# Understanding insulation as a key safety and sustainability component"

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Questions related to specific materials, methods, and services will be addressed at the conclusion of this presentation.



- Cellular Glass Insulation what is it?
- How to choose the right thermal insulation?
- How to prepare against the risk of humidity
- How to prepare against the risk of fire and smoke
- Conclusion



- Cellular Glass insulation and what makes it different to other thermal insulation products?
- Sustainability consideration before, during and after usage and how to meassure
- Close look at the reaction of different thermal material under vapour pressure.
- Learning the different factores what makes a flat roof safe and secure.
- Examples for facade planning under the consideration for the parameter fire.

# FOAMGLAS – Cellular Glass Insulation

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Marco has a degree as Architect and Executive Master Business Engineer from Switzerland.

With 20years of consulting experience in the thermal insulation for building, his education as architect in building physic and technical design lets him understand the questions and needs from the consultants, architects and clients.

He is expert in thermal protection of the building envelope in regards to local conditions and leader of Pittsburgh Corning Middle East territory for building application. Pittsburgh Corning is world leader in producing cellular glass thermal insulation with name FOAMGLAS used since over 50 years in building and industrial application.

Marco Thomas Vincenz General Manager, Architect Pittsburgh Corning Middle East





### **All properties**





#### Water proof

**Rigid/strong** 



# Keeps shape



#### Acid resistant



# Fire safe



#### Vermin proof

Ecological



Easy to cut





- Thermal conductivity coefficient (λ)
- Resistance to humidity or imperviousness to water vapour (µ)
- Behaviour in fire
- Dimensional stability and load bearing
- Price and long-term economy
- Sustainable





# GCC fire incidence





# Fire extension over the façade (in the cavity)





# Euro classes and reaction to fire



Euro classes	Testing methods	Classification	Product
Class A1	EN ISO 1182 EN ISO 1716	No contribution Non combustible No flashover	Cellular glass Rock wool Glass Wool
Class A2	EN ISO 1182 EN ISO 1716 EN 13823	Virtually no contribution Not very combustible No flashover	Glass week
Class B	EN 13823 EN ISO 11925-2	Very limited combustion Very difficult combustible No flashover	
Class C	EN 13823	Important contribution Moderately combustible Flashover after 10 – 100 kw	Phenolic foams Expanded perlite PIR
Class D	EN 13823 EN ISO 11925-2	High contribution Easily combustible Flashover after 2 – 100 kw	PiR
Class E	EN ISO 11925-2	Very high contribution Highly combustible Immediate flashover	Cellulose fibres Sheep's wool EPS XPS PIR
Class F	Unclassified Or Unsuitable for other classes	Highly combustible products or products whose reaction to fire has not been assessed	PUR

### **Dubai Marina - Right material for high rise facade?**





# Non-combustible façade, NY Dream Hotel







#### **Cellular glass wall application - GCC projects**





Composite façade system, mineral render

#### Qatar Convention Center and Tower, Doha

Architect Murphy/Jahn Inc, chicago/berlin/shanghai Build Under construction 2012 FOAMGLAS\* Application Façade insulation, about 6000 m<sup>2</sup>, T4+ slabs, 80 mm thick, adhesively bonded and mechanically fixed to the structural wall Finish Lime renders in thick layer

Qatar Convention Center and Tower have been designed by Murphy Jahn Inc. with a creative and inspirational power, just like other projects for which they are famous, be it Deutsche Post building in Bonn or the Sony Center in Berlin.

Qatar Convention Center and Tower will be iconic symbol for the Doha skyline – a 550 m high tapering obelisk, containing a total of 112 storeys. It will also comprise a 100,000 square metre convention center.

When architects are looking for aesthetic quality, it is the chance to explore new insulation system solutions for façades – systems which will have high impact resistance. No maintenance, no degradation within time and, most important, fire safety – these substantial benefits are only possible due to the specific FOAMGLAS\* insulation properties, providing high compressive strength, dimensional stability and non-combustibility.



Ecological and fire safe, a recommended building material www.foamglas.ae

Render system
Concrete wall
Concrete wall
Lime adhesive
FOAMGLAS\* slabs, bonded
and mechanically fixed
Reinforcing mesh
Lime render layer
Final layer of render.





