           | ASTM C127   | 20-30 Percent    |
| Moisture Content<br>(Vacuum Treated) | ASTM C566   | 82-87 Percent    |
| Special Gravity<br>(Vacuum Treated)  | ASTM C127   | 1.47 Maximum     |

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3. Monthly laboratory reports, on gradation and dry loose unit weight, of the current production shall be submitted to Engineering Research Section upon renewal and at the Department's request.
4. Where the aggregates are used for prestressed concrete construction, loss of prestress due to elastic shortening, creep and shrinkage of the concrete shall be determined by tests and approved by the Department prior to use.
5. For design purposes, the value of  $F_{sp}$ , tensile splitting ratio, shall be 3.5 for concrete having a dry unit weight of 85 pcf, and 5.0 for concrete having a dry unit weight of 112 pcf. For determining  $F_{sp}$  for concrete between these two unit weights, straight line interpolation is allowed.
6. The aggregate shall be identified by its trade name, type, research report (RR) number, and processing and storage location on the "Statement of Mix Design" on the concrete mixing truck "trip tickets" required at the job sites per ASTM C94.
7. Fire resistance of VAC-LITE and AGG-LITE concrete shall be equal to that allowed for lightweight aggregates in the Code.
8. Approval for composite floor slab and diaphragm action is limited to the decks described in Table 1 and Table 2.
9. Minimum size of deck to be used in either the composite or diaphragm design shall be (20 gage).
10. The maximum allowable span measured center-to-center of supports shall be 12 ft. - 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ -inches.
11. Use of the light weight aggregate as structural concrete fill over decks for diaphragm action shall be as follows:
  1. When used with a 3 inch deep steel deck identified as Verco type W-3 Form lock (L.A. City RR #23789) or BHP Type 3W and 3WF (L.A. City RR #23783), the value for allowable diaphragm shear described in the above reports shall be reduced to 70% of such values.
  2. Flexibility coefficients shall be the same as described in the above Los Angeles City Research Reports.
  3. The steel deck configurations and its connection to the supporting members shall be as described in the above Los Angeles City Research Reports.
12. A two-hour fire rating is accorded to a restrained (see discussion) floor-ceiling assembly consisting of 2-inch deep Verco Type W-2, W-3 (20 gage) unit or BHP Type 2W, 2WF, 3W, 3WF (20 gage) units overlain by a 3- $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick topping (above the flutes) of

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VAC-LITE pumice, aggregate concrete (dry unit weight of 113 pcf) reinforced with 6x6-W2.1 x W2.1 welded wire fabric.

Restrained floor-ceiling assemblies constructed as above but with deeper or heavier gage steel decks or equivalent steel decks of other manufacturers may also be considered to have a two-hour fire rating. Conditions for use shall be as specified in following Los Angeles City Reports:

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Research Report No. 23789 | Types W-2, W-3         |
| Research Report No. 23784 | Types 2W, 2WF, 3W, 3WF |

13. If the aggregate is supplied to an offsite fabricator, then that fabricator must have a City of Los Angeles licensed fabricator approval from Materials Control Section.

## DISCUSSION

The report is in compliance with the 2014 City of Los Angeles Building Code.

The approval is based on tests per ASTM C330, except that the drying shrinkage test is per California Division of Highways Test Method No. California 537-A.

Allowable values for composite design and reduction ratio for diaphragm shear were established through design calculations and analysis prepared by S.B. Barnes and Associates (Report No. 84-12, dated July 18, 1984 revised January 21, 1986 and Report No. 84-13, dated July 31, 1984 revised September 5, 1984).

The fire resistance is based on tests reports from the National Bureau of Standards of the United States Department of Commerce, and Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. for the steel deck assemblies (Report for Project 84 NK 11003, File NC 745 and Project 84 NK 19482, File NC 750, dated October 25, 1985).

A restrained condition in fire tests is one in which expansion at the supports of a load-carrying element resulting from the effects of the fire is resisted by forces external to the element. An unrestrained condition is one in which the load-carrying element is free to expand and rotate at its supports. Therefore, single spans or simply supported end spans of multiple bay steel deck assemblies with a continuous structural concrete topping are classified as unrestrained where supported by bearing walls, exterior wall face spandrel beams or large interior opening edge beams. Interior spans of multiple bay steel deck assemblies are considered restrained when a continuous structural concrete topping is provided, but unrestrained when the continuous structural concrete topping is omitted or substantially interrupted.

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This general approval of an equivalent alternate to the Code is only valid where an engineer and/or inspector of this Department has determined that all conditions of this Approval have been met in the project in which it is to be used.

