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SYSTEM FOR USE AS AN INORGANIC CHEMICAL FASTENING SYSTEM

(57) Abrégé/Abstract:

The invention relates to a cement-based multicomponent mortar system comprising finely ground Portland cement clinker having a fineness of grind in the range of 6000 to 12000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g, for use as an inorganic chemical fixing system for anchoring elements in mineral substrates.

**ABSTRACT**

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**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

10 The invention is in the field of the chemical fastening of anchoring elements in mineral substrates in the field of construction and fastening technology, and in particular relates to the chemical fastening of anchoring elements by means of an inorganic chemical fastening system based on finely ground Portland cement clinker in a cementitious multi-component mortar system.

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**PRIOR ART**

20 Composite mortars for fastening anchoring elements in mineral substrates in the field of construction and fastening technology are known. These composite mortars are based almost exclusively on organic epoxy-containing resin/hardener systems. However, it is well known that such systems are polluting, expensive, potentially hazardous and/or toxic to the environment and the person handling them and they often need to be specially labeled. In addition, organic systems often exhibit greatly reduced stability when exposed to strong sunlight or otherwise elevated temperatures, which reduces their mechanical performance in the chemical fastening of anchoring elements.

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30 There is therefore a need for a ready-to-use cementitious multi-component mortar system, preferably a cementitious two-component mortar system, which is superior to the prior art systems in terms of environmental aspects, health and safety, handling, storage time and a good balance between setting and curing. Furthermore, it is of interest to provide a system which can be used for the chemical fastening of anchoring elements in mineral substrates without adversely affecting the handling, properties and mechanical performance of the chemical fastening system. In particular, a cementitious multi-component mortar system characterized by excellent load values is desirable.

In view of the above, it is an object of the present invention to provide a cementitious system, in particular a cementitious multi-component mortar system, in particular a cementitious two-component mortar system, which overcomes the disadvantages of the prior art systems. In particular, it is an object to provide a ready-to-use cementitious multi-component mortar system which is easy to handle and environmentally friendly, which can be stored stably for a certain period of time prior to use and which has a good balance between setting and curing, and also exhibits excellent mechanical performance under the influence of elevated temperatures in the chemical fastening of anchoring elements in mineral substrates.

Furthermore, it is an object of the present invention to provide a cementitious multi-component mortar system which can be used for the chemical fastening of anchoring means, preferably metal elements, in mineral substrates, such as structures made of brick, natural stone, concrete, permeable concrete or the like.

This and further objects, which will become apparent from the following description of the invention, are achieved by the present invention, as described in the independent claims. The dependent claims relate to preferred embodiments.

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### **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a cementitious multi-component mortar system comprising finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$ , which is ideally suited for use as an inorganic chemical fastening system for anchoring elements in mineral substrates in order to achieve high load values. In particular, the present invention relates to a cementitious multi-component mortar system comprising finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$ , a sulfate carrier and optionally silica fume, which is ideally suited for use as an inorganic chemical fastening system for anchoring elements in mineral substrates in order to achieve high load values.

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The present invention also relates to the use of such a cementitious multi-component mortar system for the chemical fastening of anchoring means, preferably metal elements,

in mineral substrates, such as structures made of brick, natural stone, concrete, permeable concrete or the like.

5 The present invention further relates to the use of finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g in a cementitious mortar system as an inorganic chemical fastening system for anchoring elements in mineral substrates to increase the load values.

10 Some other objects and features of this invention are obvious and some will be explained hereinafter. In particular, the subject matter of the present invention will be described in detail on the basis of the embodiments.

### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

15 The following terms are used within the scope of the present invention:

In the context of the present invention, the term "binder" or "binder component" relates to the cementitious component, and optional components such as fillers, of the multi-component mortar system. In particular, this is also referred to as the A component.

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In the context of the present invention, the term "initiator" or "initiator component" relates to the aqueous hydrating component, preferably added water, which triggers stiffening, solidification and hardening as a subsequent reaction. In particular, this is also referred to as the B component.

25 The terms "comprise," "with" and "have" are intended to be inclusive and mean that elements other than those cited may also be meant.

