# PRECAST INNOVATION IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

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## PRECAST CONCRETE SOLUTIONS IN RSA

#### Structural Systems

- Reservoirs ranging between 3 60 Mega Liters
- Cape Province reservoirs as an example with precast elements
  - Penhill Reservoir
  - Contermanskloof 100 ML
  - Porterville Reservoir
- Water Towers 35 m high ranging between 1.5 5 Mega Liters
- Water/Sewerage Treatment Plants
- Stadium systems
- Bridges
- Security / Retaining wall
- Tilt-up Solutions
  - Warehouse Columns
  - Warehouse Walls
- Framed Structures for high rise buildings
- Residential Precast Hollow Core suspended slabs
- Marine Solutions
- Tailored precast concrete solutions

## DIFFUCULTIES IN INTRODUCING PRECAST STRUCTURAL SOLUTIONS

- Precast Turnkey Construction Solutions Require
  - Design
  - Manufacture
  - Transport
  - Construction
  - A Total Solution
- To successfully implement
  - Designs
    - Drawings
      - Services coordination
        - » Must be complete before construction
        - » Can't be done whilst under construction
- Require input from
  - Project Engineer
  - Mechanical Consultant
  - Main Contractor
  - Precast Specialist
- Research and Development required before going to market, one hit wonders do not work

## Continuous Development -Water Towers example of R&D





#### Why use Pre-Cast Concrete Structure

- Speed of construction: Precast concrete element can be manufactured offsite while the construction site is prepared, example earthworks foundations etc.
  - □ 10 ML Reservoir Concrete Work completed in four months
  - □ 30 ML Reservoir Concrete Work completed in six months
- □Consistent quality: Precast concrete elements are manufactured in a controlled factory environment, ensuring consistent quality and reliability.
- Durability: The use of high Strength concrete where emphasis can be placed on the durability of the concrete. Also reinforcing/prestressed strand cover.
- □The use of Pre-Tensioning Allows the use of higher strength concrete, reduced deflections, enhanced durability.

#### **Reduced Cost of Construction**

□ Time Savings on Project relates in Overhead/P&G Cost Saving

□ For the Contractor

□ For the Engineers

□ For the Client

□ The use of higher concrete strength and Pre-tensioning results in lower volumes of material being used. Example the concrete weight on a 30 Mega Liter reservoir wall and roof is reduced by 40 % with the use of Precast.

**Reduction and Elimination in Variation Orders** 

□ Higher quality product at lower competitive rates

□ Case Studies

□ Stadiums a 25 % - 40 % reduction in Costs

Reservoirs a 10 % - 30 % reduction in Costs

□ Bridges a 10 - 50 % reduction in Costs depending on design and site requirement

## What would the advantages be to consider Precast

- Sustainable Employment If precast is introduced as a construction method it can create sustainable employment instead of temporary employment per project.
- Supporting Emerging Contractors Structural Designs on conventional construction methods are rarely simplified, however by using a precast specialist, portions of the build's complexity is reduced.
- □ Faster Infrastructure expenditure The Speed of Construction also equites to faster infrastructure expenditure and completion of projects.
- Easier project management of projects The reduced complexity of construction enables clients easier project management.
- Durability The long terms durability of infrastructure with lower maintenance requirements.
- □ Enhanced safety: Precast elements are manufactured to exact specifications and quality standards, reducing the risk of accidents or failures during construction.

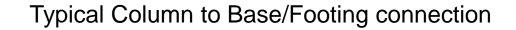
### **Lowering Carbon Footprint**

- □ Reduced material waste: Precast concrete manufacturing processes can minimize material waste by using precise measurements and optimizing material usage,
  - □ The use of steel in tensile strength pre-tensioning.
  - □ Use of higher concrete strength.
  - Creating shapes not normally practical and cost effective onsite that is structurally more effective.
- Energy-Efficient production: Precast concrete plants often utilize energy-efficient technologies and practices, such as recycled materials and energy-efficient equipment, reducing energy consumption during production.
- Longevity and durability: Precast concrete structures have a longer lifespan and requires less maintenance compared to traditional construction methods, resulting in fewer materials used over time and lower carbon emissions associated with maintenance activities.
- Sustainable sourcing: Many precast concrete manufacturers prioritize sustainable sourcing of raw materials, such as using recycled aggregates and locally sourced materials. The use of a well graded mix design and example thereof.

