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#### ABSTRACT

Concrete masonry units (CMU) is one of the most common construction material used in the housing development industry in Malaysia and has been utilized throughout the world of exterior walls of conventional structures. This report was carried on for 35 acres of 35 blocks for 500 units 20'x60' Single Storey House, Community Hall and Kindergarten owned by Kementerian Kesejahteraan Bandar, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT). This project has divided in some batches which each batch is doing the same method but in different time and location. Not same as other usual housing construction, this project started with the use of buoyant system which involved bamboo for the base and Raft Foundation as their platform. It is green and sustainable system of construction which has designed to solve a critical contemporary engineering problem of supporting heavy construction safely without any settlements in due course. The aim of this report is to identify the characteristic and method of application CMU into the building. It will concentrate on the sequences from delivering the material to the site until finishing of lay out CMU. Other than that, this report will also look at the difference advantages and disadvantages of application CMU at site. There will be many input and knowledge about this application of CMU in construction industry in Malaysia which has been mentioned in Chapter 3.

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#### **CHAPTER 1.0**

#### INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background and Scope of Study

Malaysia is a developing country placed in the South East Asia region. Many type of method and material which used to be installed in every construction work in Malaysia. A building has to design first specifically and then get approval from authorities before starting the work of construction. Each of method used must suited with the building to support the load applied to it safely. This study was located at Jalan Sungai Yu, Tanjung Karang, Selangor which this project was owned by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government or in other word Kementerian Kesejahteraan Bandar, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT). Their mission is to accomplish the National People's Housing Program, Municipal and Fire Services to improve the quality of lives and wellbeing of the people. Basically, the project is built for providing affordable housing to fulfill the need of local residents. The RM100 Million project involved 500 units of 20'×60' Single Storey Houses (including house for Disable People OKU), a unit of community hall, a unit of kindergarten and substation of TNB. There will be used of buoyant system which involved bamboo and raft foundation as their platform. But on this study, there will be highlight about the application of Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) at the site starting from delivery material until the finishing work of expansion joint.

Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) which also can be referred as concrete block, contains design of solid and single or multiple hollows. The term of concrete blocks itself was identified by the formerly limited to only hollow masonry units made which created with any kind of aggregate (Khairani, 2011). According to (Army, 1998) CMU is made from conventional cement mixes and various types of aggregate, including sand, gravel, crushed stone, air-cooled slag, volcanic cinders, pumice and scoria. Concrete masonry is an increasingly important type of construction due to technological developments in both the manufacture and the use of concrete blocks. It has come in different compressive and durability strength which each of block has to through in a few tests.

Normally, in Malaysia the selection of material depends on the design from the consultant. There will be referred to the approval drawing where there is including the calculation of structure and impacts of load. As (Wiefferimg, 2009) mentioned in his book, the manufacture of concrete masonry units is a specialized precasting process that consists of mixing concrete suitable for masonry manufacture. There will be a few tests to each of block before supplier deliver it to the customer. Other than that, also mentioned in (Wiefferimg, 2009) book, masonry walling is formed when masonry units are laid in mortar, usually in bonded configuration. Mortar is an important part of the strength of wall construction. The stronger the mortar, the more strong of a wall but fit in more rigid, which this means that the wall is more likely to crack when stressed.

#### 1.2 Objectives

- 1. To describe the characteristic and specification of material for application CMU blocks at the site.
- 2. To explain the method of installation Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) at the site.
- 3. To differentiate advantages and disadvantages when used Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) at site.

#### 1.3 Method of study

This study carried out by three methods which are observation, interview and document reviews. The resource and research were helped and supervised by person in charge, who has responsibility to share all the information and knowledge about the application of Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) in the site area.

#### 1.3.1 Observation

The observation of this case study was taken during my practical training which took about a month from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 until 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The observation was about of the progress work of 500 units 20'×60' single storey house, kindergarten and community hall. There will be some short notes and pictures in the same angle of the block but in different days and weeks.

#### 1.3.2 Interview

The interview session with the person in charge which represent as Assistant Resident Engineer for this project. His profession is to design and supervise the laying work of Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) at the site. In this interview session, he has told and explained the specification, advantages, disadvantages and type of CMU used at the site. He also mentioned the comparison of the strength and criteria of the material used at the site. There has a voice recorded by smart phone and some short notes in the book.

#### 1.3.3 Document Review

The document was including the Site Plan, Specification Material, Method Installation Checklist, Timeline Progress Work, Material Approval, Safety and Inspection of Work Finished of CMU. All documents will be referred either in softcopy or hardcopy.

#### **CHAPTER 2.0**

#### COMPANY BACKGROUND

#### 2.1 Introduction of Company

Zikay Group Sdn Bhd or ZGSB is a 100% Bumiputera business company which provided services and development management included Property Development, Hospitality, Construction, Financial Services and others such as Education, Minting, Internal Ventures, and Security Service. From an initial call on available property to project conceptualization, to city approvals, construction, marketing, sales and management, the Company has had the capabilities to get the project done successfully. These efforts are made possible with the very talented backbone of the company. Dato' Mohd Kay Ibrahim, one of Group Managing Director hopes that ZGSB will be a renowned Bumiputera developer in the country and in time comes as well as to be known globally. To keep the journey still in track, Tamu Hotel & Suites is a gem of company which located at strategic location that almost people will come once they want to explore Kuala Lumpur. There could not be the best as what ZGSB

achieved today except from strong management and team cooperation; the staff and workers in the company. All their productive works have been done at the head office of group which situated in the center of Kuala Lumpur. To introduce ZGSB in the public, Tamu Hotel & Suites, Kuala Lumpur (figure 2.1.1) is indeed Zikay icon's and creating the legacy which the most proud development that shown how far they have come. Tamu Hotel & Suites provided accommodation and facilities into hotel and service suites as amount as 276 rooms for the hotel and 130 units including two penthouses of the service suites. There also included with a well equipped gym, infinity pool with the great views, banqueting and host of dining facilities.



Figure 2.1.1 Tamu Hotel & Suites Kuala Lumpur

#### 2.2 Company Profile

Zikay Group Sdn. Bhd (ZGSB) had a humble start as a Small Landscape Contractor since 1994 and has been growing up slowly but surely taking steps to be one of the market leader in the development industry. The project development of this company be authorized capital as much RM50,000.00 and paid up capital as much as RM37,500,000.00. 'Grow as a Reputable Organization' is company's mission can be defined as to keep this business maintain efficiently, sustain and getting recognized in the country to the world.

