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LIME BASED PLASTERING – CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT (CMU)

1. GENERAL
   1. SUMMARY
      1. Section Includes: The work specified in this Section includes a light-weight three-layer application of pure lime plaster directly over a sound mineral, concrete, masonry, or fired-clay surface. Plaster assembly consists of a base “scratch coat” layer of plaster to fill and embed the lath, an intermediate bridge “brown coat” layer of plaster producing a level and smooth surface plane, and a top “finish” layer of plaster with or without color, textured as desired. Specification includes limited surface preparation.
      2. Related Sections: Related sections include the following:

*Place related sections below. Examples include:*

* + - 1. Section 03 30 00 – Cast-in-Place Concrete
      2. Section 03 31 00 – Structural Concrete
      3. Section 03 33 00 – Architectural Concrete
      4. Section 03 40 00 – Precast Concrete
      5. Section 03 49 00 – Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Concrete
      6. Section 04 21 00 – Clay Unit Masonry
      7. Section 04 22 00 – Concrete Unit Masonry
      8. Section 04 24 00 – Adobe Unit Masonry
      9. Section 04 25 00 – Unit Masonry Panels
      10. Section 04 26 00 – Single-Wythe Unit Masonry
      11. Section 04 27 00 – Multiple-Wythe Unit Masonry
      12. Section 04 71 00 – Manufactured Brick Masonry
      13. Section 05 41 00 – Structural Metal Stud Framing
      14. Section 06 11 00 – Wood Framing
      15. Section 07 24 33 – Direct-Applied Finish Systems
      16. Section 07 26 13 – Above-Grade Vapor Retarder
      17. Section 07 27 43 – Plastered Air Barriers
      18. Section 09 21 00 – Plaster and Gypsum Board Assemblies
      19. Section 09 22 36 – Lath
      20. Section 09 24 13 – Adobe Finish
      21. Section 09 24 23 – Cement Stucco
      22. Section 09 25 23 – Lime Based Plastering
      23. Section 09 91 00 – Painting
      24. Section 09 96 13 – Abrasion-Resistant Coatings
      25. Section 09 96 14 – Mold-Resistant Coatings
      26. Section 09 96 26 – Marine Coatings
      27. Section 09 96 33 – High-Temperature Resistant Coatings
      28. Section 09 96 35 – Chemical-Resistant Coatings
      29. Section 09 96 43 – Fire-Retardant Coatings
      30. Section 09 96 66 – Aggregate Wall Coatings
  1. REFERENCES
     1. General: The publications listed below form a part of this Specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to in the text by the basic designation only.
     2. ASTM Standards
        1. ASTM C 78, “Standard Test Method for Flexural Strength of Concrete (Using Simple Beam with Third-Point Loading)”
        2. ASTM E 96, “Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials”
        3. ASTM C 109, “Standard Test Method for Compressive Strength of Hydraulic Cement Mortars”
        4. ASTM D 1475, “Standard Test Method for Density of Liquid Coatings, Inks, and Related Products”
        5. ASTM C 1549, “Standard Test Method for Determination of Solar Reflectance Near Ambient Temperature Using a Portable Solar Reflectometer”
        6. ASTM C 1583, “Standard Test Method for Tensile Strength of Concrete Surfaces and the Bond Strength or Tensile Strength of Concrete Repair and Overlay Materials by Direct Tension (Pull-off Method)”
        7. ASTM D 1653, “Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Organic Coating Films”
        8. ASTM D 2369, “Standard Test Method for Volatile Content of Coatings”
     3. Other Standards
        1. CE Fire Classification 1A: Non-combustible
  2. DEFINITIONS
     1. Base Coat Plaster: The first layer of plaster.
     2. Bridge Coat Plaster: The second layer of plaster.
     3. Finish Coat Plaster: The third layer of plaster.
  3. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION
     1. A materials-compatible highly vapor permeable lime plaster system.
        1. A three-coat lime plaster system consisting of:
           1. A 3/8-inch-thick coarse-grained plaster applied as the first layer (base coat).
           2. A 3/8-inch-thick coarse-grained plaster layer applied as the second layer over the base coat with a leveled surface plane finish (bridge coat).
           3. A minimum 1/8-inch-thick top layer of a coarse or fine-grained plaster layer with or without integral color applied as the third layer over the bridge coat finished to match surrounding surface texture or as directed by the Architect (finish coat).
           4. Total overall plaster system thickness will be minimum 7/8-inch.
        2. Where required, apply onto 1/4-inch three-dimensional open-weave self-furring corrosion-free glass fiber lath secured to the substrate.

NOTE: Lath is not required for direct application over mineral, concrete, masonry, or fired-clay surfaces. Use only where code compliance is required.

