



Using Nanofibrillated Cellulose to Improve Performance and Sustainability of other Materials

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company overview

- Performance BioFilaments Inc. is a biomaterials company focused on commercializing **Nanofibrillated Cellulose (NFC)** based materials in performance-driven applications.
- NFC increases strength and enhances rheology while improving sustainability for nonwovens, concrete & mortars, industrial fluids, polymers, and other advanced materials & specialty chemicals.
- Commercial manufacturing in Canada(QC) producing 21,000kg/day, 7000tonnes/year.
- Warehousing is in Montreal, finalizing locations in the US and Europe.

Shareholders



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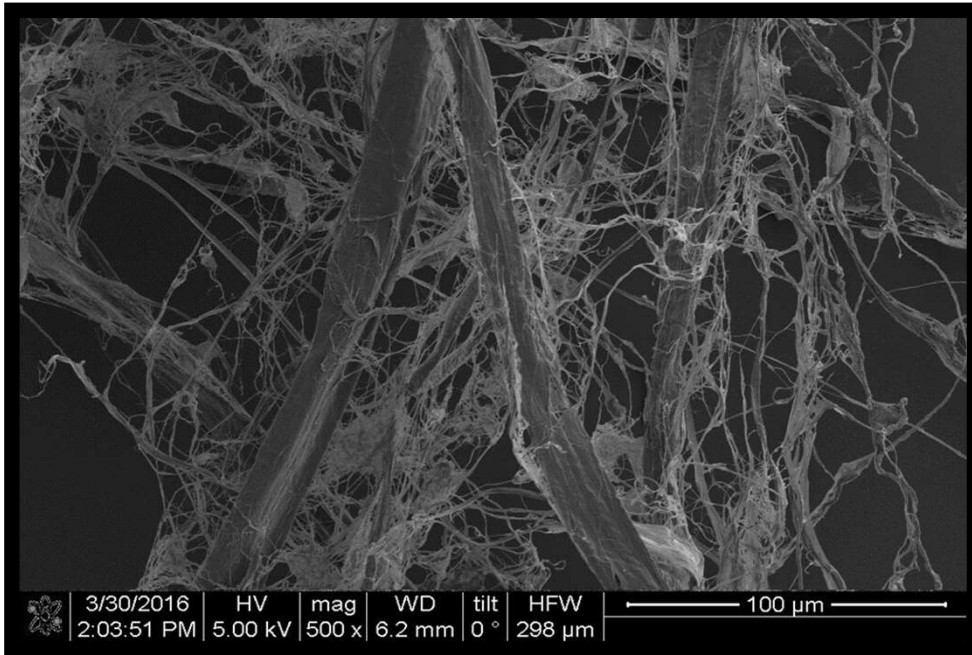
Montreal based integrated forest products company with operations in Canada and the United States.