With the spirit to be successful, the Group has completed their first development in Kluang on 1996 and their journey be continue through 2006, by the incorporation of Zikay Factoring Sdn.Bhd as a small factoring company. At this moment, ZGSB has enhanced their performance and quality in what they have involved until 2010, about 3,000 keys of houses has successfully delivered to the developers. ZGSB continue on developing a small township in 2013 and the group has completed of establishment Hospitality Division which includes Bukit Beruntung Golf & Country Resort and The Mines Resort & Golf Club in 2017. The Group's journey did not stopped until in 2013, ZGSB has venture into High End and Hotel Development in Kuala Lumpur and Langkawi as stated in the figure below.

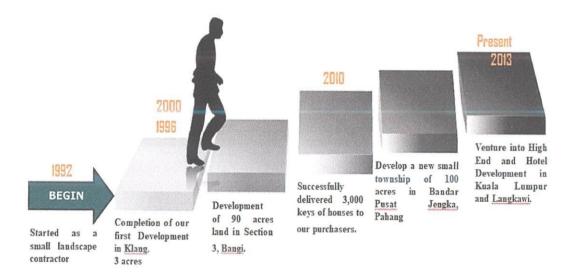


Figure 2.2.1 Corporate Structure



Figure 2.2.2 Logo

#### Table 2.2.1 Contact Information of Company

| Name of Company | Zikay Group Sdn Bhd   |
|-----------------|---|
| Address         | 53, Aras 8, Bangunan ZIKAY, 50300<br>Kampung Baru, Kuala Lumpur |
| Telephone       |   |
| Fax             |   |
| Email           | office@zikay.com  |

There will be more number of future and planning development in upcoming years. Zikay Group Sdn Bhd will be one of the best developer company in Malaysia which produce variety products in large quantity and good quality in next ten to 50 years by followed their mission:

#### Mission of company:

- 1. To provide superior customer service and satisfy customer's needs through a culture of excellent.
- 2. To enhance shareholder's value.
- 3. To be a caring and responsible employer.
- 4. To be mindful of our social responsibilities.

#### 2.3 Organization Chart

Many types of programs have successfully achieved by directing and managing from its larger cooperation of corporation. The Group Managing and Executive Director will make sure that company's journey become much greater and growing as other bigger and popular property developer's company in Malaysia. The Group was foundered by two of capable and proficient name in this industry, Dato' Mohd Kay Ibrahim and Dato' Iszhar Ibrahim and been supported by professional of Group Managing and Executing Director of ZGSB, and site staff as shown in the figure below:

#### (i) Management

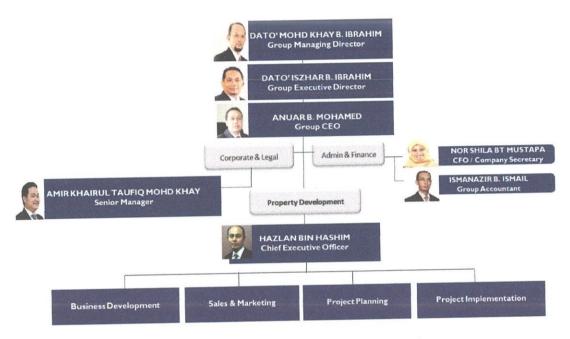


Figure 2.3.1 Organization Chart (Management)

#### (ii) Consultant

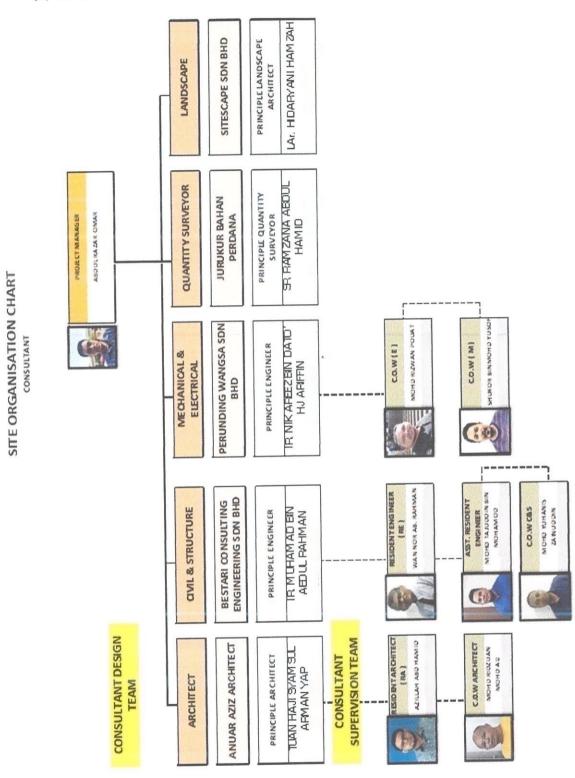


Figure 2.3.2 Site Organization Chart (Consultant)

#### (iii) Main Contractor

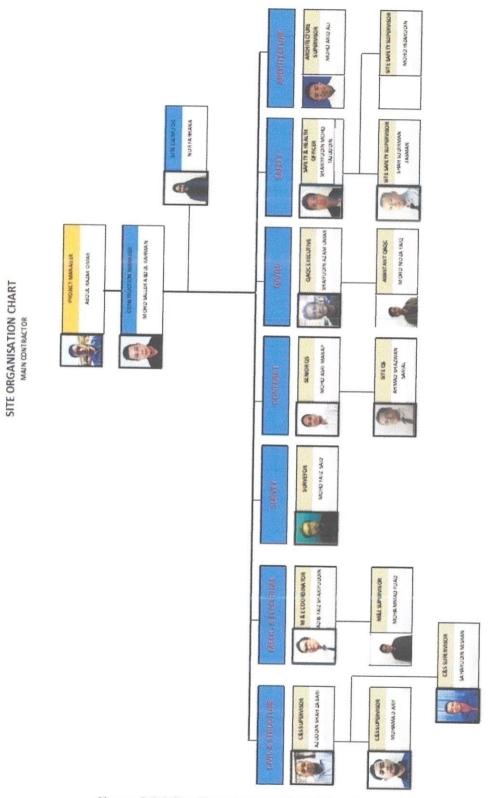


Figure 2.3.3 Site Organization Chart (Main Contractor)