* 1. SUBMITTALS
     1. Product Data: Submit product data showing proposed material. Submit sufficient information to determine compliance with the Drawings and Specifications. Provide published documentation describing materials, characteristics, and limitations.
     2. Samples: Submit samples for verification purposes, fabrication techniques, and workmanship.
     3. Manufacturer's Instructions: Submit manufacturer’s instructions including technical data sheets, safety data sheets, mixing instructions, application requirements, special procedures, and conditions requiring special attention.
     4. LEED Submittals: Submittals that are required to comply with requirements for LEED certification include the following:
        1. Low Emitting Materials: Submit endorsement by the manufacturer confirming that products meet or are below the volatile organic compound (VOC) limits set by specific agencies or other requirements. Clearly state VOC limits in the submittal.
  2. QUALITY ASSURANCE
     1. Qualifications:
        1. Manufacturer Qualifications: Provide evidence that Manufacturer is a firm engaged in the manufacture of lime plasters of types required, and whose products have been in satisfactory use in similar service for a minimum of ten years.
        2. Applicator Qualifications:
           1. Provide evidence Applicator is a firm having a minimum of three years of successful application and craftsmanship experience with projects similar in type and scope to that required for this Project.
     2. Mockups:
        1. Prior to application of the work, fabricate and erect mockups for each type of finish and application to verify selections made under sample submittals and to demonstrate aesthetic effects as well as qualities of materials and execution.
        2. Build mockups to comply with the following requirements using materials indicated for final unit of work.
        3. Locate mockups as directed by the Architect.
        4. Demonstrate the proposed range of aesthetic effects and workmanship to be expected in the completed work.
        5. Obtain the Architect’s acceptance of mockups before start of final unit of work.
        6. Retain and maintain mockups during construction in undisturbed condition as a standard for judging completed unit of work.
        7. Maintain a record of approved mock up’s product mixing and application steps to incorporate into final unit of work to ensure color consistency and textural aesthetics.
     3. Tracking Job Progress with Daily Logs
        1. Maintain a daily record of the weather conditions, of material ordered and delivered, material used, inspections, areas of work that began, areas of work that were completed, and questions raised, and answers received.
  3. DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING
     1. Deliver materials to the Project site in supplier’s or manufacturer’s original wrappings and containers, labeled with manufacturer’s name, material and product brand name, and manufacturing date and lot number.
     2. Store materials in their original undamaged packages and containers inside a sheltered area protected from weather, moisture, and soiling, with air temperatures between 45°F and 85°F and maximum 60 percent humidity.
  4. PROJECT CONDITIONS
     1. Environmental Requirements:
        1. Substrate temperature before, during, and after installation must be between 41°F and 86°F.
  5. WARRANTY
     1. Product is warranted to be free from manufacturing defects and to meet the technical properties on the current when used as directed within shelf life. See complete warranty statement on product technical data sheet.