#### Intercontinental & Crown Plaza Hotel, Festival City, Dubai

Client Al-Futtaim Group Architect Cox Crone Architects Construction 2003 – 2007 Application of FOAMGLAS\* behind stone cladding facade 8000 m<sup>2</sup>

The Intercontinental and Crown Plaza Hotel are part of Festival City project which will be once finished one of the largest mixed-used development in Dubai. FOAMGLAS\* is used behind the stone cladding because of the unique property of fully resistant to any kind of water and vapour and therefore can be applied on the wall structure without any additional protection against the high humidity. No additional foil for vapour protection is required trough the closed cell structure of the material FOAMGLAS® itself. Result is the life time constant performance of the thermal insulation. Degradation trough humidity abortion is the biggest problem in the Middle East for wall insulation next to fire issues. FOAMGLAS® is fully inorganic and will not support any fire. With no flame spread and no smoke development it provides specially in hotel project with towers the highest safety and ensures even in the building envelope the highest standard.



Long term investment in safety and durability www.foamglas.com

Build-up 1 Stone cladding 2 Rail support system for cladding fixed in concrete 3 FOAMGLAS\* mechanically

fixed

4 Structural wall concrete



#### Wall application - GCC projects





Ventilated rainscreen cladding

#### Museum of Islamic Art, Doha-Qatar

Architect I.M. Pei

Construction 2007 FOAMGLAS® application behind stone cladding facade mechanically fixed. Total area of FOAMGLAS applied for facade and flat roof 22000 m<sup>2</sup>

The Museum of Islamic Art is situated on the southern part of Doha's seafront on a manmade island about 60 meters off the coast of Doha. The external wall of the Museum is finished with 6,500 M3 of natural stone work. High temperature combined with high humidity and an open joint application of the facade was asking for a high quality of the structure below, specially the thermal protection because access to the ventilation space is not provided any more. The FOAMGLAS\* cellular glass insulation with the closed cell structure guarantees a life term solution because it can never absorb any humidity neither from humid air nor from rain or condensation. The lifelong constant performance is ensured and any upgrading of HVC equipment never required.



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Facade structure 1 Solid wall (concrete/ brickwork) 2 Primer coat 3 Resin anchor 4 FOAMGLAS\* slabs, bonded with PC\*56

5 Large format stone slab cladding





Rainscreen cladding, Cassette system

#### Tour des Tilleuls, Wattrelos (59), France

Architect VDDT Architectes Associés (59) **Client** Vilogia Contractor Coexia (59) Construction 2009 (refurbishment)

As real estate owner Vilogia has key requirements for sustainability and energy efficiency. A priority for his restoration works is long term reliability and best cost efficiency. Constant thermal performance, i.e. an insulation system without thermal ageing during construction and after completion, was a decisive criteria for chosing FOAMGLAS® thermal insulation. The system resists to all weather conditions and has excellent vapour proofing capacities.

The use of innovative, U-shaped Foamfix fixing brackets to hold the subconstruction for the pre-formed coated steel cladding sheets was a contribution to improved and rational operations on the building site.



FOAMGLAS® thermal insulation for long term reliability www.foamglas.com

1 Structural wall 2 FOAMGLAS\* W+F

- (100 mm thickness) bonded
- with PC\*56 adhesive
- 3 U-shaped fixing bracket and spacer Foamfix
- 4 Subconstruction
- 5 Cassette cladding system, pre-formed interlocking steel panels



# Some of the wall system







- Thermal conductivity coefficient (λ)
- Resistance to humidity or imperviousness to water vapour (µ)
- Behaviour in fire
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#### Humidity – Enemy No.1 for all thermal insulation









#### Decrease of the R value under the influence of humidity





#### Clime data Dubai Airport 2012

> Dubai International Airport, United Arab Emirates

#### Forecast Daily 1 quarter 1 year Averages



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Graphs

Forecast:

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#### Mollier – hx diagram



#### Mollier – hx diagramm



# Mineralwool: Seamless vapour barrier is a must





# Mineralwool: Seamless vapour barrier is a must





# Cellular glass is a vapour tight material itself





#### Vapour tight and Waterproof due to close cell structure













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# Cellular glass is rigid and strong









#### Cellular glass is rigid and stable

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CG can carry 170 tonnes/m2 - (1.7 N/mm2) NO deformation, NO flexibility > solid sub ground

#### roof application - GCC projects

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**FOAMGLAS®** tapered roof for all flat roofs and terraces

#### Arzanah Medical Complex, Abu Dhabi

Client Mubadala Development Company Consultant HDP Overseas Limited, HDR Location Abu Dhabi, UAE Under construction and finish December 2011