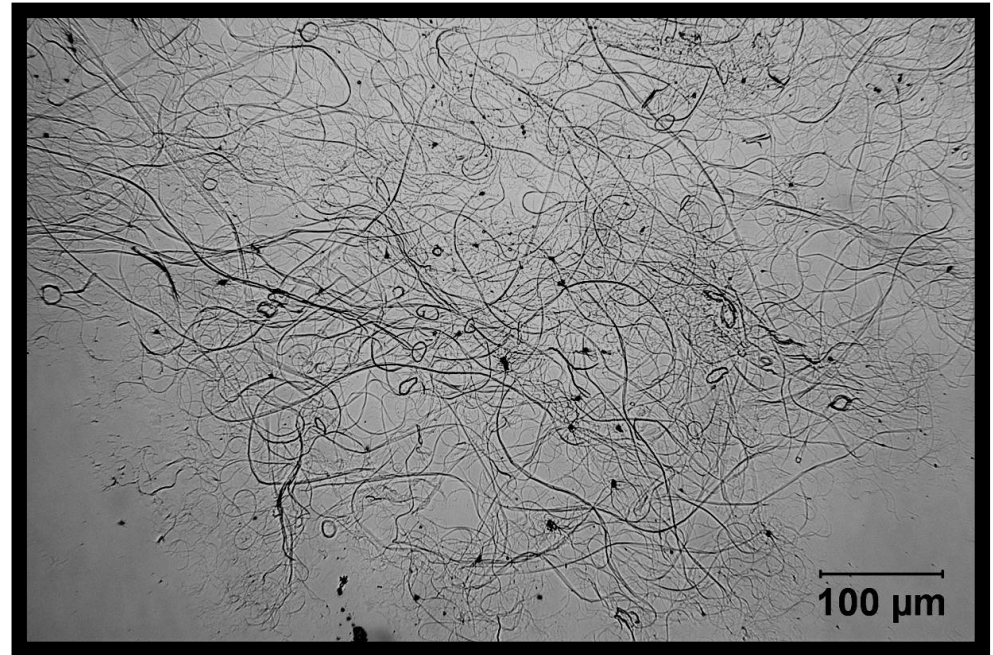
MERCER

Vancouver based integrated forest products company with operations in Canada, USA, Germany, and Australia.

nanofibrillated cellulose - NFC



Kraft “parent” fiber with NFC nano-fibrils
From sustainably managed and certified forests



NFC fibrils at nano-scale widths
Produced using 100% hydroelectricity

- NFC nano-scale fibrils are 80-300 nm in width X 100-500 μm length.
- Ultra-high aspect ratio of 800-1200 L/D and surface area of 150 m²/g.

nanofibrillated cellulose - NFC



30% solids non-activated

10% solids paste

2% solids slurry

packaging and delivery





sustainable bio-based additive

- NFC is derived from softwood kraft fibres (bio-based input).
- The feedstock (residual wood fiber) comes from managed forests in Canada.
 - FSC®, PEFC and SFI® Certificates and ISO 14001 and ISO 9001.
- Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) and Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) are pending.
- NFC is exempted from the US EPA TSCA Nanoscale Materials Regulation.
- NFC is designated by the CAS as Cellulose Pulp (CAS# 65996-61-4).
- US FDA Food Contact compliance and USDA BioPreferred Program certification is pending, expected fall 2024.



concrete
& mortars



nonwoven
materials



polymer
materials



paints,
coatings and
industrial
fluids



mine products
and waste
streams



packaging

A scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing a complex, interconnected network of fibers. The structure consists of a dense matrix of fine, nanofibrillated cellulose (NFC) fibers, which are reinforced by thicker, more distinct glass fibers. The overall appearance is a porous, web-like structure with various sized voids and a high degree of fiber entanglement.

case study - glass fiber nonwovens

Nanofibrillated Cellulose (NFC) “Reinforcement” of:

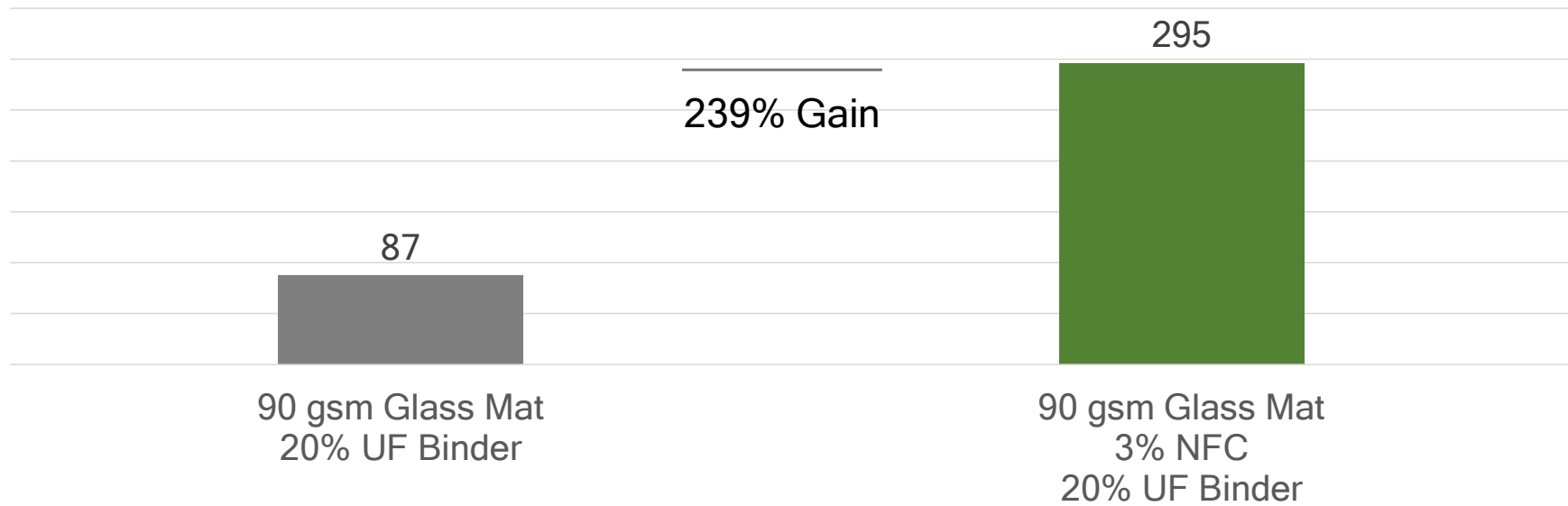
- Water-Based Urea Formaldehyde (UF) Resin Binder
- Water-Based Acrylic Latex Resin Binder