#### 2.4 List of Project

Throughout ZGSB development, there is about few projects that can be highlight of the year and at certain place. Zikay Signature Development can be list as:

- 1. Tamu Hotel & Suite, Kg Baru, Kuala Lumpur
- 2. Radiance By Zikay Gurney, Kuala Lumpur
- 3. Hotel & Services Apartment at Chenang, Langkawi
- 4. The Sail, Langkawi
- 5. The Splash, Langkawi
- 6. Taman Seroja, Pasir Gudang, Johor
- 7. Bukit Selagon, Beaufort Sabah

One of this project which is Tamu Hotel & Suite at Kampung Baru, Kuala Lumpur become special representation of this company because Y.A.B Dato' Sri Mohd Najib B. Tun Abdul Razak, the 6<sup>th</sup> of Malaysia Prime Minister has officiated the ground breaking of Mercu Zikay on 2nd May 2011 (figure 2.4.1). This has shown the uplift of Bumiputera spirit to retain and growing its potential in the development and construction industry.



Figure 2.4.1 Dato' Sri attend the launching of Mercu Zikay

There are many more developments that completely completed which:

- Apartment 5 Block and Double Storey 48 units of 20' x 70' at Taman Subang Impian
- 2. Link Home and Semi Ds at Seksyen 3, Bandar Baru Bangi
- 3. Mukim Luit, Bandar Baru Maran
- 4. Sungai Sireh Klang Phase 1
- 5. Taman Tasik Biru, Kundang
  - a) Terrace Double Storey (Phase 1A & 1B)
  - b) Apartment 5 Block
  - c) 42 Unit 2 Storey Terrace House 20'x 60'
  - d) 2 Units 2 1/2 Storey Terrace House 20'x60'
- 6. Shop Offices and Kolej PTPL of Plot 1 & 1A, Seksyen 13, Shah Alam
- 7. Sg Merab, Bangi Selangor

ZGSB has been targeted many outcomes in the future but for now, the group has focused on developing the project of:

- 1. Taman Jengka Indah, Pahang
  - a) Single Storey 20'X70' Phase 1
  - b) Single Storey 20'X75' Phase 1
  - c) Semi-D 40'X80' Phase 1
- 2. Apartment Laguna Biru Phase 2
- 3. Shop Office Block A Phase 2
- 4. My Home 2 Phase 2
- 5. Sg Sireh Klang Phase 2
- 6. Jalan Sungai Yu, Mukim Ujong, Pematang Daerah Kuala Selangor

#### **CHAPTER 3.0**

#### **CASE STUDY**

#### 3.1 Introduction to Case Study

The focus of this case study was to obtain knowledge and information about the application of Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) at site where located at PT 2089, Jalan Sungai Yu, 45000 Tanjung Karang, Selangor as shown in the map below. This project was about 10km from the city of Kuala Selangor and 44km from LATAR Highway (exit Ijok). It was located next to Masjid At-Taqwa, and opposite to Sekolah Kafa Integrasi As-Sulaimah.



Figure 3.1.1 Map of Project Site located

This project was owned by Kementerian Kesejahteraan Bandar, Perumahan dan Bandar (KPKT). Their main goal is to provide an affordable housing to fulfill the need of local residents which each of unit cost not more than RM 50k and including the public facilities and accommodation such as Kindergarten and Community Hall. About 500 houses are opened for application of Rumah Mampu Milik: Program Perumahan Rakyat (PPR) including five units for used of disable people. The five units has designed according to the legislation and requirement from client which help disable people use their own house as simple as easy they can. For example, the railway for use of wheelchair at the every entrance such as front sliding door and bathroom 1.

This study was highlight on the use of CMU at the site which the method started after finished the platform of Raft Foundation and Bamboo as buoyant system to the soil. For this project, the first proposed method is conventional method which same as like the usual method used in construction industry in Malaysia. The previous plan and idea were to use piling as foundation but there was so pricy and took more time than expected because of the condition of soil so bad which are totally clay soil. After discussion between client and person in charge for this project, they had decided to change the method by using of raft foundation and IBS system for the structure. There will be more challenging and difficult because the exact proposed drawing are not same as what are going on now at the site. Person in charge had to recreate the layout first for subcontractors' guidance before they are starting doing their work.

This project was about 35 acres of land area and involved 35 blocks which has been categorized by five batch which are block A, B, C, D and E. This project has started at 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and target accomplished by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 where a year from now. The progress work on site still in track but not too move forward. This project was built for 35 blocks of 500 units 20'× 60' single storey house include three units for use and employed of disable People (OKU), 1 unit of community hall, I unit of kindergarten (Tadika/Taska), 2 units of substation of TNB and a unit of Sewerage Treatment Plant for the whole area as shown on the layout plan (Figure 3.1.2) below.

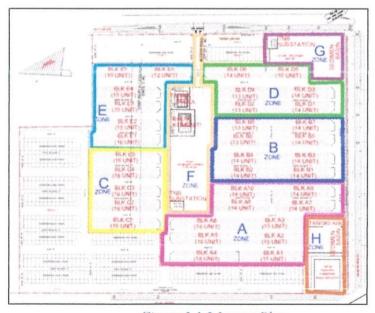


Figure 3.1.2 Layout Plan

Table 3.1.1 below show details of this project construction:

| Project Title       | Cadangan Merekabentuk, Membina dan   |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|
|                     | Menyiapkan Fasa 1:   |  |  |
|                     | a) 500 Unit Rumah Teres Satu Tingkat   |  |  |
|                     | b) I Unit Tadika dan Taska   |  |  |
|                     | c) 1 Unit Balai Komuniti   |  |  |
|                     | d) 2 Unit Pencawang Elektrik   |  |  |
|                     | e) 1 Unit Rumah Sampah   |  |  |
|                     | dan Kerja-Kerja Berkaitan Dengannya Bagi   |  |  |
|                     | Program Perumahan Rakyat (PPR) Di Atas   |  |  |
|                     | Sebahagian Lot PT2089 (H.S.D 19901), Jalan   |  |  |
|                     | Sungai Yu, Mukim Ujong Permatang, Daerah   |  |  |
|                     | Kuala Selangor, Selangor Darul Ehsan.  |  |  |
| Owner/ Client/      | Jabatan Perumahan Negara:  |  |  |
| Employee            | Kementerian Kesejahteraan Bandar,  |  |  |
| Representative      | Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan  |  |  |
| Architect           | Anuar Aziz Architect   |  |  |
| Civil & Structure   | Bestari Consulting Engineers Sdn.Bhd.  |  |  |
| Engineer            | RELIES CONTINUE CONTIN |  |  |
| Mechanical &        | Perunding Wangsa Sdn.Bhd.  |  |  |
| Electrical Engineer |  |  |  |
| Quantity Surveyor   | PERDANA Jurukur Bahan Perdana  |  |  |
| Landscape Architect | SiteScape Site Scape Sdn.Bhd.  |  |  |
| Contractor          | Zikay Construction Sdn.Bhd.  |  |  |
| Date Started        | 11 <sup>th</sup> Disember 2017   |  |  |
| Estimated           | 10 <sup>th</sup> Disember 2020   |  |  |
| Accomplish          | Table 3.1.1 Details of project   |  |  |