1. PRODUCTS
   1. MANUFACTURERS
      1. Basis of Design:
         1. Items specified are to establish a standard of quality for design, function, materials, compatibility, performance, warranty, and appearance.
         2. Equivalent products by listed manufacturers are acceptable with exception of lime plaster products.
         3. The Architect is the sole judge of the basis of what is equivalent.
      2. Listed Manufacturers
         1. BioLime LLC, 5427 N State Hwy 6. Suite 7, Waco, Texas. Telephone: 254-730-7130. Fax: 254-730-7133. Email: [contact@biolime.com](mailto:contact@biolime.com). Website: <https://biolime.com>.
         2. BASF Corporation – Wall Systems, 3550 St Johns Bluff Rd South, Jacksonville, FL 32224. Telephone: 800-221-9255. Website: [www.wallsystems.basf.com](http://www.wallsystems.basf.com)
         3. Senco Brands, Inc., 4270 Ivy Pointe Blvd, Cincinnati, OH 45245. Telephone: 800-543-4596. Website: [www.senco.com](http://www.senco.com)
         4. Wind-lock Corporation, 1055 Leisz’s Bridge Rd, Leesport, PA 19533. Telephone: 800-872-5625. Website: [www.windlock.com](http://www.windlock.com)
   2. MATERIALS
      1. Base Coat: Provide pure lime plaster meeting or conforming to:
         1. Premium quality lime, ground limestone and select natural pozzolans in a blended composition with specification-grade white quartz sand.
         2. Natural white color may be tinted with iron oxide pigments.
         3. pH Balance: Alkaline, greater than 12 pH.
         4. Density: 113 pounds per cubic foot
         5. Solar Reflectance: 0.83
         6. Vapor Permeability: 91 perms at 1/16-inch layer thickness.
         7. Fire Rating: Incombustible, Class 1A
         8. No VOC.
         9. Manufactured as sacked, ready-to-use dry aggregate; add only clean water.
         10. Basis of Design: “BioLime Base”, BioLime LLC.
      2. Bridge Coat: Provide pure lime plaster meeting or conforming to:
         1. Premium quality lime, ground limestone and select natural pozzolans in a blended composition with specification-grade white quartz sand.
         2. Natural white color may be tinted with iron oxide pigments.
         3. pH Balance: Alkaline, greater than 12 pH
         4. Compressive Strength: PSI
         5. Density: 104 pounds per cubic foot
         6. Solar Reflectance: 0.83
         7. Vapor Permeability: 95 perms at 1/16-inch layer thickness.
         8. Fire Rating: Incombustible, Class 1A
         9. No VOC.
         10. Manufactured as sacked, ready-to-use dry aggregate; add only clean water.
         11. Basis of Design: “BioLime Bridge”, BioLime LLC.
      3. Finish Coat: Provide pure lime plaster meeting or conforming to:
         1. Premium quality lime, ground limestone, select natural pozzolans and biopolymers in a blended composition with specification-grade white quartz sand in choice of grains: from 0 to 0.1 mm (Ultra Fine) or 0 to 0.3 mm (Extra Fine) or 0 to 1 mm (Fine) or 0 to 2.5 mm (Coarse). Natural white color may be pre-colored with iron oxide pigments.
         2. pH Balance: Alkaline, greater than 12 pH
         3. Compressive Strength: 411 PSI
         4. Flexural Strength: 156 PSI
         5. Bonding Strength: CMU block – 67 PSI, Porcelain – 56 PSI
         6. Density: 102 pounds per cubic foot
         7. Solar Reflectance: 0.88
         8. Vapor Permeability: 122 perms at 1/16-inch layer thickness.
         9. Fire Rating: Incombustible, Class 1A
         10. No VOC.
         11. Manufactured as sacked, ready-to-use dry aggregate; add only clean water.
         12. Basis of Design: “BioLime Finish”, BioLime LLC.
      4. Glass Fiber Lath: Provide woven glass lath meeting or conforming to:
         1. Open weave three-dimensional self-furred nominal 1/4-inch-thick glass fiber reinforcing lath.
         2. Corrosion-free.
         3. Alkaline resistant.
         4. Maximum allowable weight of plaster assembly: 24 pounds per square foot.
         5. Basis of Design: “BASF PermaLath 1000”, BASF Corporation.
      5. Glass Fiber Lath Fasteners: Provide fasteners and washers meeting or conforming to:
         1. Staples: Minimum 16-gauge wire staple with minimum 3/4-inch crown and minimum 1-1/2-inch penetration into framing.
            1. Basis of Design: “P17BAB galvanized chisel staple, 1-inch crown, 1-1/2 inches long”, Senco Brands, Inc.
         2. Screws: Wood type bugle head screw with plastic 1-3/4-inch diameter washer and minimum 1-1/4-inch penetration into framing.
            1. Basis of Design: “#ULP-3WLM1 ULP-302 plastic washer with screw”, select wood-light metal or steel framing fastener, Wind-lock Corporation.
   3. EQUIPMENT
      1. Tools:
         1. Glass Fiber Lath (where required): Typical screw drill or stapling tools.
         2. Plaster mixing: Handheld two-speed plaster/mortar mixer with attached helical mixing paddle.
         3. Plaster mixing: Onsite mixing station for larger projects.
         4. Plaster application by spray equipment or ordinary plastering tools and gauging rods.
   4. FINISHES
      1. Plaster: Finish as directed by Architect.
2. EXECUTION
   1. EXAMINATION
      1. Verification of Conditions: Confirm by examination the areas and conditions under which the work is to be applied for compliance with manufacturer’s instructions. Do not proceed with the work until unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.
         1. New concrete, stucco, and masonry must be cured minimum 28 days.
         2. Verify substrate is secure, sound, dry, and absorbent, and free of construction dust and debris, grease, salts, oil‑based paints, release agents, non-mineral-based curing agents, and similar bond breakers.
         3. Obtain manufacturer’s approval for application over substrates having other pretreatments or priming materials applied.
         4. Beginning of the work shall indicate acceptance of the areas and conditions as satisfactory by the Applicator.
   2. PREPARATION
      1. Protection: Lay ground cloths and take measures as necessary to protect surfaces subject to contact by products specified by this Section.