## Case Study -Precast Reservoir Walls and Roof



# **RESERVOIR ROOF SYSTEM**



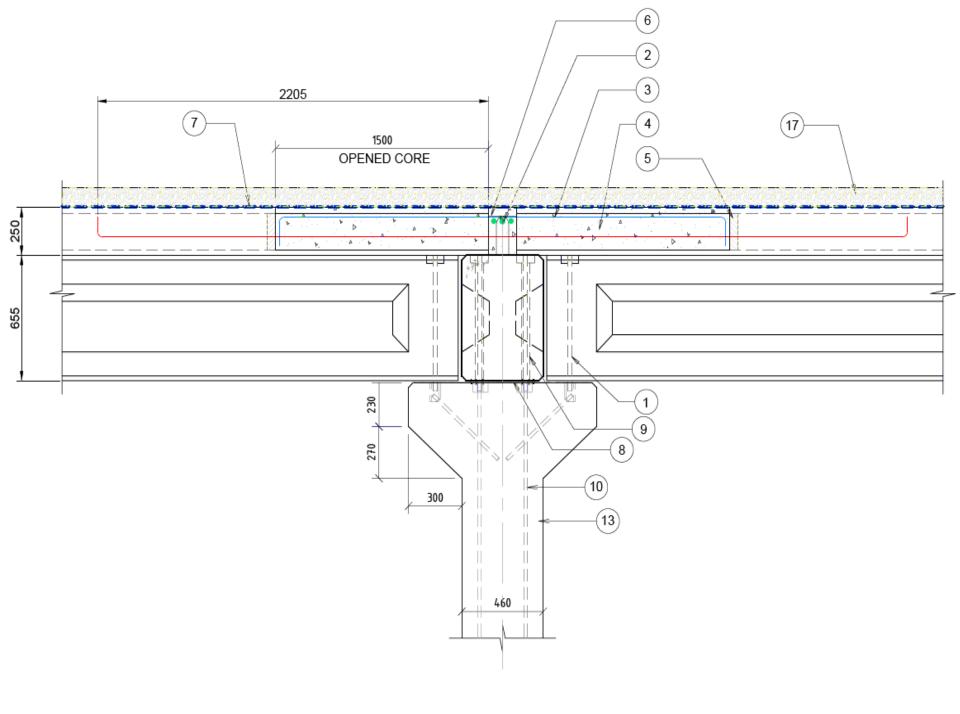
## **25ML DIEPSLOOT RESERVOIR**











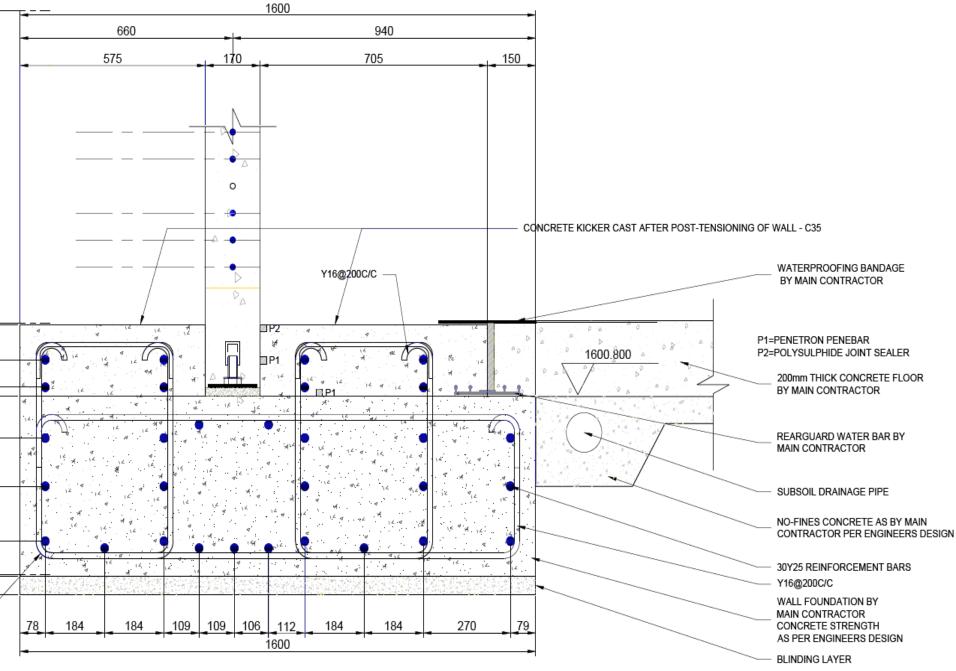




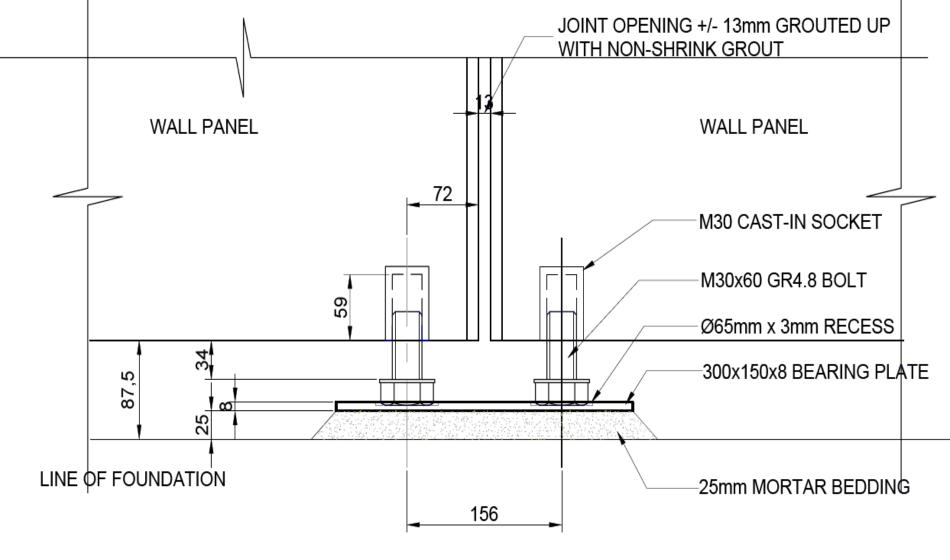
