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## **ABSTRACT**

**In Egypt**, tremendous unexploited raw materials could assist much in the technology of glass and rock wool industry. Paleozoic Formations in Egypt include rock units dominated by different quality silica sand which is considered the primary source for glass industry. The silica sand is mainly belonging to the Naqus and Abu Thora Formations of Cambro-Ordovician and Lower Carboniferous ages in Wadi El Dakhal and Um Bogma areas respectively.

The dolomite is extended along the escarpment of Maghra El-Bahari Formation at Gabal Ataqa, Suez area and is possibly belonging to the Late Cretaceous to Early-Middle Eocene.

The limestones of Middle Eocene outcrops in Samalut, Minia governorate, represent a huge reserve that can supply different industries. Meanwhile, the feldspar and kaolin occurrences are widely distributed along the southern Sinai localities as well as the Pre-Cambrian rocks of Um Bogma region and its frontier. On the other hand, the Cenozoic basalt rocks are widely outcropping in three localities in Egypt (Abu-Zaabal, El-Fayoum and Baharyia). The previous mentioned raw materials have not effectively adopted in glass and rock wool insulation material industry in Egypt. Although they are considered the main sources for  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  which represent the main formula for the glass and rock wool batches.

In the time of increasing the cost of energy, it becomes a demand to use different grades of cost-effective raw materials to be used in glass and rock wool batches. The main aim of this work is to process glass and rock wool boards with optimum thermal, acoustic and fire resistance together with mechanical properties. The optimum use of these cheap and overlooked raw materials will

eventually reduce the cost of glass and rock wool batches and produce well-matched quality commodities.

To achieve this goal, different glass and rock raw material samples have been collected, characterized and processed in the cold top electric and Cupola industrial furnaces respectively, with a consequently detailed study of the boards end-products. The starting raw material, molten “cinders” and wool boards have been characterized using XRD, XRF, SEM-EDAX, Stereomicroscopy, Lambda meter, mechanical testing and other ASTM and EN standard measuring procedures.

The CaO/MgO ratio, and other calculated viscosity moduli i.e. acidity, basicity and melting capability of the studied raw materials and their derivative cinders encourage their effortless consistent melting at lower energy with the high fiberizing ability and fiber quality.

Based on the melting tests, the optimum moduli in molten glass are mainly related to the least remnant light minerals i.e. quartz, albite and dolomite as well as heavy minerals embodied in these raw materials i.e. zircon, corundum and garnet which eventually facilitates the molten glass flowability and fiberization. The lower the remnant non-melted dense minerals in the glassy melt, the higher is the melted consistency, fiberization ability and the best is the fibers quality as well. Whereas, the lower the mafic, i.e., the Mg-bearing minerals, and the maximum the plagioclases, i.e., the Ca-bearing minerals, of the raw basalt rocks, the optimum is the cinder characteristics for fiber production.

The prepared rock wool fibers from basalts attained quasi-horizontal dominating macrostructure style; diameter and the non-fibrous amorphous