Addressee to whom this Research Report is issued is responsible for providing copies of it, complete with any attachments indicated, to architects, engineers and builders using items approved herein in design or construction which must be approved by Department of Building and Safety Engineers and Inspectors.

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**Table 1**  
**Allowable Superimposed Load in Pounds Per Square Foot For BHP**  
**3W36 Deck with Concrete Fill 1 2 4 5 6 7 8**

| Total Slab Depth and Type <sup>3</sup>          | Deck Thickness In Inches                         | No. of Spans        | Span of Composite Deck |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |    |
|---|--|---------------------|------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|
|   |  |                     | 8-0'                   | 9-0' | 10-0' | 11-0' | 12-0' | 13-0' | 14-0' | 15-0' |    |
| 5"<br>PUMICE<br>AGGREGATE<br>GALVANIZED<br>DECK | 0.030<br>(22 Gauge)                              | 1                   | 53                     | 128  | 109   | 95    | 64    | 55    | 47    | 41    |    |
|   |  | 2                   | 53                     | 128  | 109   | 95    | 64    | 55    | 47    | 41    |    |
|   |  | 3 or More           | 53                     | 128  | 109   | 95    | 83    | 74    | 47    | 41    |    |
|   | 0.036<br>(20Gauge)                               | 1                   | 72                     | 144  | 123   | 107   | 94    | 64    | 55    | 48    |    |
|   |  | 2                   | 72                     | 144  | 123   | 107   | 94    | 64    | 55    | 48    |    |
|   |  | 3 or More           | 72                     | 144  | 123   | 107   | 94    | 83    | 74    | 48    |    |
|   | 0.048<br>(18 Gauge)                              | 1                   | 209                    | 176  | 150   | 130   | 114   | 101   | 71    | 62    |    |
|   |  | 2                   | 209                    | 176  | 150   | 130   | 114   | 101   | 90    | 62    |    |
|   |  | 3 or More           | 209                    | 176  | 150   | 130   | 114   | 101   | 90    | 82    |    |
|   | 0.060<br>(16 Gauge)                              | 1                   | 224                    | 205  | 175   | 151   | 133   | 118   | 105   | 75    |    |
|   |  | 2                   | 224                    | 205  | 175   | 151   | 133   | 118   | 105   | 95    |    |
|   |  | 3 or More           | 224                    | 205  | 175   | 151   | 133   | 118   | 105   | 95    |    |
|   | 5½"<br>PUMICE<br>AGGREGATE<br>GALVANIZED<br>DECK | 0.030<br>(22 Gauge) | 1                      | 157  | 140   | 119   | 82    | 70    | 59    | 51    | 44 |
|   |  |                     | 2                      | 157  | 140   | 119   | 104   | 70    | 59    | 51    | 44 |
|   |  |                     | 3 or More              | 157  | 140   | 119   | 104   | 91    | 59    | 51    | 44 |
| 0.036<br>(20Gauge)                              |  | 1                   | 188                    | 158  | 135   | 117   | 102   | 70    | 60    | 52    |    |
|   |  | 2                   | 188                    | 158  | 135   | 117   | 102   | 70    | 60    | 52    |    |
|   |  | 3 or More           | 188                    | 158  | 135   | 117   | 102   | 91    | 60    | 52    |    |
| 0.048<br>(18 Gauge)                             |  | 1                   | 228                    | 191  | 163   | 141   | 124   | 110   | 77    | 67    |    |
|   |  | 2                   | 228                    | 191  | 163   | 141   | 124   | 110   | 98    | 67    |    |
|   |  | 3 or More           | 228                    | 191  | 163   | 141   | 124   | 110   | 98    | 89    |    |
| 0.060<br>(16 Gauge)                             |  | 1                   | 265                    | 222  | 189   | 164   | 144   | 128   | 92    | 81    |    |
|   |  | 2                   | 265                    | 222  | 189   | 164   | 144   | 128   | 114   | 103   |    |
|   |  | 3 or More           | 265                    | 222  | 189   | 164   | 144   | 128   | 114   | 103   |    |

