

Embodied Carbon Estimation: The Next Evolution of Quantity Surveying

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Climate Change



The world is now warming faster than at any point in recorded history

Disrupting usual **balance of nature** (United Nations)



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CO2 Emissions Today





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The construction industry is considered to be among the major sectors that contribute significantly towards the emission of GHGs in our environment, which have a major affect on the climate change, and Is approximately **responsible for about 40% of the overall GHG emission**

globally, rendering it a pollution hotspot requiring urgent mitigation measures. *(Labaran & Mathur et al., 2021)*



Y2040, the DISASTER is coming?



Pemanasan Global | Kiamat iklim 2040, Malaysia tidak terkecuali

Ais semakin mencair, gunung berapi kini mula aktif di Antartika dan suhu di kutub utara bukan membeku, tetapi berus sum sebaja. Semua petunjuk itu adalah kesep derinada persenasa alabah uapa tidak perseb berlaku tatap

The language of climate is evolving, from 'change' to 'catastrophe'

"Climate emergency" was used just 17 times prior to January 2019, but 283 times since.



UN Experts Warn of 'Climate Catastrophe' by 2040 Without 'Rapid' and 'Unprecedented' Global Action

"The climate crisis is here and already impacting the most vulnerable," notes 350.org's program director. "Staying under 1.5°C is now a matter of political will."



Underscoring the need for "rapid, far-reaching, and unprecedented" changes to life as we know it to combat the global climate crisis, a new report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)--the United Nations' leading body for climate science--details what the world



What is Embodied Carbon

 Refers to greenhouse gas (GHG) emission associated with the manufacture and use of product or services



- Associated with extraction, manufacturing, transporting, installing, maintaining, and disposing of construction materials and products.
- Embodied carbon regulation is **not fully addressed**.



Embodied Carbon Life Cycle

BS EN 15804 Life Cycle Module







How the world respond to it?



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Paris Agreement



PARIS2015 UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE COP21.CMP11 1.5 degrees below pre-industrial level

Must peak before 2025 at the latest and **decline** 43% by 2030

5 years cycle, each countries will submit Nationally Determine Contributions (NSCs)

Long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies (LT-LEDS)

Enhance transparency framework (ETF)



Nationally Determine Contributions (NDCs) From several ASEAN Countries



- Increased its mitigation ambition with an unconditional target to cut carbon intensity against GDP by 45% by 2030 compared to 2005
- Covers seven greenhouse
 gasses
- To develop National Adaptation Plan and NDC Roadmap



- 41% reduction by 2030
- Betting and land use sector and the energy sector to contribute to the most to the emission reduction target
- **4.1%** of the state budget for emission reduction efforts
- Visi Indonesia 2045 and Long-Term Strategy on Low Carbon and Climate Resilient Development 2050



- Enhance peak emissions at 65MtCO2e by 2030
- Achieve 36% reduction in emissions intensity from 2005 levels by 2030
- 33MtCO2e by 2050 & Net Zero



Other Organization Involved





ACCEPT II





How the industry respond to it?



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How Industry resolves the problem?





Carbon Value Engineering (CO₂VE) FRAMEWORK (Robati et al.2021)





Design Alternatives

Concrete slab	P	Concrete slab	Steel column Concrete Steel beam Steel reinforcement	Steel Column CLT Steel Beam	Glue-Lam (Column) CLT Glue-Lam (Beam)	30%	50%	65% HPF
Base Case Building	ST.1	ST.2	ST.3	ST.4	ST.5	WWR of 50%	WWR of 30%	High Performance Façade
R.C structure with flat plate floor:	R.C structure with flat slab floor:	R.C structure with Post-tensioned	Steel structure with steel deck	Steel structure with Cross	Whole timber building: This	The same conventional	The same	The same WWR as the base
The base building used a flat	This scenario used a flat slab as	floor: This scenario uses a post-	floor: This scenario uses a steel	laminated timber floor (CLT): This	scenario goes beyond	façade as base	conventional	building (65%), but with
plate (FP) concrete	the main structural floor system.	tensioned (PT) flat slab structural	deck floor. The steel deck acts as	scenario uses a Cross Laminated	conventional practice to propose	building, but with a	façade as base	triple glazing and increased
structure. Flat plates provide a	The flat slab is a two-way system	floor system. A PT floor provides	a permeant formwork which does	Timber	a mass timber (MT)	WWR reduced from	building, but with a	insulation.
uniform thickness and a flat soffit	with thickenings at the vertical	the thinnest slab type and tends	not require dismantling and also	(CLT) slab and steel frame. CLT is a	design with CLT floors and glulam	65% to 50%	WWR reduced from	
which requires a simple	elements (columns and	to be faster on site due to a	benefits from minimum	solid wood construction product	columns, beams and trusses. A		65% to 30%	
formwork system.	loadbearing walls) to increase	reduction in concrete and steel	scaffolding requirements,	consisting of several bonded	growing body of research			
	shear capacity and the stiffness of	reinforcement. A key advantage	speeding up the construction	timber	suggests multi storey buildings			
	the floor system under vertical	of a PT slab is that it can reduce	process as well as reducing capital	boards (set at 90°). CLT is an	with MT structures can benefit			
	loads.	the number of columns, increase	costs	innovative structural material and	from reduced embodied carbon.			
		flexibility for internal planning		is lighter than R.C resulting in	This is due to timber materials			
		and minimise the overall height		a lower inertia response	emitting less GHG emissions			
		of the building.		generated from lateral loads. This	during phases A1 – A3 than			
				means it can potentially reduce	concrete and steel. In addition, as	i l		
				the amount of	trees sequester			
				concrete and steel reinforcement	carbon dioxide through			
				used in the structural	photosynthesis, timber buildings			
				components.	can provide long-term carbon			
					storage acting as a			
					carbon SINK [74,75]. In this			
					huilding the MT structure is			
					supplemented with			
					a concrete core for lateral			
					stability while basements also			
					remain concrete.			



Design Analysis



Embodied carbon emissions [Stages A1-A5,B4,C]





Benefit of QS (approach to Carbon Emission Estimation)





Quantity Surveyor is seen as one profession that can play big role in Carbon Estimation approach













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- Integrate Carbon Emission estimations in CostX Workbook
- Carbon data repository in CostX library
- Projects rates library within the same platform



Summary of Benefits By implementing CostX solutions in 5D and 6D environment



Reducing waste, rework and able to balance between lower carbon builds with delivering profitable projects

Most of the younger generations now aware about green practices. Hence this can attract more youngster to be part of the team

More access to reliable, accurate and up-to-date carbon data

The process of making decision is derived based on available data hence it can generate more holistic view

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