   3. APPLICATION
      1. Conform to reviewed product data, manufacturer's written instructions, and provisions of the Contract Documents.
      2. Plan the work properly.
         1. Ensure surface is free of dust and debris before mixing plaster material.
         2. Apply to shaded surfaces in a timely manner working ahead and away from the sun. Avoid direct sun exposure onto wet plaster to ensure proper curing.
         3. Do not apply plaster in direct sun, wind, or rain, or when temperature fluctuations exceed 50°F differentials from day to night.
         4. In enclosures, provide indirect well-distributed air circulation and ventilation with protective screens to deflect concentrated or forced air onto freshly applied plaster.
         5. Moist-cure plaster by flooding surfaces with clean water at 0 PSI (no pressure) over the period of days stated for each plaster coat to ensure complete chemical curing. This technique will completely hydrate the pozzolans in the plaster to prevent streaking from rainfall following project completion.
            1. Begin moisture-curing using “appearance-based determination” for each plaster layer.
            2. As applied plaster dries, the appearance of the plaster changes from dark to light. When dark, it is visibly damp. As water evaporates from the layer, it becomes lighter in contrast to the damp areas. In mid-transition between damp and dry, the surface appears mottled. Once mottling disappears, the moisture-curing cycles can begin.
            3. Weather conditions and plaster layer thickness affect how quickly the plaster transitions from damp to dry. In dry weather, moisture-curing cycles might begin the day of application while in humid weather the cycles might start the following day. Appearance-based determination ensures proper sequencing of the moisture-curing coats for each applied layer of plaster.
            4. Once moisture-curing begins, flood all surfaces including terminations at soffits, inside and outside corners, and window/door returns with clean water. This constitutes one moisture-curing cycle. Moisture-curing cycles continue for the stated number of days for each installed layer of plaster.
            5. Protect cured plaster surfaces from rain during application.
      3. Glass Fiber Lath: Install according to manufacturer’s written instructions and consultation with manufacturer’s technical data sheet.
      4. Mixing Methods
         1. Bucket Mixing Method: Mix plaster with clean water using helical mixing paddle on a heavy-duty mortar mixing drill motor.
            1. Fill the plaster manufacturer’s measuring bucket with clean water to the referenced product margin line.
            2. In a clean 6-gallon plastic bucket, pour half of the measured water.
            3. While stirring the water at low RPM, add plaster from the bag at a rate to prevent clumping of the material. Continue adding water from the measuring bucket and dry plaster until bag is empty.
            4. Once the dry powder is wetted, mix for additional 3 minutes maximum. Allow to rest 5 minutes to fully hydrate and then stir to relax the batch. Over-mixing plaster will cause loss of strength. Keep bucket covered to extend working time to about 1 hour.
         2. Onsite Plaster Mixing Station Method: Follow equipment manufacturer’s recommendations. Do not mix more water than recommended by the plaster product technical data sheet.
         3. Auto-mixing and Spray Application Equipment: Follow equipment manufacturer’s recommendations. Do not mix more water than recommended by the plaster product technical data sheet.
      5. Base Coat Plaster:
         1. Ensure surface is free of construction dust and debris.
         2. Surface Hydration:
            1. Do not prewet non-absorbent surfaces.
            2. Prewet mineral-based surfaces relative to their absorbency—highly absorbent surfaces require more hydration. Once water has evaporated from the surface, application may begin.
         3. Apply plaster with even distribution filling and embedding glass fiber lath to a minimum 3/8-inch layer thickness.
         4. Trowel surface smooth and in plane.
         5. Scarify surface to provide light mechanical key for the Bridge Coat.
         6. Moist cure for 3 days to ensure bond and proper chemical curing before applying Bridge Coat.
            1. As plaster dries out, its surface develops a mottled appearance.
            2. Before the plaster dries completely out, mist with clean water to re-saturate the surface.
            3. Repeat until 72 hours pass.
      6. Bridge Coat Plaster:
         1. Ensure surface is free of construction dust and debris.
         2. Do not prewet surface.
         3. Apply plaster with even distribution to 1/4-inch layer thickness.
         4. Trowel surface smooth and level to the surface plane.
         5. Moist cure for 3 days to ensure bond and proper chemical curing before applying Finish Coat.
            1. As plaster dries out, its surface develops a mottled appearance.
            2. Before the plaster dries completely out, mist with clean water to re-saturate the surface.
            3. Repeat until 72 hours pass.
      7. Finish Coat Plaster:
         1. Ensure surface is free of construction dust and debris.
         2. Do not prewet surface.
         3. Apply plaster with even distribution to 1/16-inch or 1/8-inch layer thickness.
         4. Provide finish as directed in Section 2.4 Finishes.
         5. Moist cure for 2 days.
            1. As plaster dries out, its surface develops a mottled appearance.
            2. Before the plaster dries completely out, mist with clean water to re-saturate the surface.
            3. Repeat until 48 hours pass.
   4. CLEANING
      1. Clean tools, spills, and accidental drips immediately with plenty of water.
      2. Leave applications clean and premises free from residue and debris from work of this Section.

END OF SECTION