

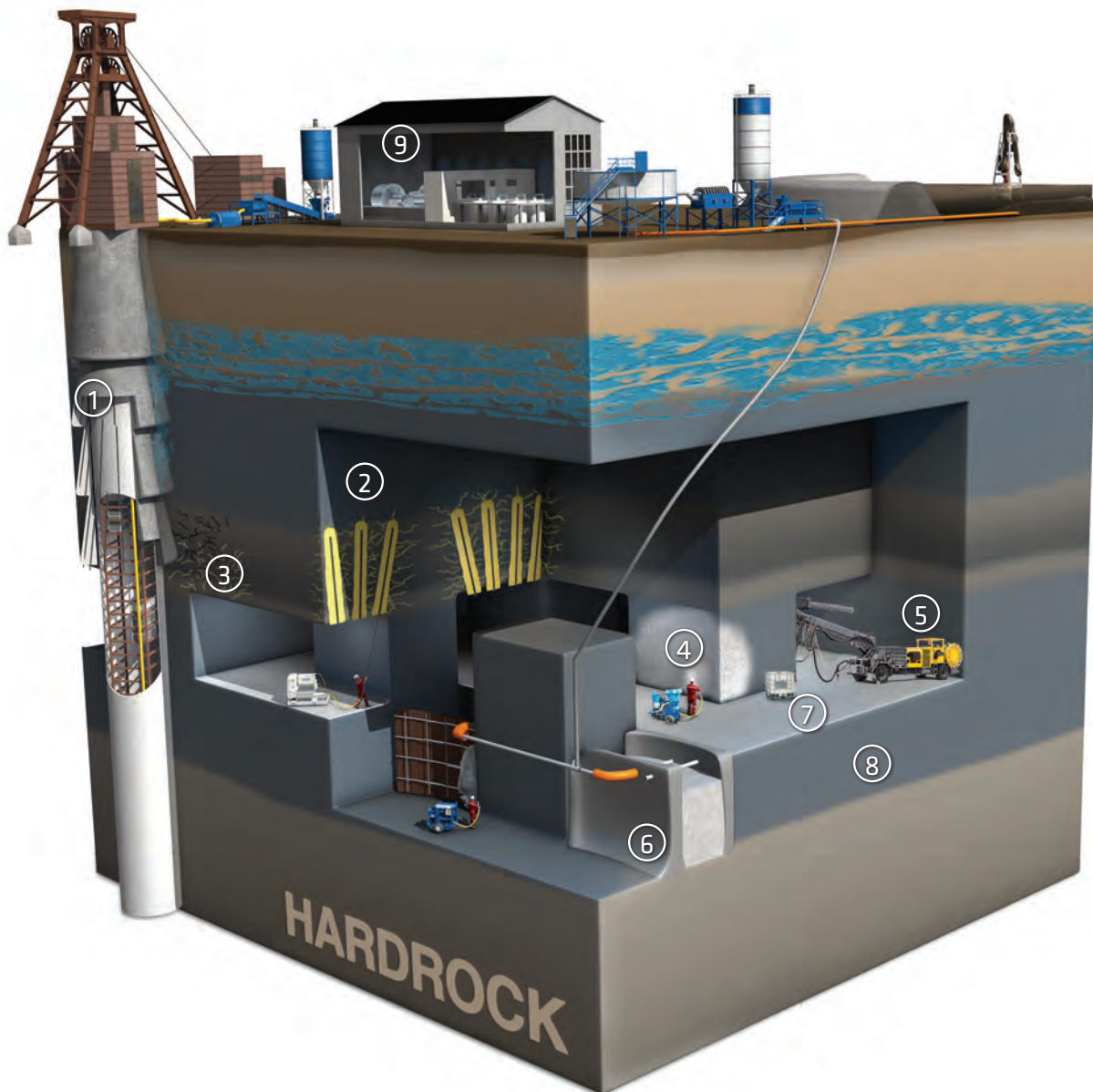


# MINING SOLUTIONS FOR THE MINING INDUSTRY

**BUILDING TRUST**



# OUR COMPREHENSIVE PORTFOLIO FOR THE MINING INDUSTRY



① Pre-Injection

② Rock Bolting

③ Injection

④ Thin Spray-on Liner (TSL)

