Dr. Raj Dongré – Biographical Resume

Rajendra Nidhish Dongré, Ph. D. is a native of Maharashtra, India, who has lived most of his professional career in the United States. With his professional involvement in asphalt (bitumen) and asphalt-related topics, he has traveled all over the world and has proven to be very useful link between US, India and other countries. He is well-known for his seminars and presentations as frequently invited speaker at many international conferences.

Dr Dongré is currently a consultant to the Federal Highway Administration. For the past 12 years he has been involved with the refinement of various Superpave specifications and development of standards. He has published numerous papers on material testing and specification.

Dr. Dongré received his BSCE from the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda and his Master's and Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University (1994) in the USA. His background has varied aspects of asphalt highway engineering ranging from academic to research and consulting engineering. He owns a consulting engineering firm and a testing laboratory for over 10 years. Dongré Laboratory Services Inc. (DLSI) provides the very best in asphalt (Bitumen) testing with all the Superpave and traditional tests. Our laboratory is also capable of testing hot-mix asphalt and all its related issues. On the consulting side of my business I provide technical assistance in areas of polymer and crumb rubber modification of asphalt binders. DLSI also has a joint venture with Pebblecrest Materials and Services Corporation (PCMS) which specializes in all polymer modification related issues. DLSI is also proficient in forensic testing of pavement failures and helping state and local transportation departments with paving related problem solving.

Besides his leadership qualifications and hard-working habits as a devoted civil engineer, he is active in professional societies. He has been active as chair, secretary or member of various technical committees of TRB, ASTM, and AAPT for the last 10 years.
Dr. Dongré has published over 30 research papers in journals in the US as well as abroad.

Current Research Activities:

1. Field Evaluation of the Witczak and Hirsch Models for Predicting Dynamic Modulus of Hot-Mix Asphalt
2. Refinement and implementation of Superpave high temperature specification parameter $G^*/\sin\delta$
3. AASHTO Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide – Sensitivity analysis of parameters and implementation in the field.
4. Training seminars on the use of new Superpave asphalt and mixture specifications in DongYing, China.
5. Development of a new coating technology (AGGCote) for asphalt concrete aggregates (metal) to mitigate moisture damage and enhance rutting resistance.

This technology is inexpensive and very easy to implement in the existing hot-mix plants in US and abroad. This technology is currently being used in the states of Utah and Wyoming in the USA.

6. Development of throw and go pot-hole patching technology using cold patch material that can be easily implemented in US and abroad.

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