30 As used within the scope of the present invention, the singular forms "a" and "an" also include the corresponding plural forms, unless something different can be inferred unambiguously from the context. Thus, for example, the term "a" is intended to mean "one or more" or "at least one," unless otherwise indicated.

Various types of cement, their composition and their areas of application are known from the prior art, but their use as an inorganic chemical fastening system, in particular, the

use of a cementitious multi-component mortar system based on finely ground Portland cement clinker, is still largely unknown.

5 It has now been found that a cementitious multi-component mortar system comprising finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$  is ideally suited for use as an inorganic chemical fastening system for anchoring elements in mineral substrates in order to achieve high load values, in particular a cementitious multi-component mortar system comprising finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 10 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$ , a sulfate carrier and optionally silica fume.

Furthermore, such a system, in particular the cementitious multi-component mortar system, is characterized by positive advantages in terms of environmental aspects, health and safety, handling, storage time and a good balance between setting and 15 curing, without adversely affecting the handling, properties and mechanical performance of the chemical fastening system.

Therefore, the present invention relates to a cementitious multi-component mortar system comprising finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the 20 range of from 6000 to 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$ , for use as an inorganic chemical fastening system for anchoring elements in mineral substrates. In particular, the present invention relates to a cementitious multi-component mortar system comprising finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$ , a sulfate carrier and optionally silica fume, for use as an inorganic chemical fastening 25 system for anchoring elements in mineral substrates.

The cementitious multi-component mortar system preferably comprises a binder component and an initiator component. It is preferred that the finely ground Portland cement clinker be present in the binder component. It is particularly preferred that the 30 cementitious multi-component mortar system is a two-component mortar system and comprises a powdered cementitious binder component and an aqueous initiator component.

The Portland cement clinker of the cementitious multi-component mortar system 35 comprises from 58 to 70% calcium oxide ( $\text{CaO}$ ), from 18 to 26% silicon dioxide ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ),

from 1 to 10% aluminum oxide ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ) and from 1 to 10% iron oxide ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ). Other characteristics of the Portland cement clinker are titanium dioxide ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ), sodium oxide ( $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ), potassium oxide ( $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ), chloride, sulfide, phosphorus pentoxide ( $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ ), sulfur trioxide ( $\text{SO}_3$ ) and magnesium oxide ( $\text{MgO}$ ), which preferably make up less than  
5 5% of the clinker.

The clinker phases of the Portland cement clinker of the cementitious multi-component mortar system comprise from 40 to 80% tricalcium silicate (alite)  $\text{C}_3\text{S}$ , from 5 to 30% dicalcium silicate (belite)  $\text{C}_2\text{S}$ , from 1 to 20% tricalcium aluminate  $\text{C}_3\text{A}$ , from 1 to 20%  
10 calcium aluminate ferrite  $\text{C}_4\text{AF}$  and other phases that are present in smaller quantities in the clinker.

The cementitious multi-component mortar system of the present invention comprises finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000  
15 to 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$ , preferably in a range of from 7000 to 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$ , most preferably in a range of from 9000 to 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$ . In a particularly preferred embodiment of the cementitious multi-component mortar system, the finely ground Portland cement clinker has a grinding fineness in the range of from 9000 to 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$ .

20 The cementitious multi-component mortar system of the present invention preferably comprises the finely ground Portland cement clinker in a range of from 1 wt.% to 50 wt.%, more preferably from 10 wt.% to 40 wt.%, most preferably in a range of from 20 wt.% to 30 wt.%, based on the total weight of the binder.

25 The cementitious multi-component mortar system preferably further comprises a sulfate carrier and optionally silica fume. Preferably, the sulfate carrier and the optional silica fume are present in the binder component. Particularly preferably, the finely ground Portland cement clinker, the sulfate carrier and the optional silica fume are present in the binder component.

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The sulfate carrier of the cementitious multi-component mortar system comprises a sulfate carrier selected from the group consisting of calcium sulfate, sodium sulfate, lithium sulfate, magnesium sulfate and potassium sulfate. The cementitious multi-component mortar system preferably comprises calcium sulfate selected from calcium  
35 sulfate dihydrate, calcium sulfate anhydrite, calcium sulfate hemihydrate and mixtures

thereof. In a particularly preferred embodiment of the cementitious multi-component mortar system, the sulfate carrier is a mixture of anhydrite and hemihydrate, preferably with a wt.% ratio of 1.5:1. The sulfate carrier significantly influences the solidification behavior of the cement mixed with water. The cementitious multi-component mortar system of the present invention preferably comprises the sulfate carrier in a range of 5 from 1 wt.% to 6 wt.%, more preferably from 1.5 wt.% to 5 wt.%, most preferably in a range of from 2 wt.% to 4 wt.%, based on the total weight of the binder component.