Table 3.1.1 Details of project

# 3.2 Characteristic and Specification Material

## 3.2.1 Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU)

Concrete Masonry Unit is a part of IBS which made from the mixture of Portland cement and aggregates in required condition and ratio. CMU is one out of five subtopic in IBS where can be categorized as Block System. This unit can be made in various dimension, design and size upon the request from client or just followed by the common referred dimension of block used in Malaysia as shown in the table below. There are two type of block which are load bearing and non-load bearing (carry load) block. CMU is load bearing wall construction for low rise buildings, but also for structures rising as high as 16 storeys. It is typically larger than the normal brick. All concrete masonry units to be used shall comply with Malaysian Standard MS27 or BS6073, and, unless otherwise stated, be specified accordance with BS6073. They shall be manufactured from raw materials which satisfy the requirements of respective Malaysian or British Standard, where appropriate. They shall be obtained from approved sources, as audited by SIRIM. All details also be included in Appendix 1.

Table 2.2.1 Type of CMU used

| 1000 2:2: - 71                             |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 7 J. D. J. 114 V 200 V 190                 | CMU Half Block 114 X 190 X 190     |
| CMU Full Block 114 X 390 X 190             |                                    |
| CMU Bond Block 114 X 390 X 190             | CMU 3/4 Block 114 X 290 X 190      |
| CMO BOILU DIOCK 1117/350                   |                                    |
| CMU Full Block 120 X 400 X 190 -party      | *CMU Full Block 140 X 390 X 190    |
| wall                                       | - No.                              |
| Wan Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign Sig |                                    |
| *CMU Half Block 140 X 190 X 190            | *CMU Bond Block 140 X 390 X 190    |
| CIVIO Hall Block 110 M 222                 |                                    |
| total II-al for                            | construction at community hall and |

Notes: \* = Size of CMU is 140thk. Used for construction at community hall and kindergarten only.

The minimum compressive strength shall not less than 7N/mm² when determined in the mortar described in BS6073 or MS27. Structural masonry walls shall be constructed to comply with the Uniform Building By-Laws commensurate with the occupancy, and the Jabatan Perkhidmatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia. One of the most architectural benefits of designing with concrete masonry is its versatility which the finish appearance of concrete masonry wall can be varied with the unit size and shape, colour of units and mortar, bond pattern, and surface finish of the units. CMU (Figure 3.2.1) is used for interior and exterior walls, partition, terrace walls, and other enclosures, on top of being widely used for landscaping elements. Some units are available with the same treatment or pattern on both faces, to serve as both exterior and interior finish wall material, increasing both economic and aesthetic advantages.

The application of CMU at this project involved 6 different height of wall as can be referred in wall elevation drawing. There can be different especially when involving wall 2,3,8,13 and party wall 1 and 2 as shown in Appendix 2 and 3. The installation of CMU also involved other accessories especially at the position of opening such as fish tale (Figure 3.2.2). Fish tale has to apply in every application of opening such as door and window frame. There can be more efficient if the contractor has fixed it during the installation of CMU.



Figure 3.2.1 Finished laying CMU below 3.2m height

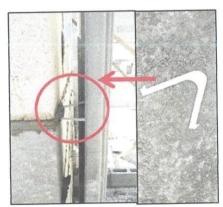


Figure 3.2.2 Fishtail

#### 3.2.2 Steel and Starter Bar

Steel as basic raw material is used in a wide range of applications from construction to fabrication, engineering and manufacturing. Generally, all products are produced in compliance to international standards such as BS, JIS, AISI, ASTM, DIN, AS and others with precise adaption for specific application.

Steel bars are inserted in the appropriate cavities such that they extend above the top course by a length equal to 30 bar diameters. This is sufficient to provide lapping with the reinforcement in the next masonry lift. The following below shows rebar used at site:

#### i) Starter Bar

Starter bar are cast into concrete to give a lapped connection to provide continuity of reinforcement across a cold joint or construction joint. Errors in position can affect the all being under strength and in many cases unable to be built without the replacing of the bars by drilling or epoxy grouting steel in the correct position.

Starter bars are available in 12mm and 16mm bar diameters and in variable dimensions. There are few places as shown in the figure below (Figure 3.2.3) which mandatory to put starter bar to give the wall in good stability and more strong.



Figure 3.2.3 Starter Bar

#### ii) Rebar Link

To tie the rebar, link (figure 3.2.4) is used to hold the proper position of rebar. Not all link of wall blocks are suitable for every application. There has to consider the wall height, site access, the possible surcharge behind the wall, the possibility wall be curve or straight and many more aspects. Most retaining walls are relatively simple rectangle as shown in the figure below whose area is easily calculated. For this project, rebar R6 will be used as a link. Link shall be installed in every 2 blocks as equal to 400mm height.

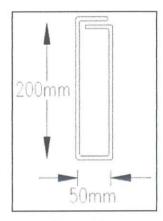


Figure 3.2.4
Rebar Link
(Source:
Modul Pemasangan CMU
Projek PPR Tanjong
Karang)

#### iii) Mesh

There are two different types of wire mesh available for this construction project which engineered and steel fabric mesh. Wire mesh shall be installed at the base of bond block surface to facilitate the installation of infill concrete.

Engineered mesh is a special configured mesh whereby each piece of mesh can be produced with a combination of different wire diameter and spacing. The wire can also be arranged in staggered or twin wire form. This special configured mesh is produced to suit certain specific design requirement, and could be used with considerable steel saving in any reinforcement concrete structures.