⑤ Sprayed Concrete

⑥ Mine Backfill

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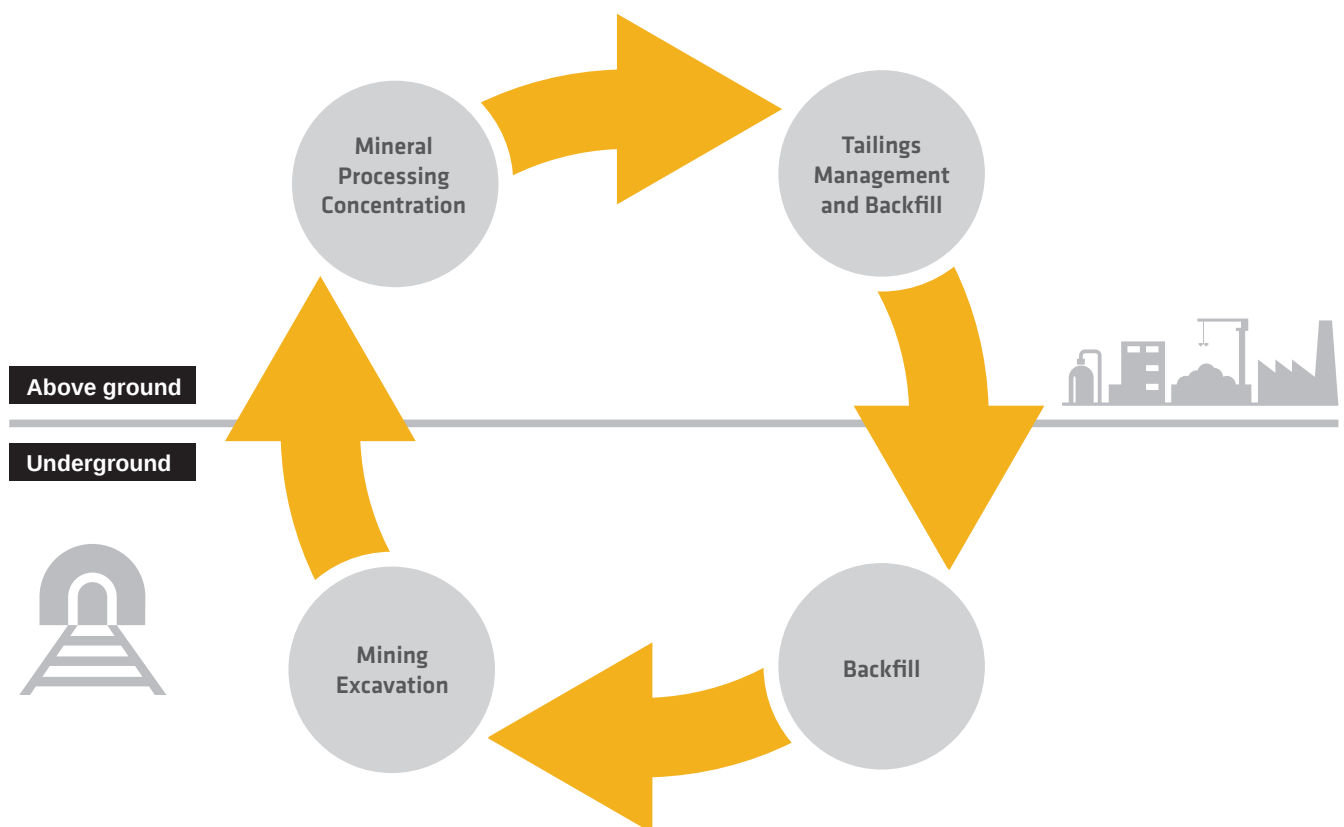
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# YOUR PARTNER FOR SAFER MINING

Mining is all about partnership – and in the Sika experts, you will find the right partner: A partner not just offering tailor-made solutions for each step in the mining cycle, but also supporting you with on-site problem solving, start-up

supervision, and lab testing. Through advanced chemistry for hard rock, coal or open pit mining, we help you increase the efficiency and profitability of operations while improving safety at the same time.

## Total Mining Cycle - Sustainable Approach



# SPRAYED SUPPORT

The Sika brand offers a comprehensive range of products that achieve early and long-term strength in ground support. These products can be tailored to suit specific site requirements, offer compatibility to local cements and excellent long-term

durability. Moreover, our innovations in alkali-free accelerators are a safe and essential part of modern sprayed concrete.



