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## ABSTRAK

Asfalt berliang (PA) merupakan campuran asfalt dengan permukaan yang sangat telap dimana berfungsi untuk membentuk dan mengekalkan turapan telap untuk pengurusan air hujan dan pengurangan air larian. Impak daripada beban kenderaan yang berulang, cuaca panas dan hujan lebat menyebabkan struktur turapan terdedah kepada masalah seperti keretakan, aluran, pelucutan dan penuaan yang pantas. Kajian ini bertujuan untuk mengkaji peranan gentian buluh untuk meningkatkan sifat fizikal, mekanikal dan morfologi serta mengatasi isu berkaitan asfalt berliang (PA). Spesimen PA yang mengandungi peratusan gentian buluh yang berbeza telah diuji untuk menilai sampel yang terbaik seperti yang dikehendaki. Dalam kajian ini tiga ujian prestasi fizikal iaitu (penyaliran pengikat, kebolehtelapan dan ujian cantabro) dan tiga ujian prestasi mekanikal (kestabilan marshall, modulus resilient dan ujian kekuatan tegangan tidak langsung) telah dijalankan untuk menentukan objektif kajian. Penyelidikan ini menggunakan dua jenis agregat Gred A dan B dengan empat peratusan gentian buluh yang berbeza (0.2%, 0.3%, 0.4%, 0.5%) dan juga sampel tanpa gentian buluh (0%) sebagai sampel terkawal. Dalam kajian ini, sebanyak 120 sampel PA digunakan di mana 96 ialah PA dengan gentian yang diubah suai dan 24 lagi ialah PA kawalan. Jumlah berat agregat setiap sampel ialah seberat 1100 g dan ketebalan purata setiap sampel adalah antara 66 mm hingga 70 mm. Dalam kajian ini juga, empat jenis gentian buluh yang berbeza peratusan telah dicampur dengan pengikat bitumen PEN 60/70. Ujian saliran pengikat dijalankan menggunakan bakul jaringan dawai yang diletakkan di dalam dulang. Keputusan menunjukkan bahawa 0% dan 0.5% mempunyai peratusan campuran bahan melepasi jaringan yang tertinggi, manakala 0.2% mempunyai peratusan campuran bahan melepasi jaringan terendah. Peratusan gentian buluh yang lebih rendah sesuai untuk PA. Sampel PA yang diubah suai 0.2 % gred B mempunyai kadar kebolehtelapan tertinggi (1.41m/s). Keputusan ini membuktikan kebolehan gentian buluh mampu meningkatkan kebolehtelapan PA. Berdasarkan kepada teori, semua sampel PA dengan pengubahsuaian buluh (0.2%, 0.3%, 0.4%, dan 0.5%) mempunyai hasil yang signifikan berbanding ujian prestasi fizikal yang lain. Sampel kawalan adalah dikecualikan. Semetara itu, ujian kestabilan Marshall untuk sampel PA dengan pengubahsuaian buluh 0.4% mencapai nilai purata kestabilan maksimum 9.842 kN untuk gred A dan 9.391 kN untuk gred B, berbanding sampel PA kawalan 0% iaitu 5.892 kN dan 8.545 kN. Setiap tempoh pengulangan nadi yang berbeza (tiga pengulangan nadi) untuk kedua-dua suhu (25°C dan 40°C) dan gred (A dan B) 0.3% memperoleh nilai purata modulus ketahanan yang ideal (3156 MPa dan 2266 MPa). Bagi nilai kekuatan tegangan, nilai terbesar diperolehi oleh PA dengan pengubahsuaian buluh 0.3% iaitu 1.087 kPa untuk gred A dan PA dengan pengubahsuaian buluh 0.4% iaitu 0.961 kPa untuk gred B. Oleh itu, apabila gentian buluh digabungkan dengan PA, semua sifat ujian mekanikal menunjukkan peningkatan nilai yang ketara. Berdasarkan imej SEM, sampel kawalan menunjukkan lebih banyak rekahan berbanding PA dengan pengubahsuaian buluh. Pada masa yang sama, komponen kimia Silikon (Si) ditemui dalam kedua-dua imej EDX PA kawalan dan PA dengan pengubahsuaian buluh. Berdasarkan pada penemuan kajian ini, dapat disimpulkan bahawa kepekatan yang betul dan jumlah gentian buluh yang tepat boleh meningkatkan sifat fizikal dan mekanikal PA. Untuk kajian yang seterusnya, adalah dicadangkan bahawa pengaruh pelbagai panjang gentian buluh ke atas prestasi asfalt berliang perlu dikaji, ini termasuk pembangunan teknik reka bentuk yang sesuai untuk campuran PA yang akan menjadikan PA lebih berkualiti dan tahan lebih lama.

## ABSTRACT

Porous Asphalt (PA) is a highly permeable asphalt surface used to create and maintain permeable pavements for storm water management and runoff reduction. Under the impacts of repetitive vehicle loads, warm weather, and heavily rainfall, the structure was vulnerable to deterioration from cracking, rutting, stripping, and quick aging. This research aims to investigate the role of bamboo fiber in improving the physical, mechanical and morphological properties and overcome the issue related to porous asphalt (PA). PA specimens containing different percentages of bamboo fiber were examined to see which samples offered the greatest performance according to the requirements. In this research three physical performance test which is (binder draindown, permeability and cantabro test) and three mechanical performance test (marshall stability, resilient modulus and indirect tensile strength test) was conducted to justify the study objective. This research used two types of aggregate Grade A and B with four different percentage of bamboo fiber (0.2%, 0.3%, 0.4%, 0.5%) and also a sample without bamboo fiber (0%) as the controlled sample. In this research 120 PA samples where 96 fiber modified PA and 24 control PA samples were used. The total aggregate weight was 1100 g for each sample, and the average thickness of each sample between 66 mm to 70 mm. In this research, four different percentages of bamboo fiber were mixed with PEN 60/70 bituminous binder. Binder drain-down test is conducted in a wire mesh placed inside the tray. The result indicated that 0% and 0.5% had the highest drain-down percentages and 0.2% had the lowest drain-down percentage. A lesser percentage of bamboo fiber is suitable for PA. Sample 0.2% modified PA grade B had the highest (1.41m/s) permeability coefficient value. This outcome supports the modified bamboo fiber greater PA value. According to the theory, all bamboo modified PA samples (0.2%, 0.3%, 0.4%, and 0.5%) had a significant outcome in comparison to the other physical performance tests. The control sample was the exception. Meanwhile, the marshall stability test bamboo modified 0.4% PA sample achieved a maximum stability average value of 9.842 kN for grade A and 9.391 kN for grade B, compared to the control 0% PA sample stability value of 5.892 kN and 8.545 kN. Every three-pulse repetitive period for both temperature (250°C and 400°C) and grade (A and B) 0.3% obtained the ideal resilient modulus average value (3156 MPa and 2266 MPa). However, indirect tensile strength gains the greatest value at 0.3% bamboo modified PA, 1.087 kPa for grade A and 0.4% bamboo modified PA, 0.961 kPa for grade B. As a result, when bamboo fiber was combined with PA, all mechanical properties tests showed a significant value increase. Based on SEM images, the control sample showed more cracks in the contrast bamboo modified PA. On every occasion, a Silicon (Si) chemical component is found in both control and bamboo modified PA EDX images. From the findings, it can be concluded that proper concentration and exact subsistence of bamboo fiber can enhance PA physical and mechanical properties. For future research, it is suggested that the influence of various bamboo fibre lengths on porous asphalt performance is investigated, as well as the development of an acceptable design technique for PA mixtures that would provide PA with quality service history.

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