## AN INTRODUCTION TO OPUS SCM™

# The future of cement is eco-friendly



### Why does the world need a new SCM?

#### Portland cement is responsible for 5-7% of global carbon emissions.

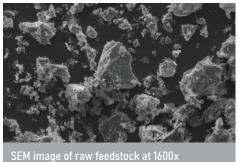
An established and easy way to improve the environmental performance of concrete is to replace part of the cement content with a Supplementary Cementitious Material (SCM) that has a lower CO<sub>2</sub> footprint than Portland cement.

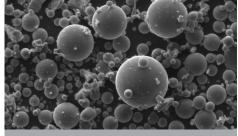
However, the supply of high quality SCMs is currently insufficient and continues to decline. For example, fly ash, a by-product of burning coal in power plants, has successfully been used as an SCM for decades but due

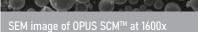
to the closure or conversion of coal- to gas-fired plants, and the use of different types of coal, fly ash suitable for use in concrete is rapidly decreasing in supply.

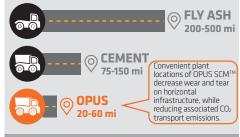
#### What is OPUS SCM™?

Terra is proud to introduce OPUS SCM™: an engineered SCM, that can be **locally manufactured and fill the fly ash void.** OPUS SCM<sup>TM</sup> offsets the use of Portland Cement in the 10-25% range for most common concrete mix designs, without sacrificing concrete performance. Terra is currently engaging in select commercial demonstration projects across the nation.









### What are the benefits of OPUS SCM™?

- 1. Low carbon emissions. OPUS is made from silicate rock types that have little to no embodied CO<sub>2</sub> as opposed to Portland cement which is made from limestone that has over 40% embodied CO<sub>3</sub>. For every ton of traditional Portland cement that OPUS SCM™ displaces, **70% reduction in CO**, can be realized. In the future, as favorable, renewable energy sources become more economical and scalable, OPUS will achieve zero carbon emissions.
- 2. Low NOx emissions. NOx emissions will be controlled and for every ton of Portland cement recplaced by OPUS, up to 90% reduction in NOx emissions can be expected.
- 3. Scalable technology & globally available feedstocks. Terra's technology is highly scalable and our feedstock, silicate rocks, are the most abundant rock type on earth, a major advantage over other technologies that are constrained to one specific feedstock type.
- 4. Cost competitiveness. Terra delivers cost competitive solutions before green and/or government incentives.
- 5. Certified. Terra's materials & technology have been broadly tested and verified by 3rd party certified independent labs. Concrete with OPUS SCM™ meets all applicable performance requirements.
- **6. Using existing infrastructure.** OPUS SCM™ functions well within existing concrete infrastructure.
- 7. Low transport cost. Terra plants sit on small footprints allowing OPUS SCM™ to be produced close to core markets, greatly reducing transportation logistics and costs.
- 8. No coal. OPUS SCM™ is not a by-product of burning coal.