## Sprayed Concrete

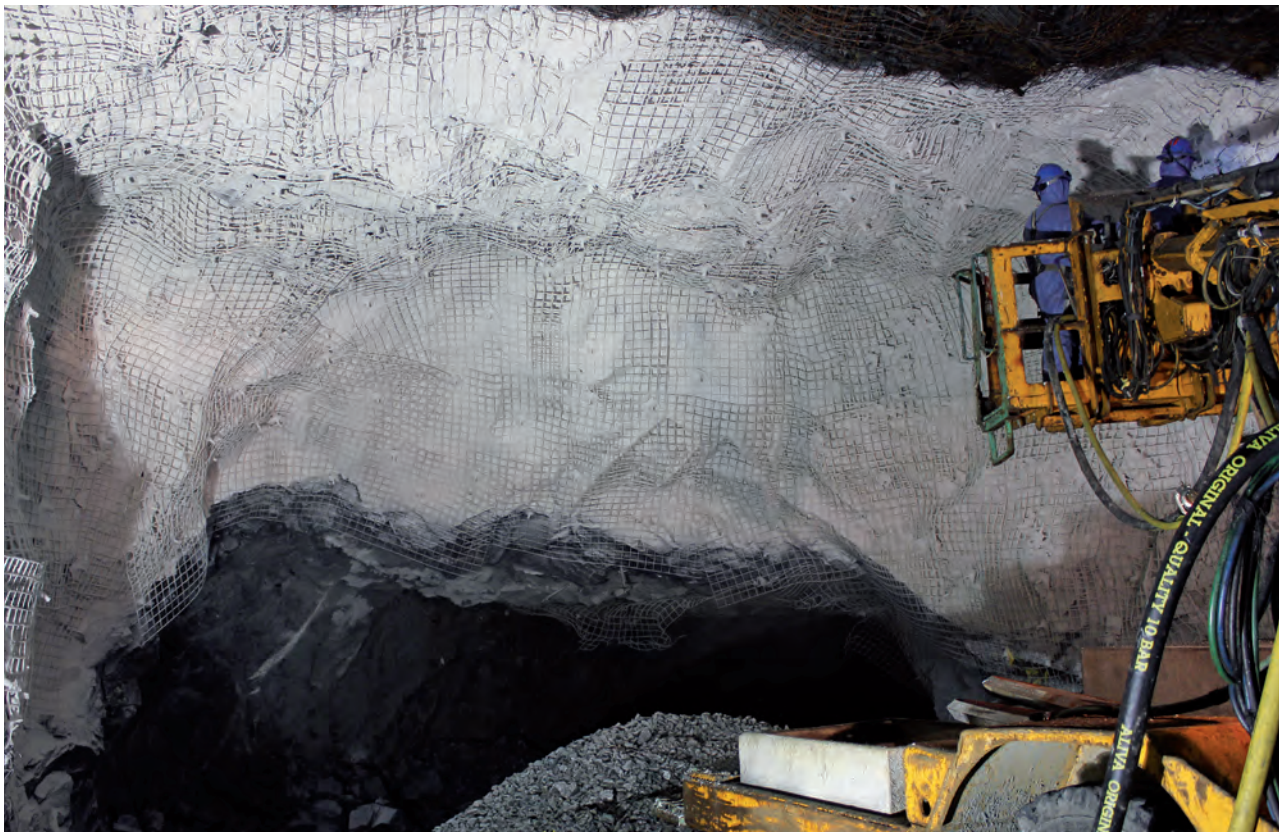
3 – 15 cm as temporary lining with bearing load capacity and structural support if needed with structural fiber reinforced.

## TML

10 – 50 mm thin mortar lining with bearing load capacity and bending flexibility for initial and quick rock support in strong fissured soft and hard rock.

## TSL

3 – 10 mm thick flexible and elastic rock coatings for anti-weathering or vent stopping in soft rock and swelling clays, in combination with mesh and bolts.



## Sprayed Concrete

High-quality, durable sprayed concrete (shotcrete) has become a vital component of ground support and stabilization in both tunneling and mining. Sprayed concrete support creates state-

of-the-art linings. Constantly striving to exceed customer needs and demands, our admixture technologies enhance the workability, hydration control and viscosity of fresh concrete.