increased tear strength

Tear Strength

TAPPI 414 | grams Force (gF)

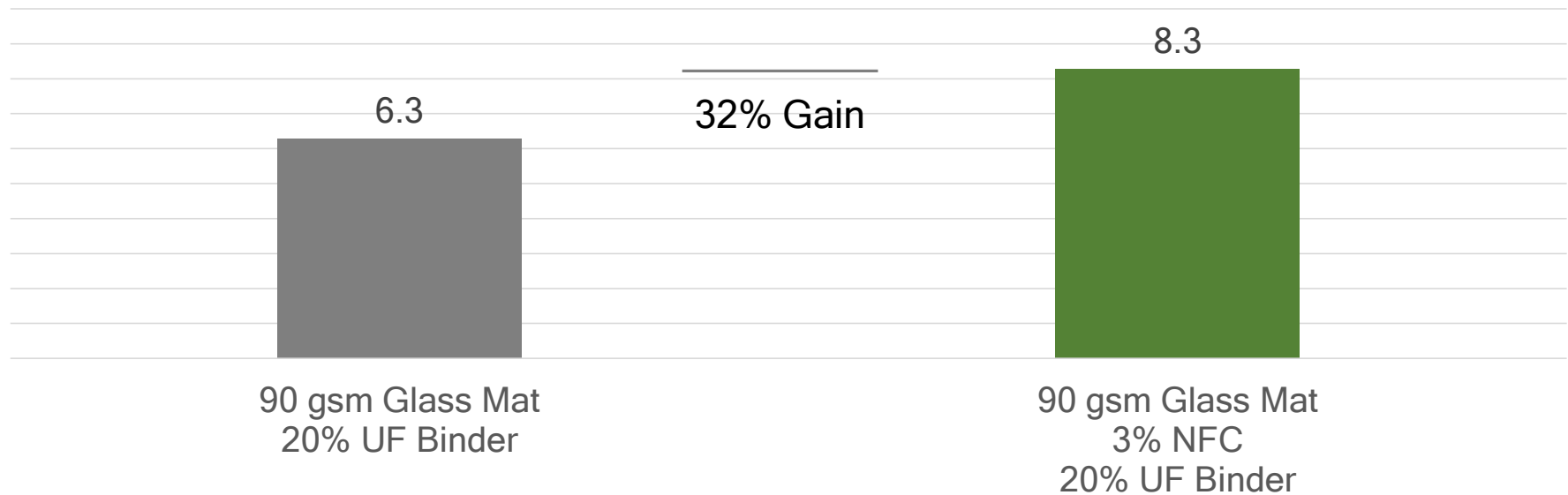




increased tensile strength

Tensile Strength

TAPPI 494 | pounds Force (lbF)