10 It has advantageously been found that high load values can be achieved if the sulfate carrier is present in the cementitious multi-component mortar system with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g, preferably in a range of from 7000 to 10000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g, most preferably in a range of from 8000 to 9500 cm<sup>2</sup>/g.

15 The silica fume of the cementitious multi-component mortar system is present in a range of from 1 wt.% to 10 wt.%, preferably from 2 wt.% to 8 wt.%, most preferably in a range of from 4 wt.% to 6 wt.%, based on the total weight of the binder. The silica fume preferably has an average particle size of 0.4 μm and a surface area of from 180,000 to 220,000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g or 18-22 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

20 Alternatively, the silica fume can also be replaced by pozzolanic materials or by materials with pozzolanic properties or by other fine reactive or inert fillers. These are, for example, corundum, calcite, dolomite, brick dust, rice husk ash, phonolite, calcined clay, fly ash, granulated blast-furnace slag, kaolin and metakaolin.

25 In a preferred embodiment of the cementitious multi-component mortar system, the silica fume is present in a range of from 5 wt.% to 6 wt.%, based on the total weight of the binder.

30 Furthermore, at least one filler or filler mixtures can be present in the binder component. These are preferably selected from the group consisting of quartz, sand, quartz powder, clay, fly ash, granulated blast-furnace slag, pigments, titanium oxides, light fillers, limestone fillers, corundum, dolomite, alkali-resistant glass, crushed stones, gravel, pebbles and mixtures thereof.

The at least one filler of the cementitious multi-component mortar system is preferably present in a range of from 20 wt.% to 70 wt.%, more preferably from 30 wt.% to 60 wt.%, most preferably in a range from 40 wt.% to 50 wt.%, based on the total weight of the binder.

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In a preferred embodiment of the cementitious multi-component mortar system, the filler is sand and is present in a range of from 50 to 55 wt.%, based on the total weight of the binder.

10 In a particularly preferred embodiment of the present invention, the filler is a mixture of sand and quartz powder. The sand is preferably present in a range of from 50 wt.% to 55 wt.% and the quartz powder in a range of from 10 wt.% to 11 wt.%, based on the total weight of the binder.

15 Furthermore, the binder component can contain at least one accelerator or accelerator mixtures in powder form. Common accelerators for Portland cement can be used. The accelerator consists of at least one alkali and/or alkaline earth metal salt selected from the group consisting of hydroxides, chlorides, sulfates, phosphates, monohydrogen phosphates, dihydrogen phosphates, nitrates, carbonates and mixtures thereof, the at  
20 least one accelerator is preferably an alkali and/or alkaline earth metal salt, a calcium metal salt such as calcium hydroxide, calcium sulfate, calcium carbonate, calcium chloride, calcium nitrate, calcium formate or calcium phosphate, a sodium metal salt such as sodium hydroxide, sodium sulfate, sodium carbonate, sodium chloride, sodium nitrate, sodium formate or sodium phosphate, or of C-S-H germs.

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Furthermore, the binder component can contain other cements, such as calcium aluminate-based cement. Furthermore, the binder component can contain fibers such as mineral fibers, chemical fibers, natural fibers, synthetic fibers, fibers made of natural or  
30 synthetic polymers, or fibers made of inorganic materials, in particular carbon fibers or glass fibers.

The initiator component of the multi-component mortar system comprises water and optionally a plasticizer. The water content is in a range of more than 70 wt.%, preferably more than 80 wt.%, most preferably more than 90 wt.%, based on the total weight of the  
35 initiator component. In a preferred embodiment, the water content is present in a range

of from 70 wt.% to 100 wt.%, more preferably from 80 wt.% to 95 wt.%, most preferably in a range of from 90 wt.% to 95 wt.%, based on the total weight of the initiator component.