### Admixtures for Sprayed Concrete

While the **Sika ViscoCrete®** range provides superior rheological properties (good pumpability, low viscosity), the **Sika Stabilizer®** range is specifically designed to utilize manufactured sands with high fines and / or clay minerals. Our hydration control system **SikaTard HCA®** is capable of maintaining an open time of up to 72 hours, allowing for total flexibility of site logistics.

The viscosity modifying admixtures (VMA) of the **Sika Stabilizer®** range allow the modification of rheological

properties to prevent segregation. **SikaFume® MS** microsilica improves the pumpability and workability of sprayed concrete mixes in the fresh state while reducing permeability and increasing density as well as long-term strength in the hardened state. **Sika ViscoCrete®** is a concrete improving admixture which enhances the quality in the hardened states by reducing shrinkage and improving bonding.



# SPRAYED SUPPORT

## Set Accelerators

**Sika Sigunit® SA** alkali-free accelerators are added at the nozzle and accelerate the setting and hardening of the sprayed concrete. They provide high early strength gain and long-term strength development, as well as enhanced durability.

Furthermore, they reduce dust and rebound levels. The accelerators are also suited for applications where extremely thick layers of sprayed concrete are required.

| Admixture type                | Sika product line           | Application example                                                  | Flowability | Open time | Segregation prevention | Low viscosity | Manufactured sands / clay | Strength / durability |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Plasticizer                   | <b>Sika ViscoCrete®</b>     | Standard superplasticiser                                            | ●           | ●         |                        |               |                           | ●                     |
|                               | <b>Sika ViscoCrete®</b>     | Solution for low viscosity / easy pumpability                        | ●           | ●         |                        | ●             |                           | ●                     |
|                               | <b>Sika Stabilizer®</b>     | Special solution for manufactured sands and clay content             | ●           | ●         |                        |               | ●                         | ●                     |
| Hydration control             | <b>SikaTard® HCA</b>        | Site locations with difficult availability or logistics              |             | ●         |                        |               |                           |                       |
| Viscosity modifying admixture | <b>Sika Stabilizer®</b>     | Overcome lack of fines within sieve grade                            |             |           | ●                      |               |                           |                       |
| Speciality                    | <b>SikaFume® MS</b>         | Microsilica as powder or slurry                                      |             |           | ●                      |               |                           | ●                     |
| Alkali-free accelerator       | <b>Sika Sigunit® SA</b>     | Accelerator for sprayed concrete for fast buildup and early re-entry |             |           |                        |               |                           | ●                     |
| Drycrete accelerator          | <b>Sika Sigunit® SA 545</b> | Accelerator for the dry-mix sprayed concrete process                 |             |           |                        |               |                           | ●                     |

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## Fiber Reinforced Sprayed Concrete (FRSC)

Fiber reinforced sprayed concrete is a widely used rock support measure which replaces the conventional mesh reinforcement and can be applied safely, fast and highly mechanized. The structural synthetic macrofibers from the **SikaFiber®** product range form an internal network and add superior tensile properties to the sprayed concrete system. **SikaFiber®** structural reinforcing fibers greatly improve the load bearing capability and cracking resistance of sprayed concrete. In comparison to steel fibers, the synthetic fibers are not prone to corrosion and show a better CO<sub>2</sub> footprint. The use of synthetic fibers guarantees a very ductile behavior of the concrete structure, which ensures very big deformation before failure. In hard and soft rock mining, changes in humidity and temperature affect weak strata, causing rock falls and rib degradation. Effective surface support and protection against weathering of rock and strata are critical to the safety, efficiency and longevity of any mining operation. Sika provides systems for supplementary surface support to strategic areas of a mine, thus increasing safety for people and infrastructure.



## Sprayed Liners

### Thin Mortar and Spray-On Liner

**Sikacrete® TML (thin mortar liner)** is a range of cement-based mortar designed to support the strata in mines. Formulations have been adapted to the needs of the industry, be it dry or wet spray application, fast or normal setting times. They have an excellent bond to concrete, rock and coal and can be sprayed using simple to operate equipment.