Size : Special configuration of wire diameters or wire

spacing

Grade : Grade 485 and 500

Specification : MS145: 2006 (BS 4483: 2005)

There also provided steel fabric (cut to size) at the site. Cut to size mesh manufactured to any required dimensions to suit specific needs. These fabrics are custom-made to eliminate wastage of material and to simply the laying process to avoid possible mix-up.

Size : A, B, C and DA series

Grade : Grade 485 and 500

Specification : MS145: 2006 (BS 4483: 2005)

#### 3.2.3 Damp Proof Course

Damp Proof Course (DPC) is a barrier, usually formed by membrane built into the walls of building. The main function of DPC is to prevent damp rising through the walls and for greater wall thickness. Damp proof course has formed by using bitumen, and other materials such as asphalt, pitch or low absorption bricks. It should be strong and durable, and should be capable of withstanding both dead as well as live loads without damage. DPC should be free from absence of chemicals like sulphates, chlorides and nitrates.

#### 3.2.4 Infill Concrete

Infill concrete is made from concrete grade G30/20 in ratio of 1:1:2 as describe in figure below which mixture of cement, sand and stones. Infill concrete will be used at party wall, bond beam, door and window lintel and pillar. Mortar is replaced as infill material totally prohibited. The use of this material is very important because there will be increase the durability and high composition during fire break. The concrete shall have a slump of 75-175mm for unplasticised mixes to make sure the durability strength is enough.



Figure 3.2.5 Mixture of Infill Concrete

#### 3.3 Installation of CMU

#### 3.3.1 Delivery, Storage and Handling

Material is arriving to site after they have received an order from the client. Then, it will be arrange in orderly manner and store in the required preferred place. All the material shall be delivered to the jobsite in a good condition with the waterproof covering to protect the blocks from effect of weather. Units shall be inspected upon delivery. Defective units shall be removed immediately. Person in charged will be inspected all the materials arrived according to Material Inspection Checklist and Borang Kelulusan Bahan. These including the detail of purchase such as record of delivery order, number of request, amount has arrived, type and design of material, details of supplier and price of material.



Figure 3.3.1 Handling material at site

As stated in the figure 3.3.1, these units shall be handled in good manner which can prevent form damage and breakage. These all material then will be distribute to all subcontractor by batches according the Good Issue Note (GIN) as shown in the figure below.



Figure 3.3.2 Sample of Good Issue Note (GIN)

#### 3.3.2Arrangement and Assembly of Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU)

Installation of CMU shall be referred as in the drawing provided (Appendix 1, 2 and 3) to avoid failure and wrongdoing during the application of CMU at site. This process must be particularly concerned especially when it closed to the position of opening such as door and window. Method Installation of Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) as structure and wall for the house of this site can be divided into three different stages and these all stages has to be inspected in every work done. Three stages of Inspection Checklist for CMU Internal Brick and Party Wall are:

- i) Pre work
- ii) Early Stage to Bond Beam (3.2m)
- iii) Final Stage (Finishing Level- 27 Layers; 6.4m)

Before start laying out CMU blocks, contractor should:

#### a) Study Starter Bar Layout Plan

The element of starter bar can give early knowledge before they are starting install the blocks for the wall. Contractor can estimate on where high and at which junction will they start to put the bar in the hollow of block before continue the process by infill the hollow with concrete chipping.

#### b) Setting Out

Setting out is the process of transferring architectural drawing to the ground. It establishes the location points for site boundaries, centre-lines walls and other structural part in correct extent, angle and level. The requirement in setting out wall includes the direction, width and position of the wall. Accurate centre lines can be determined and marked by using theodolite as shown in the figure 3.3.3.



Figure 3.3.3 Setting Out and Marking of level

#### c) Find Out FFL

At distance of 1 metre from the edges reference pillars or on this case were replace by CMU wall are erected as shown in the figure 18.FFL stands for Finished Floor Level can be determined by the mark from surveyor at the boundaries of the building. The block bonding can be done at the specified level followed FFL of each houses and building. As shown in the figure below, FFL has used for starting block work at the internal building while RL means road level is used for guidance of starting block work from the platform. The screeding layer should be made according to the requirements of the FFL level by using the concrete and use of mortar is really prohibited.



Figure 3.3.4 Marking of FFL and RL

d) Get all the material and equipment closed as much near to the workplace and location point

Construction material such as Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) blocks, concrete infill (chipping), concrete mixture, cement render and so on shall be placed near to the workplace. For example, if subcontractor has to start CMU work at block E6, person in charge shall be supervise and make sure material are ready at the nearest block.



Figure 3.3.5 Place Construction Material at the Nearest Workplace

- 3.3.2(i) Method Statement of Mortar Mixes:
- Sand shall be washed and free from clay, chalk, shells, organic materials and other impurities.
- 2. Ratio for the mix should be one part ordinary Portland cement by three part sand (1:3). The ingredients shall first be mixed dry before water is added to the mix as shown in the figure below (Figure 3.3.6).



Figure 3.3.6 Subcontractor Prepare the Mixture of Mortar

3. The completion mixture of mortar (figure 3.3.7) shall be used within 30 minutes of mixing. No mortar, which has achieved its initial set, shall be used in the work, and no water is to be added to the mortar, after the initial mix.



Figure 3.3.7 Mortar is ready to use

#### 3.3.2(ii) Method Statement of Installation Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU):

1. The area is to be cleaned, all loose materials to be removed. Before starting of block work, the area is to be washed with water.



Figure 3.3.8 Area has to be cleaned before starting of work

- 2. Block work shall raise the maximum of 6 courses in a section in any one day.
- 3. Installation of DPC at external building at least 225mm to stop dampness in buildings before laid out CMU.
- 4. Wall shall be built in stretcher bond unless otherwise specified. Where block work abuts structural concrete columns or walls it shall be tied to the concrete with dowel bar or rebar (figure 3.3.9) as per position indicated on the drawings, unless otherwise specified.
- 5. Use wire mesh at very interval of 3 layers block height horizontally (Figure 3.3.10). All units shall be laid on a full bed of mortar in perfectly horizontal courses. All vertical joints in perfect vertical alignment and well filled by buttering the ends of unit and then sliding into position against its neighbour.



