

Supplementary Materials: Use of Steel Industry Wastes for the Preparation of Self-Cleaning Mortars

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Table S1. Mortar formulation studied.

Mortar Components	M-1	M-2	M-3	M-4	M-5	M-6	M-7	M-8
Sand 1 (400–3000 μm)	20.23	10.23	20.23	-	-	12.23	22.23	43.47
Sand 2 (300–3000 μm)	-	5	-	22.23	20.23	5	-	-
Sand 3 (200–1500 μm)	35.47	40.47	20	33.47	15	15	-	12.23
Sand 4 (150–800 μm)	-	-	-	-	20.47	23.47	33.47	-
Sand 5 (100–500 μm)	-	-	20.47	-	-	-	-	-
Filler	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Cement	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Redispersible polymer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Surfactant wetting	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Fluidifying	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25

Table S2. XRF data of the HSL waste after previous treatment expressed as simple oxides. (%).

	Fe ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	CaO	Cr	Al ₂ O ₃	MgO	Ni	MnO
HSL Waste	41.94	10.64	8.93	7.56	6.75	4.14	1.95	0.98
	TiO ₂	P ₂ O ₅	Cu	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Zn	L.O.I	TOTAL
	0.32	0.28	0.23	0.22	0.21	0.16	11.57	95.87

Table S3. Relationship between the main reflection for different iron oxide (*) and α -Fe₂O₃ (=).

Sample	Relationship
HSL	1
HSL 600	≈ 0.36
HSL 750	≈ 0.18
HSL 900	≈ 0.14

Table S4. Flexural, compression strength and abrasion resistance after 28 days for Reference mortar (M) and mortar with different percents of HSL replacement (5% and 10%).

Mortar	Flexural Strength 28 d/N·mm ⁻²	Compression Strength 28 d/N·mm ⁻²	Abrasion Strength 28 d/mm ³
M	9.6	76.4	89.0
M5HSL	10.3	67.1	123.0
M10HSL	10.0	62.0	147.0

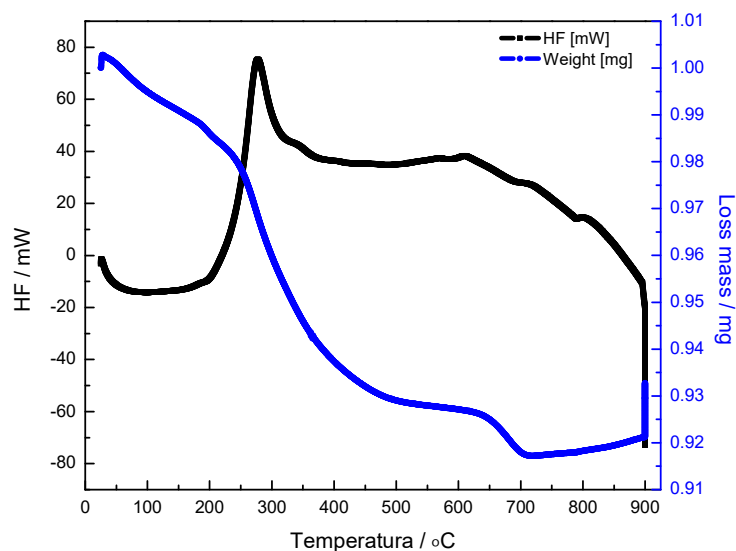


Figure S1. Thermogravimetric analysis of the waste as received.

The thermogravimetric analysis of the samples as received shows around of 7% of the weight sample, lost after calcination to 400 degrees. This loss is associated to the organic matter.

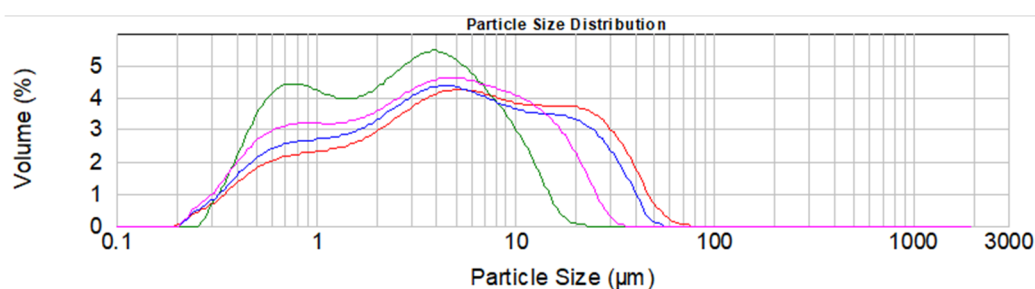


Figure S2. Particle size distribution of HSL waste after grinding for 12 h (red), 16 h (green), 20 h (blue) and 24 h (pink).