**Sikalastic® TSL (thin spray-on liner)** range can be used when higher elasticity and elongation are required. These products are based on polymers which allow them to be used in thin layers supporting the strata. Due to the special polymers, they act as a seal for gases and as weathering protection. By using simple dry spraying equipment, high application rates can be achieved. As they are sprayed in thin layers, logistics in the mines is much easier since less materials must be handled.

| Fields of application                                          | Sprayed concrete | Fiber reinforced sprayed concrete | Thin mortar liner | Thin spray-on liner |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Substrate sealing, weathering protection                       | ●                | ●                                 | ●                 | ●                   |
| Rock support, structural                                       | ●                | ●                                 | ●                 |                     |
| Rock support, local surface failure (prevention of rock falls) | ●                | ●                                 | ●                 | ●                   |
| Mesh replacement                                               |                  | ●                                 |                   |                     |
| Post failure behavior / warning                                |                  | ●                                 |                   |                     |
| Easy availability (equipment)                                  | ●                | ●                                 | ●                 | ●                   |
| Easy logistics                                                 |                  |                                   | ●                 | ●                   |
| Typical application thickness [mm]                             | 30 – 150         | 30 – 100                          | 10 – 50           | 3 – 10              |
| Elasticity / ductility                                         |                  |                                   |                   |                     |
| Stiffness / load bearing                                       |                  |                                   |                   |                     |

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# INJECTION TECHNOLOGIES

## Water Ingress Prevention with Pre-injection

Unexpected water ingress and poor ground conditions can cause significant delays and escalate costs. To counteract these risks, an economical approach is to pre-inject the ground ahead of the advancing face using microcements. **SikalInject® MP** microcements provide extremely effective penetration into fine cracks in rock and fine-grained soils to give efficient water tightness, stability and durability.

**SikalInject® MP 650:** Extremely effective penetration into fine cracks in rock and fine-grained soils.

## Water Stopping

Foaming, water-sensitive polyurethanes combat water ingress quickly and effectively. Many of the products for preventing water ingress can be adjusted on site to suit local conditions.

**SikalInject® MP 355:** To stop low to mid-volume water ingress.

## Ground Consolidation & Void Filling

The fast reacting and non-water-sensitive polyurethanes and polyurea silicate systems quickly stabilize poor ground and are suitable for strata consolidation and rock reinforcement. Specially developed foams are used for cavity filling and sealing bulk heads.

**SikalInject® MP 368:** Compact polyurea silicate injection resin, specifically designed for rapid ground consolidation.

**SikalInject® MP 367 Foam:** Low density polyurea silicate foam for cavity filling in rock, gravel and coal.



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# SOLUTIONS FOR ROCK BOLTING

## Improved Cycle Times

Increased excavation depths lead to higher geotechnical challenges, such as higher rock stresses affecting the stability of the strata. Working at ever greater depths with potentially unstable strata increases the need for enhanced personnel safety within the mine environment. Sika offers products that facilitate safe ground stabilization while improving mine productivity. Developed for placement of cable and rock bolts in underground mines, our innovative solutions improve cycle times for both cable and rock bolt installation, while increasing worker safety and strata control.

**SikalInject® RBA 380:** compact thixotropic polyurea silicate injection resin, specifically designed for rock and cable bolt installations.

**SikalInject® RBA 387:** fast reacting compact thixotropic polyurea silicate injection resin suited for self-drilling anchors and automated installation.

## Wide Range of Products

Sika offers a wide range of rock bolting solutions. Besides reactive resins from the **SikalInject® RBA 38X** range, the portfolio includes ready-to-use cementitious products and admixtures for OPC based grouts to adjust the behavior in terms of shrinkage compensation, corrosion protection, pumping capacity and bond improvement.

## Anchoring Grouts

**SikalInject® MG 10** - a high yield, shrinkage compensated and thixotropic grout for placement of cable and rock bolts in civil tunnels and underground mines.

**SikalInject® MG 13** - a shrinkage compensated, highly flowable precision grout for placement of rock and cable bolts and strata binding.

**SikalInject® MG 57** - a thixotropic, high yield, shrinkage compensated grout that exhibits rapid strength gain designed for rock reinforcement for placement of cable and rock bolts in civil tunnels and underground mines.

## Rock Drilling Anchoring Systems

Self-drilling anchor (SDA) systems are advanced anchoring solutions widely used in Geo technical and civil engineering applications.

These systems are designed to provide support and stabilization in various conditions, especially in challenging environments like loose or fractured soil, weak rock formations, or areas requiring immediate anchoring.



