



ABN: 37 005 213 810

208 Sugars Road
Anstead
Queensland 4070
3 May 2010

Mr Frank Baarspul
ECO-Block Australia

Re: Insulated Concrete Formwork Construction using Eco-Block

Frank

In response to your request to provide some sort of comment or reference regarding our experience using Eco-Block I provide the following.

As a civil engineer with mainly a construction background I have been interested in the concept of Insulated Concrete Formwork (ICF) ever since I happened to see its use in Sweden some 20 or so years ago.

My experience has been as a contractor on civil engineering structures such as a dry dock, wharves, bridges, retaining walls etc where the formwork component of the concrete construction activity is the key element in the success of the finished product.

In the last few years this company has become involved in domestic housing construction using ICF as a natural extension of our civil engineering expertise. We are comfortable and familiar with the earthworks, footings and slab components of the work and find that Eco-blocks are in turn a cost effective and quick way to construct concrete walls in all sorts of configurations. While the blocks structurally are only the formwork holding the concrete to shape until cured, left in place they supply a superior end product with respect to insulation, noise and fire resistance among other things.

While ICF construction methods have been used in Europe and North America for many years those seeing it for the first time tend to be a little bewildered. From a construction perspective however their correct use is as exact a science as plywood or steel formwork. Indeed a much lower level of labour skill and total input is required using ICF compared to traditional methods, providing of course that correct techniques applicable to this type of construction are used.

Speed of construction, proven savings in associated trades such as plumbing and electrical roughins and simple installation of interior wall claddings are a byproduct of their use.

We would be only too happy to talk to potential users of Eco-Block, show them completed projects or provide a quotation to install them as the case may be

Regards

Darryl Gregory
Bernell Developments Pty Ltd
Phone: 0418 725 797