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### **Earthworks – Part 2: Classification of materials**

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## European foreword

This document (EN 16907-2:2018) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 396 “Earthworks”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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- *Part 1: Principles and general rules,*
- *Part 2: Classification of materials (this document),*
- *Part 3: Construction procedures,*
- *Part 4: Soil treatment with lime and/or hydraulic binders,*
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### **Introduction**

This European Standard is part of a European Standard on Earthworks. It was decided by CEN/TC 396 to establish a stand-alone standard part on the classification of materials used in earthworks.

The different regional situations in geology and climate result in national differences in the earthwork procedures which do not allow a single classification of materials throughout Europe at present. Therefore, this standard identifies the principles and systems for classification considering national practices. Furthermore the test procedures suitable for earthworks are identified.



## 1 Scope

This document defines a common basis for description and classification for use by all parties involved in the design, planning and construction of the earthworks.

This document specifies the processes and properties to be used in the description and classification of earthworks materials. It specifies soil and rock groups as a basis of material specifications for earth structure elements. This classification relates to the physical and chemical properties of the soil and rock materials.

NOTE 1 The approach to description of soil and rock set out in EN ISO 14688-1 and EN ISO 14689 respectively and the approach to classification of soil set out in EN ISO 14688-2 are applicable to earthworks, but the range and scope of classification for earthworks given here is more detailed and orientated to the specific demands of earthwork procedures and earth structure elements.

NOTE 2 Informative examples of existing national experience based classification systems and their use are presented in the annexes to EN 16907-1:2018.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 932-1, *Tests for general properties of aggregates — Part 1: Methods for sampling*

EN 1997-2, *Eurocode 7 — Geotechnical design — Part 2: Ground investigation and testing*

EN 13383-1, *Armourstone — Part 1: Specification*

EN 16907-1:2018, *Earthworks — Part 1: Principles and general rules*

EN ISO 14688-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Identification and classification of soil — Part 1: Identification and description (ISO 14688-1)*

EN ISO 14689, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Identification, description and classification of rock (ISO 14689)*

EN ISO 22475-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Sampling methods and groundwater measurements — Part 1: Technical principles for execution (ISO 22475-1)*

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### 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviations

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 16907-1:2018 and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

##### 3.1.1

###### **description**

identification and naming of a given material and its physical and soil mechanical properties that are relevant for earthwork purposes

##### 3.1.2

###### **classification**

definition of material groups and classes and assigning of materials to groups and classes with similar properties for earthworks

##### 3.1.3

###### **classification parameters**

values of characteristics that define groups and classes

##### 3.1.4

###### **characteristics**

material properties which may be relevant for a defined use

##### 3.1.5

###### **properties**

physical and chemical attributes of a material

##### 3.1.6

###### **intrinsic properties**

properties of solids of soils and rock which do not change in the course of earthworks such as particle size distribution, particle shape, mineralogy, plasticity, organic or carbonate content

##### 3.1.7

###### **state properties**

properties of the soil or rock that may change during earthworks; such as density, water content, strength, consistency, relative density or stiffness

##### 3.1.8

###### **materials**

all soils, rocks, by-products and recycled mineral materials handled during earthworks

##### 3.1.9

###### **material groups**

classification of materials based on intrinsic properties

### 3.1.10

#### material class

classification of materials based on intrinsic and state properties for use in specific aspects of earthworks

### 3.1.11

#### particle size

dimension of a material particle defined by a representative diameter which is determined by sieving or by sedimentation analysis

### 3.1.12

#### particle fraction

mass percentage of particles in a range of particle sizes with defined lower and upper diameters referring to the total mass of particles in a soil volume or sample

EXAMPLES Sand fraction: mass percentage of particles with particle sizes between 0,063 mm and 2,0 mm.

### 3.1.13

#### finer

particles with a particle size smaller than 0,063 mm

### 3.1.14

#### anthropogenic material

natural materials processed mechanically e.g. by crushing or washing, manufactured materials including secondary manufactured materials and recycled materials

## 3.2 Abbreviations and symbols

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### Abbreviations for terms and tests

DG	Degradability
FR	Fragmentability
MDE	Micro-Deval Test
LA	Los Angeles Test
IDD	Intact dry density

### Symbols for Quantities

$C_C$	Coefficient of curvature	dimensionless
$C_{LA}$	Los Angeles coefficient (by LA test)	dimensionless
$C_{MDE}$	Micro-Deval coefficient	dimensionless
$C_{OM}$	Organic matter content	dimensionless (%)
$C_U$	Coefficient of uniformity ( $C_U = D_{60}/D_{10}$ )	dimensionless
$C_x$	Mass percentage of particles smaller than x (mm) (e.g. $C_{0,063} < 5\%$ : the content of fines is less than 5 % of the soil mass)	dimensionless (%)
$D$	Particle size (representative diameter)	mm