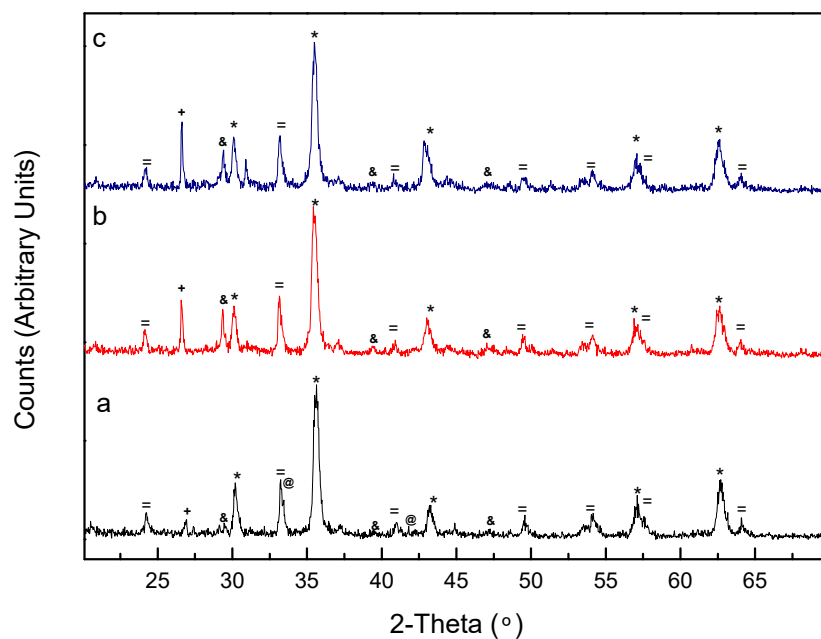


Figure S3. X-Ray diffraction data for HSL samples (a) as received, (b) after grinding for 12 h and (c) after grinding for 24 h. (SiO₂ +; (Fe_{0.6}Cr_{0.4})₂O₃ @; CaCO₃ &; γ-Fe₂O₃/Fe₃O₄ *; α-Fe₂O₃ =).

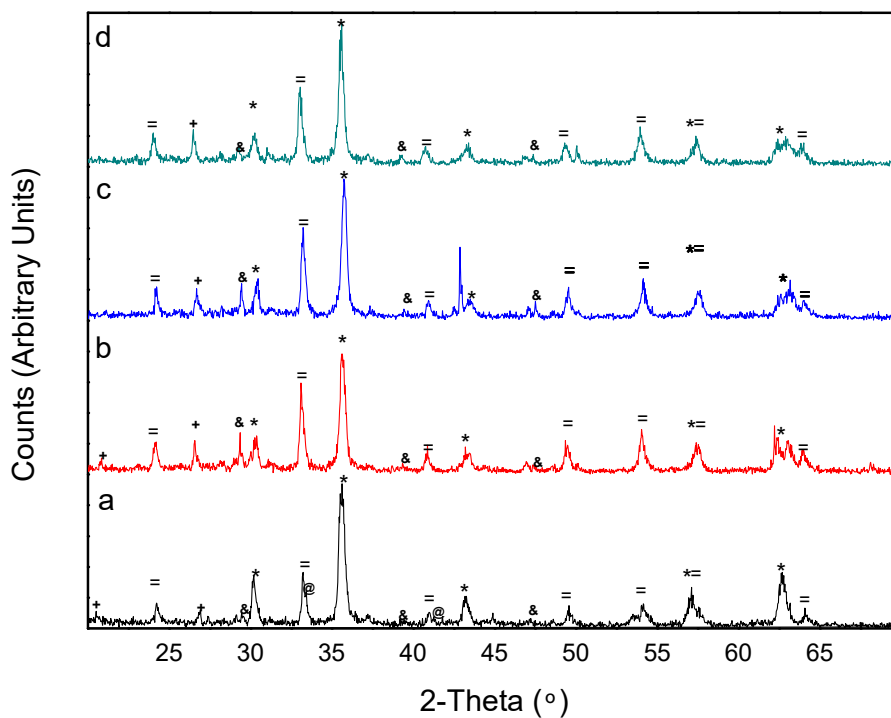


Figure S4. XRD data for HSL waste (black), after 600 °C 4 h (red), 8 h (blue) and 12 h (green). (SiO_2 +; $(\text{Fe}_{0.6}\text{Cr}_{0.4})_2\text{O}_3$ @; CaCO_3 &; $\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ *; $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ =).

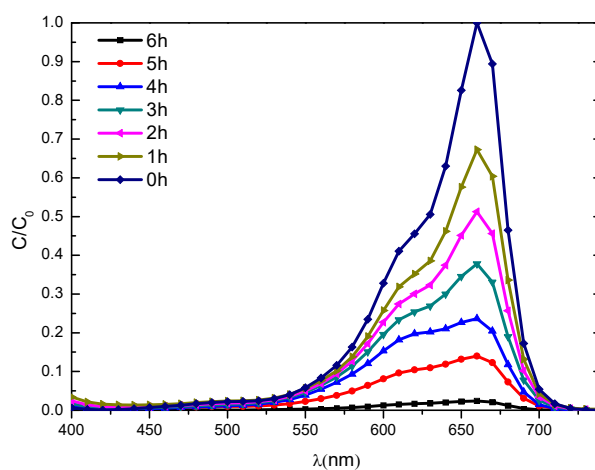


Figure S5. Evolution of the absorption spectrum of methylene blue over time.