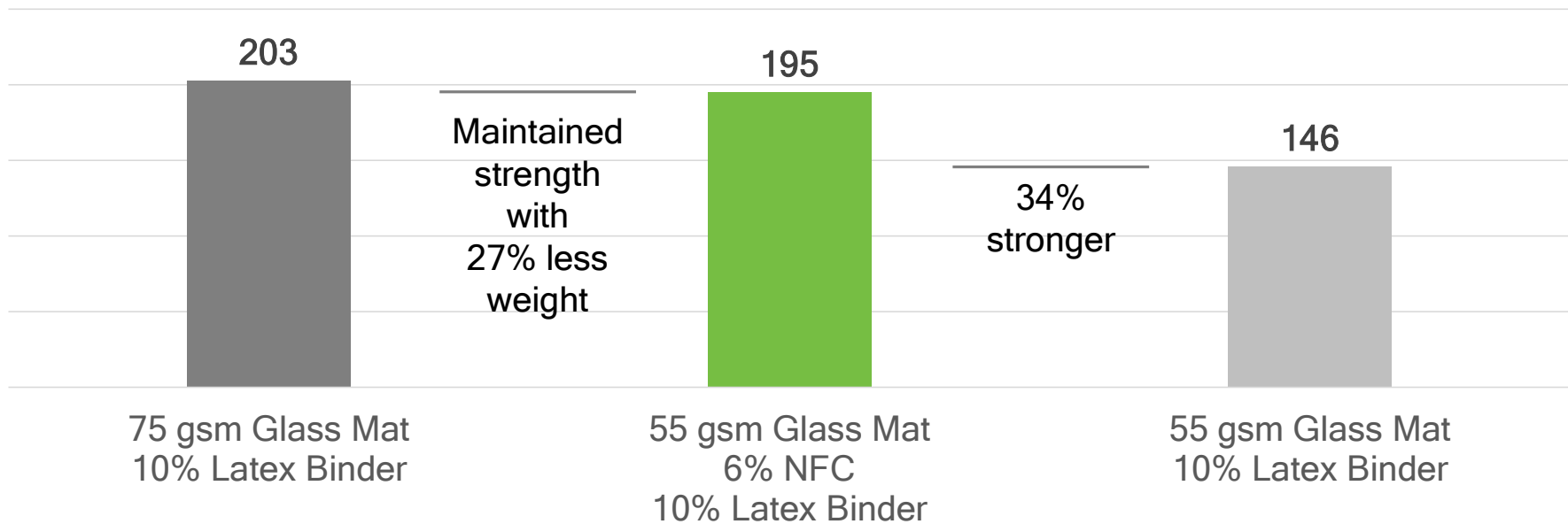




NFC reduces weight & maintains strength

Tear Strength

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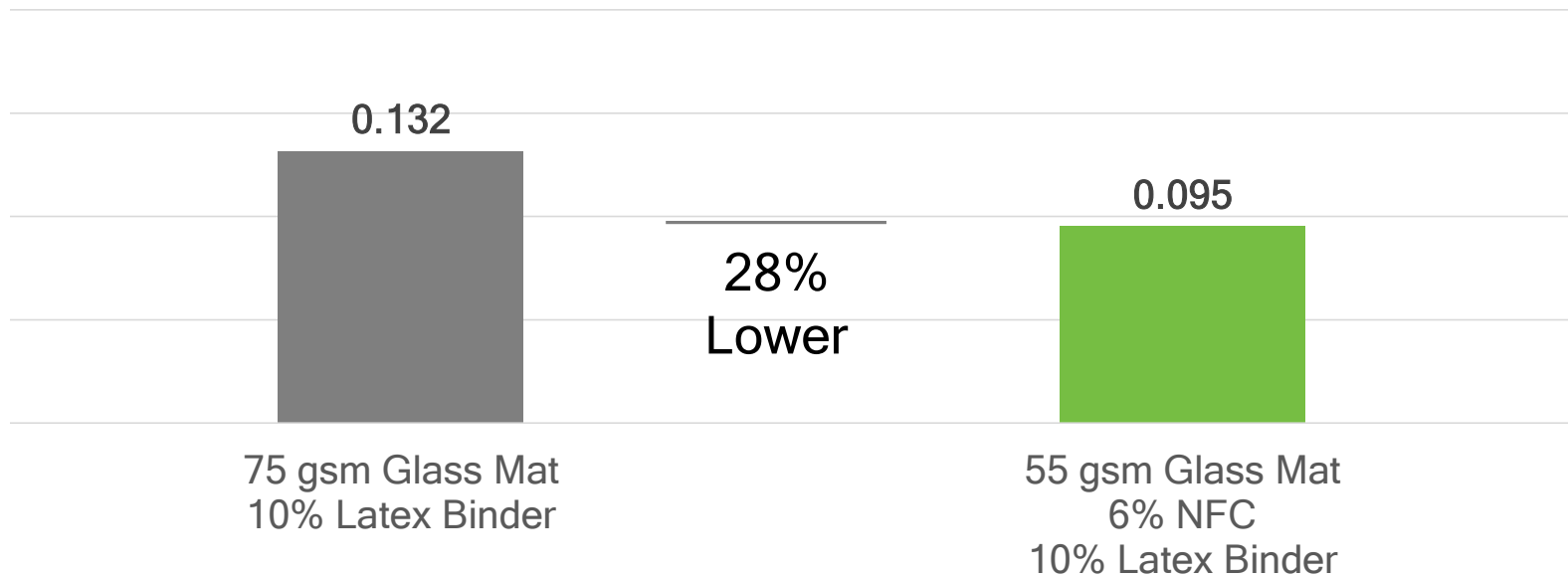