Figure 3.3.9 Installation of the connection of starter bar



Figure 3.3.10 Laying of block wall



Figure 3.3.11 Marking the block in the required dimension before cutting it

- Cutting of blocks shall be kept to a minimum. Cut with motor driven masonry saws, using either an abrasive or diamond blade.
   Cut neatly and located for best appearance (Figure 3.3.11).
- 7. All joints shall be solidly filled and the thickness of joints shall not exceed of 10mm.



Figure 3.3.12 Mortar joint

- 8. Cement mortar should be in the ratio of 1 part of cement ratio to 3 part of sand (1:3). All mortar joints shall be pointed out when thumbprint hard into a concave configuration unless otherwise specified.
- 9. Curing of block work should be done for at least 7 days as shown in the figure 3.3.13.

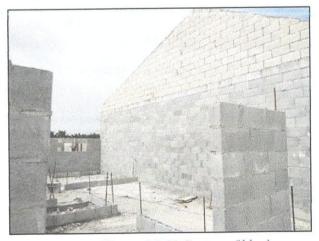


Figure 3.3.13 Curing of block

# 3.3.3 Starter Bar and Reinforced Wall

Starter Bar Layout Plan has to refer before install the reinforcement. In the event of an error on the installation of starter bar, the subcontractor should be responsible in order to repair or fix it. Every pillar CMU must use bar T12 which have been cut into 1500mm length. There are few of **mandatory** position for the installation of starter bar, T12:

## i) Corner of wall

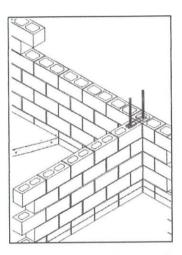


Figure 3.3.14 Starter Bar at Corner of wall (Source: Modul Pemasangan CMU Projek PPR Tanjong Karang)

## ii) At the end of the wall

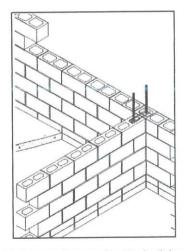


Figure 3.3.15 Starter Bar at the End of the Wall (Source: Modul Pemasangan CMU Projek PPR Tanjong Karang)

# iii) At the place has opening

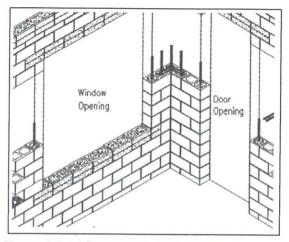


Figure 3.3.16 Starter Bar at Place Has Opening (Source: Modul Pemasangan CMU Projek PPR Tanjong Karang)

# iv) Wall Stiffener

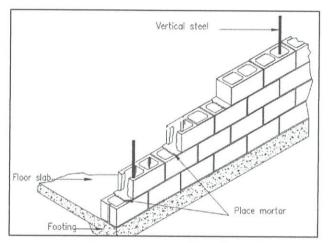


Figure 3.3.17 Starter Bar at Wall Stiffener (Source: Modul Pemasangan CMU Projek PPR Tanjong

Rebar R6 is used for the installation of rebar link. There has to be install in every two unit of CMU block as much as 400mm height.

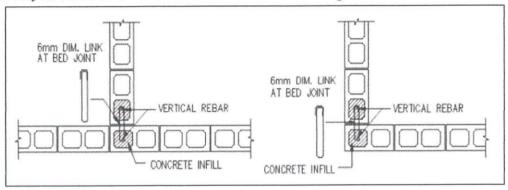


Figure 3.3.18 Installation of Rebar Link (Source: Modul Pemasangan CMU Projek PPR Tanjong Karang)

For the use of horizontal rebar, there has to be fitted at the opening of window, door and bond beam level structures. Bond beam block must be placed in reverse and the anchorage must be provided at the bond beam level.

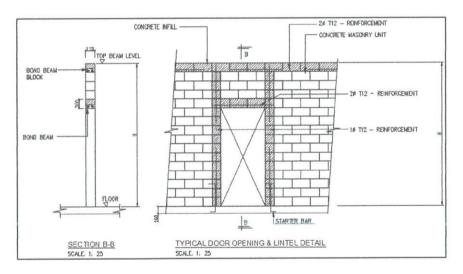


Figure 3.3.19 Installation of Horizontal Rebar at Door (Source: Modul Pemasangan CMU Projek PPR Tanjong Karang)

### 3.3.4 Party Wall

Party wall is a wall which has be connecting and adjoining between two different units, buildings or rooms. For this project, party wall has placed in between two units of houses. Every party wall and CMU pillar should be filled with concrete in height of four row of block as equal to 800mm height as shown in the figure below. Block from KKIBS is the only one supplier which allowed for the use of party wall because they have certificate from Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia.

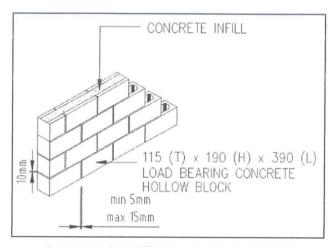


Figure 3.3.20 Infill Concrete for Party Wall (Source: Modul Pemasangan CMU Projek PPR Tanjong Karang)

Basically, party wall can act as the construction of a wall build up to, or also can be referred as line of the junction or otherwise it also can be classify as boundary line. The importance of party wall is to protect the residents from any potentially adverse effects which might involve numbers of people. But there will come out some issues for the owners if they have intention and planning on undertaking extension for their houses.

The installation of CMU for this party wall is just like the other common CMU wall. The difference is just has an extra work process by providing concrete infill in every block which not same as common one which just have to fill in at the bar area. The installation of CMU has to follow the specified height in the drawing. Links also need to be installed where the wall have been connected between internal and external area as refer in the starter bar layout plan.

## 3.3.5 Expansion Joint

The wall line must be adjacent to the floor expansion joint line. If there are setting out has shown, there could be expansion joint in between both areas, that will be a work of hacking and other improvement and correcting work have to be done. The jointing wall does not have to apply the mortar instead by install the starter bar and link.

Expansion joint is an assembly design to safely absorb the heat-induced expansion, and contraction of construction material, to absorb vibration and even to hold parts together. There will be a baby step to be careful in case if there is any earthquake or ground settlement happened.