# **RESERVOIR WALL SYSTEM**



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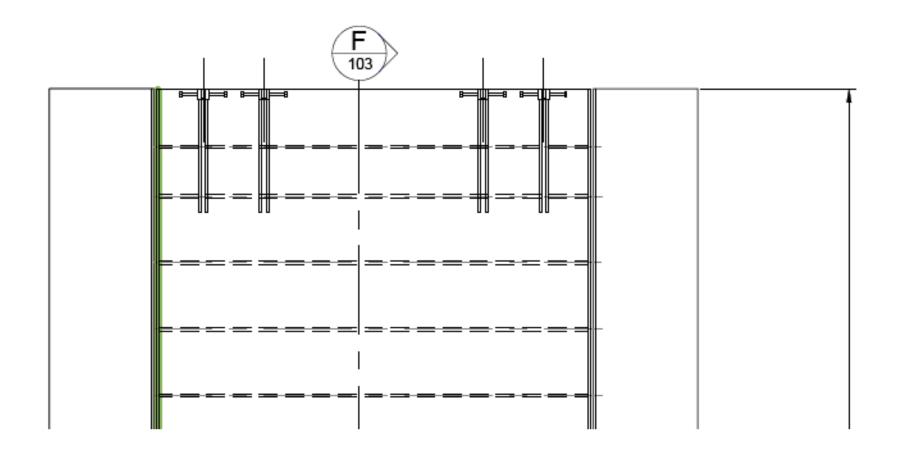




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Construction of Concrete Pre-Cast Structures

# **25ML PAM BRINK RESERVOIR**



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