NFC can reduce carbon footprint

Carbon Footprint (kg CO₂e / m²) of Fiber Materials

(Glass: 1,950 kg CO₂e / tonne | NFC: 1,550 kg CO₂e / tonne)





construction & infrastructure

NFC improves internal curing of concrete, reduces corrosion, mitigates cracking, increases strength, and enhances durability.

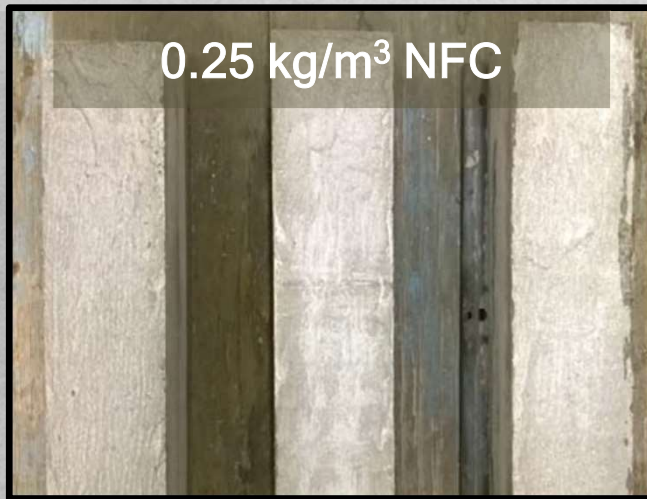
case study - concrete for a factory floor