Rock bolting animation of resin fully encapsulating the bolt.

# BACKFILL TECHNOLOGIES

Backfill, the process of backfilling material into the underground voids created by mining, is becoming increasingly important because of current trends in mining: deeper excavation, optimizing ore and water recovery, improving the mine cycle as well as production while reducing environmental impact and overall costs.

Backfill operations represent 25 to 30 per cent of the overall mining costs. Thus, optimization of the backfill process leads to significant total mining cost reductions as well as improved mining production.

Backfill material types and processes are various but generally require a blend of binders, process water and aggregates to provide the required amount of restraint to enable massive strategic support for the ore extraction sequence within mining cycle.

Sika takes a scientific approach to this challenge that can help mining companies understand and run backfill operations at lower risks and lower costs with higher efficiency through our tailor-made chemistry and backfill expertise. With over 30 years of experience in backfill, Sika has been a pioneer

in creating an admixture market for backfill in the mining industry.

Sika's extensive range of mine backfilling solutions have been developed to provide the optimum balance of high early strength and sustainable long-term strength, ensuring dimensional stability after placement by meeting (or exceeding) design fill performance requirements.

Depending on the site specific requirements, Sika offers an extensive range of customized solutions: rheology enhancers, viscosity modifiers, and hydration control as well as water reducers, superplasticizers and durability enhancers.



Fill without admixture



Fill with admixture

## Benefits at a Glance:

### Cost Optimization:

- Binder and water savings
- Production increase
- Lower maintenance costs
- Enhanced productivity or placement of the fill
- Continuous fill opportunity

### Increased Safety:

- Minimizing blockage risk
- Dimensional stability after placement
- Reduced risk of fill failure or liquefaction
- Enhanced early and final strength of placed fill

### Sustainability:

- Reduction of cement content in mix
- Increase in tailing underground and decrease in surface disposal of tailings
- Decrease in fresh water consumption
- Flexibility for long distance placement

## Grout Plants

Sika leads the way in innovation with specially formulated admixtures designed to enhance the performance and stability of active cementitious grouts.

These advanced admixtures offer exceptional benefits, including:

- **Enhanced stabilisation and anti-washout properties**
- **Reduced water/cement ratios and of bleed water**
- **Extended open times**
- **Improved early and later compressive strengths**
- **Highly flowable grouts for diverse applications**

For grout pack support, Sika provides a unique superplasticiser that minimises shrinkage, ensuring the packs deliver optimal support to the hanging wall.

Sika has also developed an advanced tailings shotcrete grout system. This solution is designed for long-distance pumping and underground storage, with subsequent mixing in a shotcrete mixer. Here, Sika Shotcrete Fibres and additional cement are added to create a ready-to-apply, high-performance mix. Additionally, Sika's tailings grout is ideal for void fill systems, delivering reliable and efficient performance in challenging environments.

# INFRASTRUCTURE ABOVE GROUND

## Admixtures for Ready-Mix and Precast Concrete

Sika admixtures aid in the production of high-strength, durable concrete – a prerequisite for complex structures. They render unnecessary the mechanical compacting by vibration allowing the concrete to flow, thus increasing performance and making it easier to use. They aid in the curing process of the concrete, preventing the concrete's components from segregating. After curing they leave the concrete with a smooth and clean surface – and ensure an extremely long service life for the structure.

The increased energy efficiency, higher concrete durability and better construction process contribute to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and to saving time and costs.



- **Sika ViscoCrete®** superplasticizer for low-viscosity concrete, improving the rheological properties of high-performance concrete and allowing concrete mix design optimizations for higher performance concrete and concrete mixes with a reduced CO<sub>2</sub> footprint.
- **SikaPlast®** superplasticize to provide high water reduction and slump retention, accelerated strength development and extended workability without delayed setting characteristics.
- **Sika® Stabilizer** advanced rheology control solutions for selfcompactingconcrete.
- **SikaRapid®** or **SikaRetarder®** to plasticize, accelerate or retard concrete, improving its performance and making it more uniform and predictable in behavior.
- **SikaPlast® PH** water reducing admixture to ensure superior workability and finishing. It improves concrete performance with a wide range of cements, fly ashes, granulated slags, and aggregates, including coarse and manufactured sands.
- **Sikament®** to impart rheoplastic qualities to concrete and to improve the pumpability of fresh concrete.
- **SikaRapid® Seed** hardening accelerator to provide excellent high early strength development at low ambient and heat curing temperatures.