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|  |                     |           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--|---------------------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 6¼"<br>PUMICE<br>AGGREGATE<br>GALVANIZED<br>DECK | 0.030<br>(22 Gauge) | 1         | 191 | 160 | 136 | 94  | 79  | 67  | 58  | 50  |
|  |                     | 2         | 191 | 160 | 136 | 94  | 79  | 67  | 58  | 50  |
|  |                     | 3 or More | 191 | 160 | 136 | 118 | 79  | 67  | 58  | 50  |
|  | 0.036<br>(20 Gauge) | 1         | 214 | 180 | 153 | 133 | 92  | 79  | 68  | 59  |
|  |                     | 2         | 214 | 180 | 153 | 133 | 92  | 79  | 68  | 59  |
|  |                     | 3 or More | 214 | 180 | 153 | 133 | 117 | 103 | 68  | 59  |
|  | 0.048<br>(18 Gauge) | 1         | 259 | 217 | 185 | 160 | 141 | 100 | 86  | 75  |
|  |                     | 2         | 259 | 217 | 185 | 160 | 141 | 125 | 86  | 75  |
|  |                     | 3 or More | 259 | 217 | 185 | 160 | 141 | 125 | 112 | 75  |
|  | 0.060<br>(16 Gauge) | 1         | 299 | 251 | 214 | 185 | 163 | 144 | 104 | 91  |
|  |                     | 2         | 299 | 251 | 214 | 185 | 163 | 144 | 129 | 116 |
|  |                     | 3 or More | 299 | 251 | 214 | 185 | 163 | 144 | 129 | 116 |

- 1.The BHP 3W36 deck is recognized in LARR # 23783 and has a minimum yield strength of 40 ksi.
- 2.The concrete fill must have a minimum compressive strength  $f$  of 3000 psi.
- 3.Total slab depth is measured from top of concrete to bottom of steel deck.
- 4.Concrete must be reinforced with minimum 6 x 6 - W1.4 x W1.4 welded wire fabric placed at the center of fill over top flange. Where total slab depth exceeds 6¼ inches welded wire fabric with an area equal to 0.01 times the concrete fill depth measured from the top of concrete to top flange of steel deck.
- 5.Shoring is required at midspan for values to the right of the heavy line.
- 6.Shoring calculations are based on deck supporting dead load plus either 20 psf uniform construction load or 150 plf concentrated construction load for flexure. Dead load deflections limited to 1/ 180 of span length or 3/4 inch whichever is less.
- 7.Composite sections must not be used to resist loads which are predominately vibratory.
- 8.Superimposed loads tabulated meet the deflection criteria set forth in Table No. 1604.3 of the code and the first second and fourth limitations in Table No. 9.5 (b) of ACI 318-05 Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete. To meet the third limitation in Table No. 9.5 (b) special calculations are required.

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**Table 2**  
**Allowable Superimposed Load in Pounds Per Square Foot For VERCO**  
**3W36 Deck with Concrete Fill 1 2 4 5 6 7 8**

| Total Slab Depth and Type <sup>3</sup> | Deck Thickness In Inches | No. of Spans | Span of Composite Deck |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  |                          |              | 8-0'                   | 9-0' | 10-0' | 11-0' | 12-0' | 13-0' | 14-0' | 15-0' |
| 5" PUMICE AGGREGATE GALVANIZED DECK    | 0.029 (22 Gauge)         | 1            | 170                    | 139  | 86    | 69    | 56    | 45    | 36    | 29    |
|  |                          | 2            | 170                    | 139  | 117   | 69    | 56    | 45    | 36    | 29    |
|  |                          | 3 or More    | 170                    | 139  | 117   | 100   | 56    | 45    | 36    | 29    |
|  | 0.033 (21 Gauge)         | 1            | 188                    | 155  | 130   | 80    | 65    | 53    | 43    | 35    |
|  |                          | 2            | 188                    | 155  | 130   | 111   | 65    | 53    | 43    | 35    |
|  |                          | 3 or More    | 188                    | 155  | 130   | 111   | 96    | 53    | 43    | 35    |
|  | 0.035 (20 Gauge)         | 1            | 197                    | 162  | 136   | 116   | 69    | 57    | 47    | 38    |
|  |                          | 2            | 197                    | 162  | 136   | 116   | 100   | 57    | 47    | 38    |
|  |                          | 3 or More    | 197                    | 162  | 136   | 116   | 100   | 88    | 47    | 38    |
|  | 0.042 (19 Gauge)         | 1            | 228                    | 187  | 157   | 134   | 116   | 70    | 59    | 49    |
|  |                          | 2            | 228                    | 187  | 157   | 134   | 116   | 102   | 59    | 49    |
|  |                          | 3 or More    | 228                    | 187  | 157   | 134   | 116   | 102   | 90    | 49    |
|  | 0.047 (18 Gauge)         | 1            | 250                    | 205  | 172   | 147   | 127   | 111   | 67    | 56    |
|  |                          | 2            | 250                    | 205  | 172   | 147   | 127   | 111   | 98    | 56    |
|  |                          | 3 or More    | 250                    | 205  | 172   | 147   | 127   | 111   | 98    | 88    |
|  | 0.059 (16 Gauge)         | 1            | 301                    | 247  | 207   | 177   | 153   | 134   | 86    | 74    |
|  |                          | 2            | 301                    | 247  | 207   | 177   | 153   | 134   | 118   | 105   |
|  |                          | 3 or More    | 301                    | 247  | 207   | 177   | 153   | 134   | 118   | 105   |
| 5½" PUMICE AGGREGATE GALVANIZED DECK   | 0.029 (22 Gauge)         | 1            | 186                    | 153  | 94    | 75    | 60    | 48    | 39    | 31    |
|  |                          | 2            | 186                    | 153  | 128   | 75    | 60    | 48    | 39    | 31    |
|  |                          | 3 or More    | 186                    | 153  | 128   | 109   | 60    | 48    | 39    | 31    |
|  | 0.033 (21 Gauge)         | 1            | 206                    | 169  | 142   | 86    | 70    | 57    | 46    | 37    |
|  |                          | 2            | 206                    | 169  | 142   | 121   | 70    | 57    | 46    | 37    |
|  |                          | 3 or More    | 206                    | 169  | 142   | 121   | 102   | 57    | 46    | 37    |
|  | 0.035 (20 Gauge)         | 1            | 216                    | 177  | 149   | 92    | 75    | 61    | 50    | 41    |
|  |                          | 2            | 216                    | 177  | 149   | 127   | 75    | 61    | 50    | 41    |
|  |                          | 3 or More    | 216                    | 177  | 149   | 127   | 110   | 61    | 50    | 41    |
|  | 0.042 (19 Gauge)         | 1            | 249                    | 205  | 172   | 146   | 127   | 76    | 63    | 52    |
|  |                          | 2            | 249                    | 205  | 172   | 146   | 127   | 76    | 63    | 52    |
|  |                          | 3 or More    | 249                    | 205  | 172   | 146   | 127   | 111   | 98    | 52    |
|  | 0.047 (18 Gauge)         | 1            | 272                    | 224  | 188   | 160   | 139   | 86    | 72    | 60    |
|  |                          | 2            | 272                    | 224  | 188   | 160   | 139   | 121   | 72    | 60    |
|  |                          | 3 or More    | 272                    | 224  | 188   | 160   | 139   | 121   | 107   | 60    |