**Resolute Forest Products
- Senneterre lumber mill**

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reduced shrinkage cracking

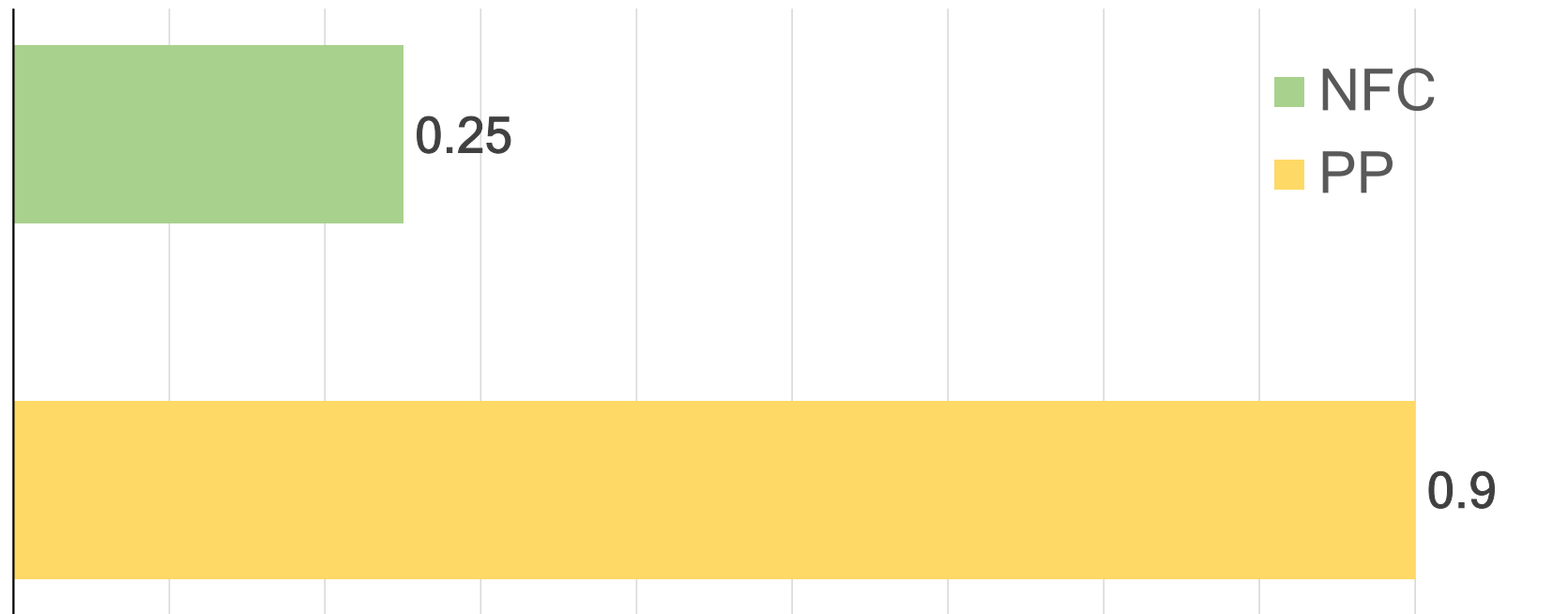




4X more effective than polypropylene fiber

Fiber Addition Level to Eliminate Shrinkage Cracking

kg/m³ | Modified ASTM C1579





80% less cracking

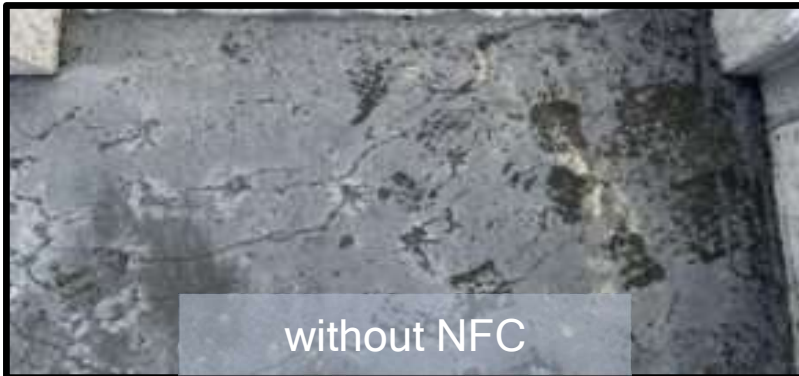
Crack Density

m/m² | Field Measurement - Senneterre Factory

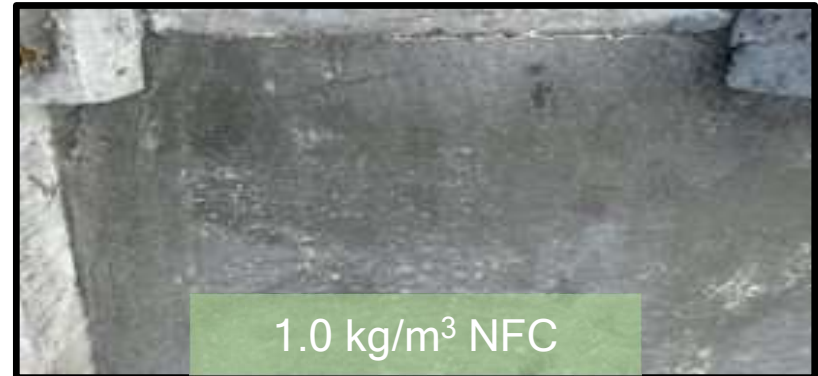
1.5



0.3



without NFC



1.0 kg/m³ NFC



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