## Performance Flooring Solutions

The **Sikafloor®** cementitious flooring system is applied together with the concrete installation to ensure long lasting durability where floors are subject to high traffic loads or an abrasive environment, such as processing plants and workshops.

## Concrete Protection

**Sikagard®** systems include a range of high-performance water repellents, elastomeric and high build anti-carbonation and chemical resistant coatings that counter challenging weather conditions, environmental contaminants and corrosive elements. The portfolio also includes a special range

of corrosion inhibitors such as galvanic anodes and surface applied corrosion inhibitors that are formulated to permeate the concrete and control corrosion directly at the steel reinforcement.

# REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

As a full-range supplier of repair and protection products, we offer customized solutions for your concrete structures. We do not, however, only look at the visible damage, but also provide support for the evaluation of the causes of your structural damage. As a result, we are able to offer an

integrated solution, providing a specifically designed product combination based on the needs of your individual structure. With our system solutions, we help you to extend the service life of your construction and, lastly, make a significant contribution to sustainability.

**SikaInject® MP** series for crack repair for shaft bunkers and other concrete structures.

**SikaTop®** portfolio of hand and spray-applied waterproofing products to stop water leakage and moisture ingress in a variety of new and existing structures.

**Sika Ucrete®** polyurethane resin technology that gives floors exceptional resistance to aggressive chemicals, extreme mechanical and thermal shock, providing a long-term, durable flooring solution.

**SikaEmaco®** primers, repair mortars and fairing coats regain the structure's original strength and durability and protect against corrosion.

**SikaGrout®** range of cementitious, polymer and epoxy based grouts offer precision, dimensional stability, durability and toughness for applications like structural stabilization, load transfer, equipment and rails.

**Sikadur®** composite strengthening system restores damaged concrete to its original load bearing capacity, and can increase its strength and structural performance



## Fire Protective Coating for Electrical Cables

**Sikacryl® C 3000CA** is a water-based ablative coating especially developed for the fire protection of grouped or bundled electrical cables. It prevents flame propagation along vertical and horizontal cable ways. The coating can also help to delay short circuit. By preventing the fire from spreading and eventually involving all cables, **Sikacryl® C 3000CA** also prevents dense black smoke and poisonous gases developing from all types of cables. **Sikacryl® C 3000CA** is easily applied

by conventional methods such as spray and brush, as well as by hand.

**Sikacryl® C 3000CA** is a FM approved, water and weather resistant cable coating which does not derate the electrical cables.

# GLOBAL NETWORK OF UNDERGROUND SPECIALISTS

Sika, with its global underground construction team, is a world leader in the provision of reliable, customer-oriented solutions focused on your needs in the tunneling and mining industries. We recognize that your success is underpinned by our ability to deliver solutions that meet or exceed your critical needs.

By accompanying you from the start of your project and understanding the issues that are important to you, we can contribute to your success. We support you with product training and quality control, and our professional technical services team is on hand around the clock, helping you with technical advice and trouble shooting.



## Hands-On Exercises and Training



Sika provides technical injection training courses on a frequent basis centrally located in the Hagerbach underground facility in Switzerland. The courses are organized both as demonstration workshops in realistic underground settings and as practical injection operators training. The demonstration workshops are “show-and-tell” sessions that aim to visualize and explain the possible types of application and the technical performance of our injection systems. The practical injection operators

training is offered exclusively to injection customers who are working with Sika injection systems. During this training the participants are given the chance to work in small groups, taking part in hands-on exercises under the supervision of experienced instructors. The main objective is to gain practical skills for the correct application and execution of injection work. In addition, customized training is available for individual projects worldwide when required by customers.

# SIKA SOLUTIONS

The Sika brand brings all of our expertise together to create chemical solutions for new construction, maintenance, repair and renovation of structures. Sika is built on the experience gained from more than a century in the construction industry. The know-how and experience of a global community of construction experts form the core of Sika.

We combine the right elements from our portfolio to solve your specific construction challenges. We collaborate across areas of expertise and regions and draw on the experience gained from countless construction projects worldwide. We leverage global technologies, as well as our in-depth knowledge of local building needs, to develop innovations that help make you more successful and drive sustainable construction.