Just a few yards from the national soccer credits in all environment ratings and is stadium, the Arzanah Sports Medical Center is prominently located within a new mixed-use community in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The project set out to design a it to the perfect solution especially in sustainable building which responded roof areas with garden and terraces. to this very public site while balancing the need for a calming, healing environment and a facility organized to provide an integrated multi-disciplinary healthcare facility to serve the community and region. The new LEED Gold designed, 78-bed medical centre will form part of the US\$6 billion Arzanah development near Zayed Stadium on Abu Dhabi Island. As thermal insulation the consultant came to the decision to use FOAMGLAS\* cellular glass insulation for roof and some wall application. FOAMGLAS® is produced by Pittsburgh Corning and free of any harmful blowing agent. It's well known for the extreme long durability and the highest resistance to any kind of moisture. Due to the 66 % recycling content and use of only renewable energy in the production FOAMGLAS gets the highest

supporting with LEED and Estidama credits. The high compressive strength without creeping and deforming makes

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Highest durability and ecology provides best sustainablilty www.foamglas.com

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#### roof application - GCC projects

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Flat roof, Terraces

30 Graphic, HDR San Francisco

#### Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi - UAE

Owner Mubadala Architect Aedas/HDR Construction 2011 - 2012 FOAMGLAS® application FOAMGLAS® T4+ TAPERED ROOF; average thickness 280 mm, loose laid, inverted roof with single ply membrane (system for hot countries only), 8271 m<sup>2</sup> Finish layer Raised prefab tiles

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi is part of thermal bridges and the ability to Al Suwwa Island and owned by include the slope into the thermal Mubadala. CCAD has the objective of insulation. bringing world-class healthcare to the FOAMGLAS® is the decision for sustairegion and will be organized into the nability in regards to ecology and five institutes of Digestive Disease, Eye, economy. Heart and Vascular, Neurological, and Respiratory and Critical Care.

FOAMGLAS® is used as thermal insulation on the flat roof. It's never degrading properties, combined with highest ecological standard, was one reason for the consultant to go with the world leader in cellular glass insulation.

Additionally the choice is backed by the high compressive strength which enables any terrace build-up without

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Sustainable in ecology and economy www.foamglas.ae

**Roof structure** 

membrane

Concrete roof deck Single ply waterproofing

FOAMGLAS® T4+,

Single pedestal Prefab tiles

APERED ROOF, double layer

loose laid, average thickness 280 mm Protective layer/geotextile

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Job site picture during application

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Cut to slop: **Tapered Roof System** 

### Future project: Extension of Masjid al-Haram – Mecca, KSA

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#### Some of the Roof system

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Green roof system

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parking deck system for trafficable areas

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Terrace roof system with single pedestal

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# The systems: Cellular Glass for building envelope

**Underground wall & floor** 

Wall application for cavity & cladding

Flat roof application

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Wall & roof with metal cladding

Interior insulation for wall, floor, soffit

# Qatar National Museum, Doha

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#### Qatar National Museum, Doha

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#### **FOAMGLAS** special roof application - GCC projects

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Insulation of the building envelope below the cladding

© Artefactory. Ateliers Jean Nouvel. Building details courtesy of Oatar Museum Authority

#### **Qatar National Museum, Doha**

Architect Ateliers Jean Nouvel, Paris; Pritzker-prize winning architect Construction starting 2012, ongoing Application FOAMGLAS\* for the whole building envelope behind GRC cladding panels.

READY BOARD and FLOOR BOARD T4+, double layer: 2 x 100 mm, ca. 100,000 m², bonded and partly mechanical fixation

series of interlocking disks with cavi- buffer zones. Behind the GRC cladding, ties inside, buffered from the hot which are hollow core units, 200 mm desert sun. The new museum will be FOAMGLAS® is used as thermal protecbuilt around a historic structure, the tion; it guarantees the inside's stable Farig Al Salatah Palace, but will have condition which is essential for the new exhibitions about the life in the artworks. FOAMGLAS® cannot absorb Gulf region. Outside will be a 1.2 any water due to the closed cell strucmillion sq. foot park that interprets the ture and builds a strong subground for Qatari desert landscape and is spe- the waterproofing membranes. The cifically designed for the hot desert sun. The entire complex will seek LEED from the desert heat at its best. Silver certification, relying mostly on The 60% of recycling material content

The Architect's design is made up of a shady and cool areas with thermal artwork and the building are protected traditional building practices to create of FOAMGLAS® is supporting the sustainability demand of the client.

