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Title: Trinidad Lake Asphalt (TLA) - Revolutionizing Road Pavements

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Introduction:

- Importance of roads, tunnels, and bridges in transportation systems
- Need for safe and economical access to destinations
- Introducing Trinidad Lake Asphalt as a strong, durable, and cost-effective pavement material

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TLA: The Material

- Production: Naturally occurring semi-solid asphalt found in the "Pitch Lake" of Trinidad
- Composition and Physical Properties:
 - Bitumen: 53-55%
 - Mineral matter: 36-37%
 - Water of hydration, adsorbed bitumen, and volatiles: 9-10%
 - Fine mineral matter: Mainly quartz and clay minerals (Kaolinite and Illite)
 - Unique characteristics: Hardness, stable structure, and improved pavement surface characteristics

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TLA: Chemical Properties

- Fractional composition: 36% malthenes and 18% asphaltenes
- Asphaltenes: Hard, brittle sub-micron particles contributing to asphalt's "body"
- Composition of asphaltenes: Carbon-82.8%, Hydrogen-7.8%, and Sulphur-10.2%
- Gel-like structure of TLA: Improved structural performance and reduced thermal sensitivity

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Bitumen Modification with TLA: Specifications

- User-producer specifications:
 - Consistency, hardness, and elastic rebound of asphalt cement
- Performance-based specifications:
 - Rutting, fatigue, and low-temperature cracking resistance properties
- ASTM requirements for TLA cements: Dosage of 20% to 50% TLA to refinery bitumen
- Typical performance properties of a 25% TLA dosage: Safeguard against fatigue and aging, good pumpability

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Bitumen Modification with TLA: Blend Production

- Large-scale hot mix production: Blending system for TLA modification
- Blending tanks and storage tanks integrated into conventional asphalt plant system
- Blending process:
 - Loading TLA at ambient temperatures
 - Melting overnight

- Pumping heated bitumen into the blending tank
- Blending time varies with TLA content (e.g., 30% TLA modification takes about 20 minutes)
- Complete modified asphalt ready for use at normal operation time

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TLA in Pavement Design

- Elastic modulus of asphalt-aggregate surfacing layer as a fundamental design parameter
- TLA's impact on modulus: 2.3 to 7.0 times higher than equivalent straight run bitumen
- Modulus Ratio (Mod TLA/Mod St. Run) for varying TLA percentages
- Thinner layers and extended pavement life (at least 5 years)

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Performance: Life-Cycle Costs and Efficiency

- Estimated life-cycle costs per kilometer: HDM analysis for straight run and TLA modified mixes
- Strong subgrades (CBR 8%):
 - Agency costs: Generally 6% to 15% higher (except single overlay policy for mid annual ESA levels)
 - Reduced costs or relative savings due to less frequent maintenance intervention
- Weak subgrades (CBR 2%):
 - Agency costs: Savings of 1% to 10% (except single overlay policy at low and high ESA levels)
 - Benefits of TLA surfacings due to reduced maintenance intervention demand

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Performance: Life-Cycle Costs and Efficiency (continued)

- User costs (vehicle operating costs - VOCs): Generally lower for TLA pavements
- Total costs: Reduction of 0.5% to 3

.5% for typical TLA mix

- Net Present Value (NPV) analysis:
 - Benefits of TLA mix vary with ESA levels and subgrade conditions
 - Positive NPV for TLA mix for most cases analyzed

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Case Studies

- Infrastructure Facilities Rehabilitated with TLA Mixes:
 - Roads: Demonstration projects showing superior performance and extended life
 - Tunnels: Enhanced durability and reduced maintenance needs
 - Bridges: Increased load-carrying capacity and resistance to cracking
- Results: Increased safety, reduced user costs, and improved asset management

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Conclusion

- Recap of TLA's benefits: Strength, durability, improved performance

- Economic efficiency and cost savings for society
- Strong potential for TLA-modified asphalt cements in road paving works
- Encourage further inquiries and collaboration for adopting TLA in pavement projects

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