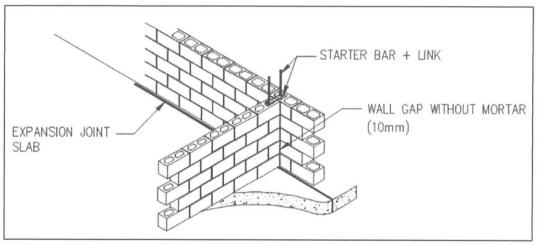


Figure 3.3.21 Expansion Joint for Slab (Source: Modul Pemasangan CMU Projek PPR Tanjong Karang)

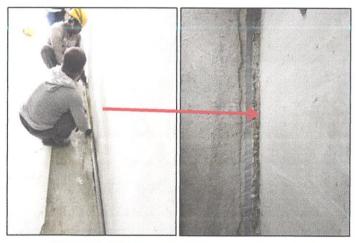


Figure 3.3.22 Process of expansion join at site

# 3.4 Advantages and Disadvantages of Application CMU at site

Table 3.4.1 Advantages and Disadvantages of Application CMU

| Advantages                                 | Disadvantages                        |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Minimum number order of each               | Expensive                            |
| design                                     | Quite expensive if want to           |
| Just ordered in one design but             | compare with brick and other         |
| can apply in every wall just by            | suited material                      |
| cutting of the CMU                         |                                      |
|  |                                      |
|  |                                      |
| Aesthetic value                            | Has weak spot                        |
| Can be used as structure but               | Cannot predict the exact defect      |
| also as decorative wall                    | for structure until final touch up   |
|  | of block work                        |
|  |                                      |
| Simply work                                | Complicated installation             |
| It combines into one simple                | Lapping procedure between            |
| operation, but the several                 | laying of CMU block and              |
| complicated procedures of                  | install starter bar make the         |
| R.C construction                           | progress of work complicated         |
| • It requires fewer trades on the          |                                      |
| jobs, simplifying scheduling               |                                      |
| of construction and ensuring               |                                      |
| faster completion.                         |                                      |
|  |                                      |
|  |                                      |
| High strength                              | Condition and durability of material |
| <ul> <li>Standards and approved</li> </ul> | low                                  |
| specification of material can              | Easy broken especially when          |
| be safely used                             | involve of delivery process          |
|  | from the placement area to the       |
|  | work area                            |

| Faster  | Unstable   |
|---|--|
| • Faster construction through elimination of some intermediate process and simplification of others | Without any support from bar<br>there will be easily collapsed |
| Saves material, time and labour   | Depends on the workmanship                                     |
| <ul> <li>Formwork for column and</li> </ul>   | Only expert manpower can                                       |
| beams is eliminated, no   | come out the best finishing of                                 |
| plastering is required (the   | laying the CMU at site   |
| even surfaces of the blocks   | Number of CMU experts  |
| can be painted straight on),  | decreased and difficult to find                                |
| less steel is needed  | so company has decided to use                                  |
| <ul> <li>Structural work, enclosures</li> </ul>   | the common and the available                                   |
| and finishing are carried out   | workers only   |
| in a one-step process   |  |

#### **CHAPTER 4.0**

### CONCLUSION

### 4.1 Conclusion

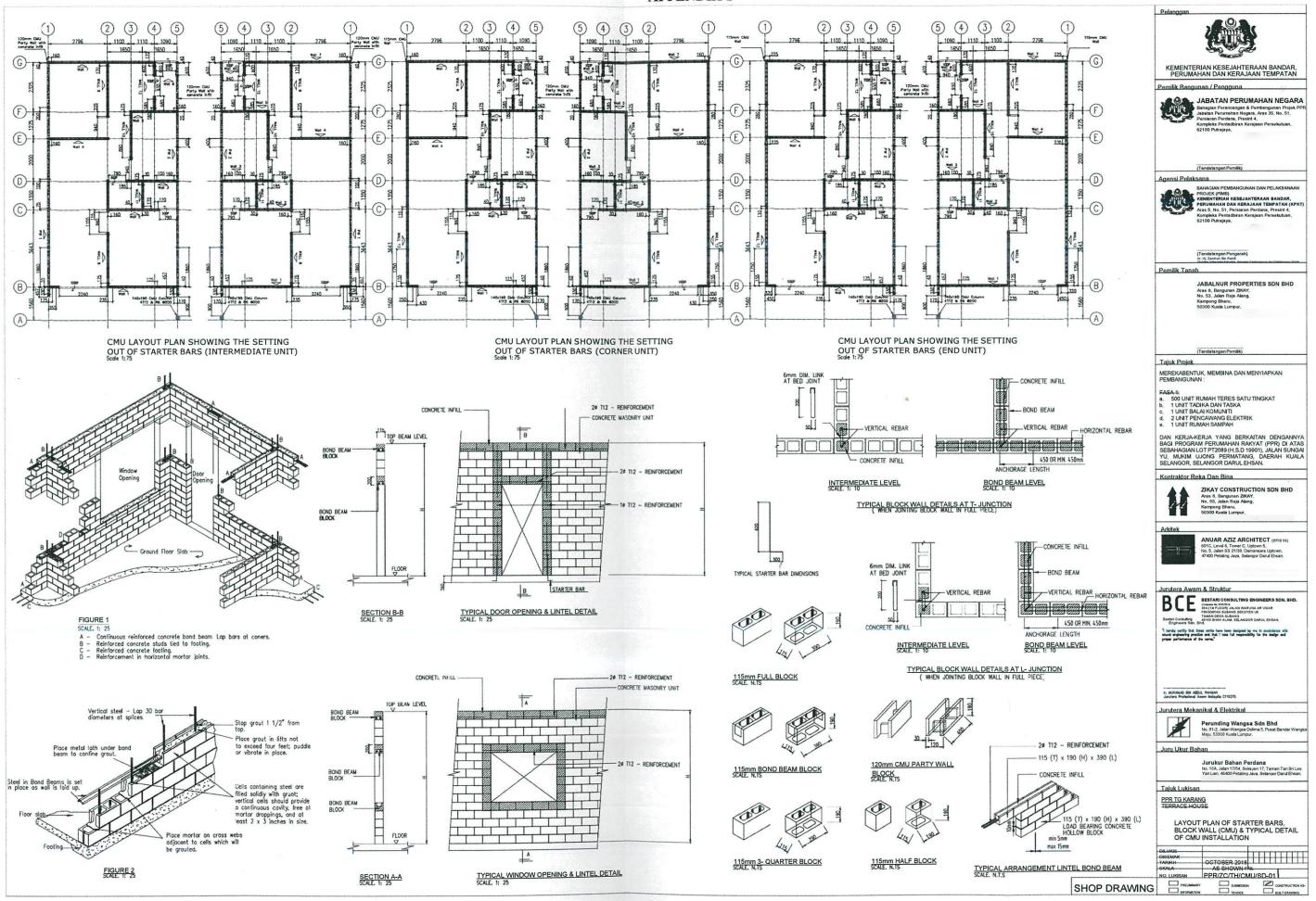
In this research the characteristic of material, method installation, advantages and disadvantages of application Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) were studied. Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) has been used so much in the construction industry these days. As concrete block tended to be larger than standard bricks, block walls can be constructed faster than a traditional brick wall. There are typically used for house foundations, decorative blocks or retaining walls and many more.