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#### Protecting the building www.foamglas.com

#### Facade structure

- Primary steel structure Corrugated steel decking
- FOAMGLAS\* FLOOR BOARD T4+, 100 mm
- FOAMGLAS\* READY BOARD T4+, 100 mm
- 5 Double layer bituminous waterproofing
- 6 Secondary steel structure with brackets connection to the
- primary structure 7 GRC cladding panel

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Ventilated rainscreen cladding

#### Art museum Kunsthaus Graz ("Bubble", "Blue Bubble"), Graz (Austria)

Architect Peter Cook + Colin Fournier, London Construction 2002/2003 FOAMGLAS\* application Roof and facade insulation, special shaped roof, about 3670 m², T4+ slabs, 160 mm thick, adhesively bonded, mechanically fixed in parts Facade cladding Tinted and open-jointed acryclic panels, visible fixing points

on the cladding elements

demanding construction with a complex structure. On this imaginative structure, the external panels are of aesthetic value only; the open joints lation all design options are possible. provide no protection against driving rain or environmental conditions. The

layers beneath the panels must fulfil the function of both weather-tightness and insulation of the building. FOAMGLAS\* applied below the membrane effectively meets both these demands and the clamping system ensures the minimum of cold bridging in the wall and roof constructions. Independent of the type and shape of load-bearing structure - concrete or steel deck, flat or curved - cellular glass insulation is easily cut to shape and will perfectly adhere, with a maximum

This special shaped building is a most of contact surface, to the structural wall/roof. Proud edges on the insulation can easily be smoothed with a grinding tool. With FOAMGLAS\* insu-

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Facade structure Synthetic membrane (bitumen compatible waterproofing sheet)

- Supporting framework, primary steel truss
- 3 Steel decking FOAMGLAS® T4+ insulation. 4
- 160 mm thick
- Under-façade BIX lightning 5
- Sprinkler nozzle Support for panels
- 8 Open-jointed acrylic panels

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#### FOAMGLAS roof with metal roof and standing seam finish

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Roof with metal covering

#### Armed Forces Officers Club Abu Dhabi, UAE

Architect Roger Taillbert, France Execution refurbishment of roof buildup 2006 Application of FOAMGLAS\* on concrete shell with metal covering 25000 m<sup>2</sup>

centre is still a popular hotel in the Roger Taillbert in a remarkable concrete structure. End of the nineties the for the next decades! roof required a refurbishment of the initially use sprayed Polyurethane thermal Insulation and waterproofing which

The Officers Club in Abu Dhabi build in failed already. The client followed the the nineties as Hotel and conference architect's recommendation and chooses the FOAMGLAS\* compact roof build modern Abu Dhabi with comfortable up with a metal roof covering. Because rooms and place for banquets and of the unique properties of the cellular meetings. The project often is visited glass insulation which can never absorb because of its interesting architecture any moisture, is non-combustible, no designed from the France Architect degradation and the highest safety in long term, the building is now protected

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Do it with FOAMGLAS® and you don't have to do it again www.foamglas.com

Build-up

- 1 Concrete roof deck 2 Primer coat 3 FOAMGLAS\* slabs, laid in hot
- 4 Top coat of hot bitumen
- 5 PC\*metal fixing plate 150 x 150 mm
- 6 PC\*metal fixing plate 200 x 200 mm
- 7 Bituminous waterproofing membrane 8 Separating layer
- 9 Standing seam metal sheet 10 Profiled metal sheet

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Mosque New building

#### DITIB-Merkez Mosque, Duisburg, Germany

Client DITIB-Begegnungsstätte Duisburg-Marxloh e.V., Duisburg Architects, Engineering Ropertz & Partner Planungsgesellschaft mbH, Architekten und Ingenieure, Herrmann-Rinne-Straße 2, 47259 Duisburg Contractor Schabos GmbH, Westring 10, 48356 Nordwalde Construction 2007

FOAMGLAS® Application Compact roof

FOAMGLAS\* segments, 1400 m<sup>3</sup>, 70 mm on domed concrete deck with zinc cladding Sustainable insulation system www.foamglas.de

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#### Build-up

- Domed concrete deck
- Bituminous primer FDAMGLAS\* T4+ segments,
- cold bitumen adhesive
- 4 Cold bitumen coating PC\* fixing plates 5
- Waterproofing, separating 6
- ayer Bauder TEC KSA
- 7 Metal cladding in zinc

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### FOAMGLAS roof with metal roof and standing seam finish

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- Thermal conductivity coefficient (λ)
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# How important are the materials used for the Building Envelope?

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# One broad definition of a 'sustainable product' is an item or service that <u>minimises its impact on the</u> <u>environment at each phase of its life cycle.</u>

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#### FOAMGLAS® stands comparison

The environmental pollution score (UBP 2006\*\*) for the production and waste disposal of FOAMGLAS® is 903 points/kg (insulation). This puts FOAMGLAS® into the pole position in eco-balance. Other insulation products show points between 2020 (stone wool) and 8490 (Extruded polystyrene).

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Source: ecoinvent > LCA

### **Cellular Glass is ecological and sustainable**

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#### **Cellular glass outstanding properties**

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- Water proof Vermin proof Rigid and strong Non-combustible •Vapour tight •Keeps the shape Acid resistant
- Easy to cut
- Ecological

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