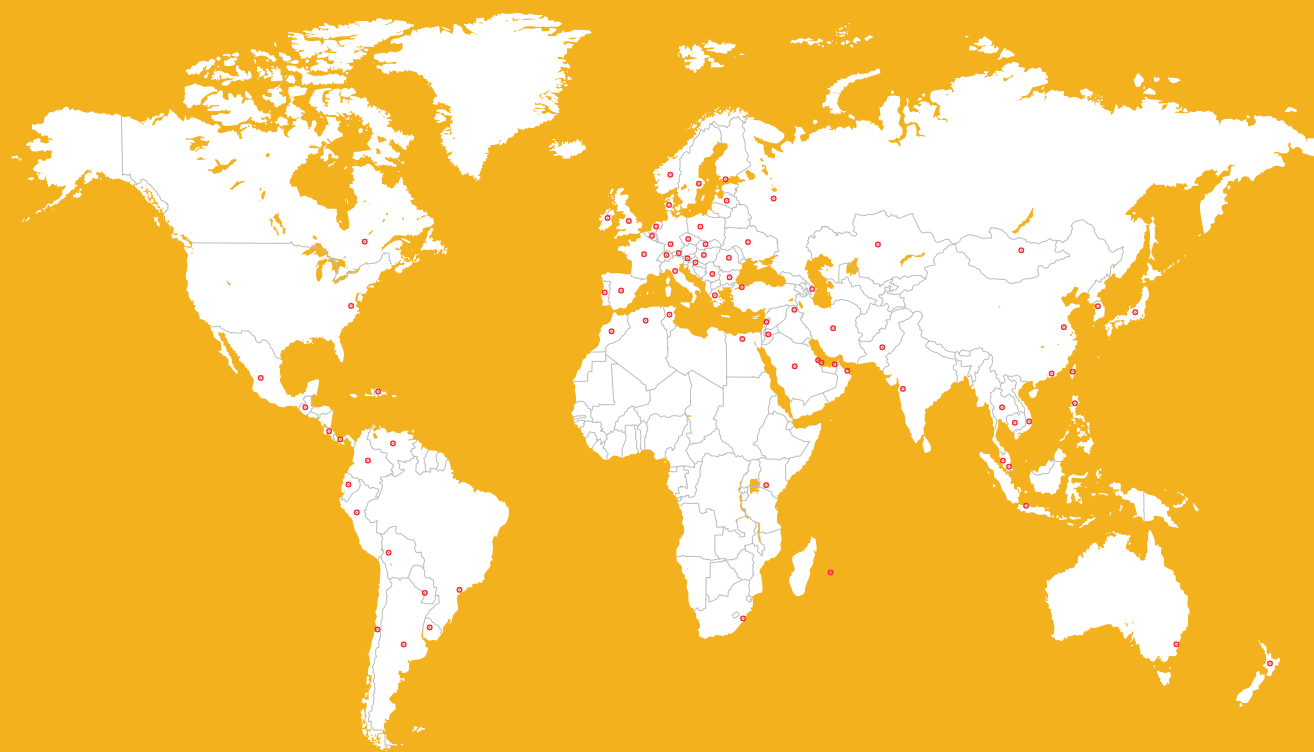
The comprehensive portfolio under the Sika brand encompasses concrete admixtures, cement additives, solutions for underground construction, waterproofing solutions, sealants, concrete repair & protection solutions, performance grouts, performance flooring solutions and solutions for on- and offshore wind energy.

## Our comprehensive portfolio

- Concrete admixtures
- Cement additives
- Chemical solutions for underground construction
- Waterproofing solutions
- Sealants
- Concrete repair and protection solutions
- Performance grouts
- Wind turbine grouts
- Performance flooring solutions



# GLOBAL BUT LOCAL PARTNERSHIP



## FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SIKA:

### WHO WE ARE

Sika is a specialty chemicals company with a leading position in the development and production of systems and products for bonding, sealing, damping, reinforcing, and protecting in the building sector and motor vehicle industry. Sika has subsidiaries in 101 countries around the world and manufactures in over 300 factories. Its more than 27,500 employees generated annual sales of CHF 10.49 billion in 2022.

In South Africa, we provide market-leading solutions for concrete, waterproofing, roofing, flooring, refurbishment, sealing & bonding, and industry, and have manufacturing sites in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng.



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