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|   |                     |           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---|---------------------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|   | 0.059<br>(16 Gauge) | 1         | 326 | 268 | 225 | 192 | 166 | 145 | 92  | 78  |
|   |                     | 2         | 326 | 268 | 225 | 192 | 166 | 145 | 128 | 78  |
|   |                     | 3 or More | 326 | 268 | 225 | 192 | 166 | 145 | 128 | 114 |
| 6 1/4"<br>PUMICE<br>AGGREGATE<br>GALVANIZED<br>DECK | 0.029<br>(22 Gauge) | 1         | 213 | 134 | 106 | 84  | 67  | 54  | 43  | 34  |
|   |                     | 2         | 213 | 175 | 106 | 84  | 67  | 54  | 43  | 34  |
|   |                     | 3 or More | 213 | 175 | 147 | 84  | 67  | 54  | 43  | 34  |
|   | 0.033<br>(21 Gauge) | 1         | 235 | 193 | 121 | 97  | 79  | 64  | 51  | 41  |
|   |                     | 2         | 235 | 193 | 162 | 97  | 79  | 64  | 51  | 41  |
|   |                     | 3 or More | 235 | 193 | 162 | 138 | 79  | 64  | 51  | 41  |
|   | 0.035<br>(20 Gauge) | 1         | 246 | 202 | 170 | 104 | 84  | 68  | 56  | 45  |
|   |                     | 2         | 246 | 202 | 170 | 145 | 84  | 68  | 56  | 45  |
|   |                     | 3 or More | 246 | 202 | 170 | 145 | 125 | 68  | 56  | 45  |
|   | 0.042<br>(19 Gauge) | 1         | 283 | 233 | 195 | 167 | 103 | 85  | 70  | 58  |
|   |                     | 2         | 283 | 233 | 195 | 167 | 144 | 85  | 70  | 58  |
|   |                     | 3 or More | 283 | 233 | 195 | 167 | 144 | 126 | 70  | 58  |
|   | 0.047<br>(18 Gauge) | 1         | 309 | 254 | 213 | 182 | 157 | 96  | 80  | 67  |
|   |                     | 2         | 309 | 254 | 213 | 182 | 157 | 96  | 80  | 67  |
|   |                     | 3 or More | 309 | 254 | 213 | 182 | 157 | 138 | 122 | 67  |
|   | 0.059<br>(16 Gauge) | 1         | 370 | 304 | 255 | 217 | 188 | 122 | 103 | 87  |
|   |                     | 2         | 370 | 304 | 255 | 217 | 188 | 165 | 145 | 87  |
|   |                     | 3 or More | 370 | 304 | 255 | 217 | 188 | 165 | 145 | 130 |

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