This study revealed that there are many types of Concrete Masonry Unit available in this industry and each of them made in different design and sizes. To make CMU wall in straight vertically, steel and starter bar are used as supporting the wall from any event course. The infill concrete also can make the block wall become stronger and increase the durability. The use of CMU will definitely can be one of the most preferable material for the structure instead use of the common clay bricks.

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### **APPENDIX 1**



HORIZONTAL SPACING OF

BLOCKS

(mm)

7, 15

HORIZONTAL SPACING OF

**BLOCKS** 

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HORIZONTAL SPACING OF

BLOCKS

(mm)

BLOCK SIZE (115THK.)

FULL BLK. BOND BLK. BLK.

WALL 4 97 16 7

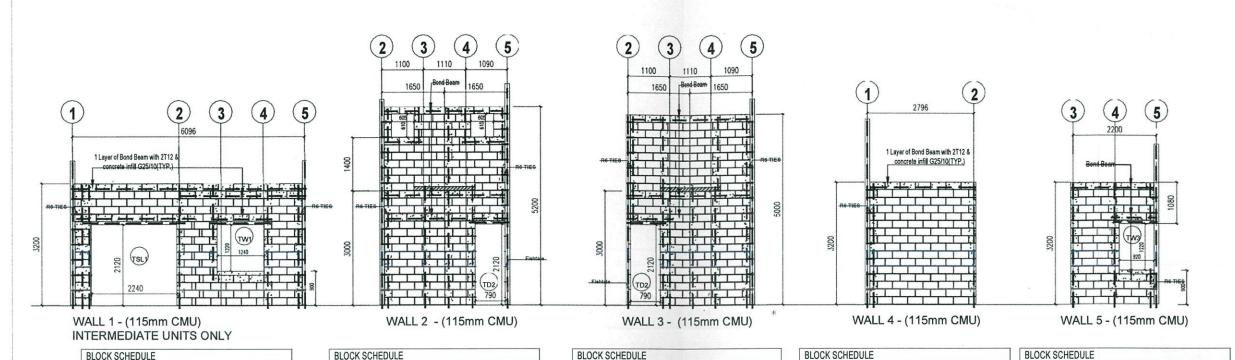
**BLOCK SCHEDULE** 

WALL TYPE

BLOCK SIZE (115THK.)

FULL BLK. LBLK. BOND BLK. BLK.

WALL 9 95 11 11 4



HORIZONTAL SPACING OF

BLOCKS

7. 15

BLOCK SIZE (115THK.)

FULL BLK. BOND BLK. BLK.

HORIZONTAL SPACING OF

BLOCKS

WALL 2 123 29 34 10

HORIZONTAL SPACING OF

**BLOCKS** 

8.10

BLOCK SCHEDULE

BLOCK SIZE (115THK.)

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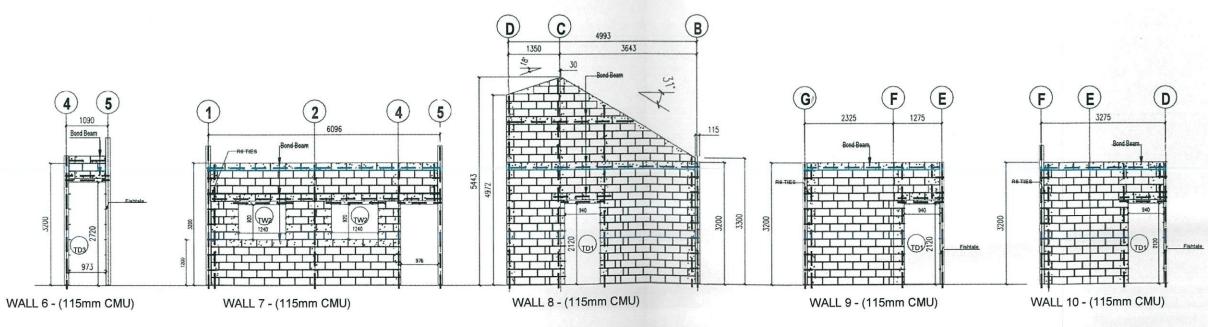
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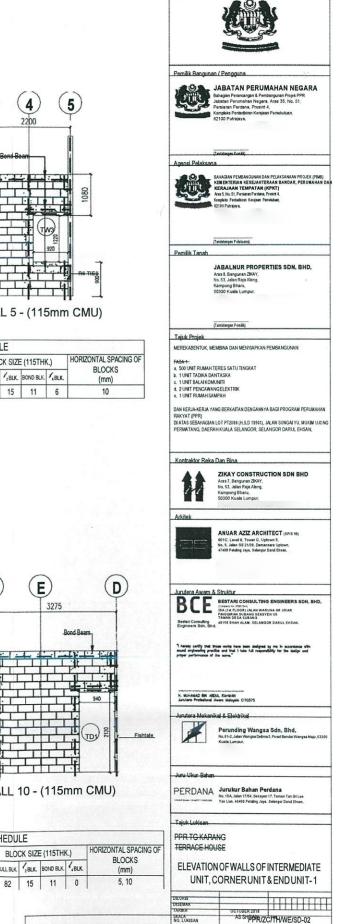
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BLOCK SIZE (115THK.)

WALL TYPE FULL BLK. 12 BLK. BOND BLK 14 BLK.

WALL 3 138 24 23 0



HORIZONTAL SPACING OF

BLOCKS

(mm)

BLOCK SIZE (115THK.)

FULL BLK. BOND BLK. BLK.

WALL 5 51 15 11 6

**BLOCK SCHEDULE** 

FULL BLK. BOND BLK. BLK.

SHOP DRAWING

WALL 10 82 15 11 0

HORIZONTAL SPACING OF

BLOCKS

10-14