5 The optional plasticizer is present in a range of from 1 wt.% to 30 wt.%, preferably from 5 wt.% to 25 wt.%, most preferably in a range from 10 wt.% to 20 wt.%, based on the total weight of the initiator component. The optional plasticizer is selected from the group consisting of polyacrylic acid polymers with low molecular weight (LMW), superplasticizers from the family of polyphosphonate polyox and polycarbonate polyox,  
10 polycondensates, for example naphthalene sulfonic acid formaldehyde polycondensate or melamine sulfonic acid formaldehyde polycondensate, lignosulfonates and ethacrylic superplasticizers from the polycarboxylate ether group, and mixtures thereof, for example Ethacryl® G (Coatex, Arkema Group, France), Acumer® 1051 (Rohm and Haas, UK) or Sika® VisoCrete®-20 HE (Sika, Germany). Suitable plasticizers are commercially  
15 available products.

In a very special embodiment of the cementitious multi-component mortar system, the water content is 90 wt.% to 95 wt.% and the plasticizer content is 5 wt.% to 10 wt.%, based on the total weight of the initiator component.

20 Furthermore, at least one filler or filler mixtures can be present in the initiator component. These are preferably selected from the group consisting of quartz, sand, quartz powder, clay, fly ash, granulated blast-furnace slag, pigments, titanium oxides, light fillers, limestone fillers, corundum, dolomite, alkali-resistant glass, crushed stones, gravel,  
25 pebbles and mixtures thereof.

Furthermore, the initiator component can contain at least one accelerator or accelerator mixtures in aqueous form. Common accelerators for Portland cement can be used. The accelerator consists of at least one alkali and/or alkaline earth metal salt selected from  
30 the group consisting of hydroxides, chlorides, sulfates, phosphates, monohydrogen phosphates, dihydrogen phosphates, nitrates, carbonates and mixtures thereof, the at least one accelerator is preferably an alkali and/or alkaline earth metal salt, a calcium metal salt such as calcium hydroxide, calcium sulfate, calcium carbonate, calcium chloride, calcium nitrate, calcium formate or calcium phosphate, a sodium metal salt such

as sodium hydroxide, sodium sulfate, sodium carbonate, sodium chloride, sodium nitrate, sodium formate or sodium phosphate, or consists of Master X-Seed 100 (BASF).

5 The initiator component can additionally comprise a thickener. The thickener can be selected from the group consisting of bentonite, silica, acrylate-based thickeners, such as alkali-soluble or alkali-swelling emulsions, quartz dust, clay and titanate chelating agents. Examples given are polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), hydrophobically modified alkali-soluble emulsions (HASE), hydrophobically modified ethylene oxide urethane polymers, which are known in the art as HEUR, and cellulose thickeners such as hydroxymethyl  
10 cellulose (HMC), hydroxyethyl cellulose (HEC), hydrophobically modified hydroxyethyl cellulose (HMHEC), sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (SCMC), sodium carboxymethyl-2-hydroxyethyl cellulose, 2-hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, 2-hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose, 2-hydroxybutyl methyl cellulose, 2-hydroxyethyl ethyl cellulose, 2-hydroxypropyl cellulose, attapulgite clay, and mixtures thereof. Suitable thickeners are  
15 commercially available products such as Optigel WX (BYK-Chemie GmbH, Germany), Rheolate 1 (Elementis GmbH, Germany) and Acrysol ASE-60 (The Dow Chemical Company).

20 The presence of the above-mentioned components does not change the overall inorganic nature of the cementitious multi-component mortar system.

The A component or binder component, which comprises the finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$ , the sulfate carrier and the silica fume, is in solid form, preferably in the form of a powder or  
25 dust. The B component or initiator component is in aqueous form, possibly in the form of a slurry or paste.

The weight ratio between the A component and the B component (A/B) is preferably between 10/1 and 1/3, and is preferably 8/1-4/1. The cementitious multi-component  
30 mortar system preferably comprises the A component in an amount of up to 80 wt.% and the B component in an amount of up to 40 wt.%.

After being prepared separately, the A component and the B component are placed in separate containers from which they can be mixed by mechanical action. In particular,  
35 the cementitious multi-component mortar system is a two-component mortar system,

preferably a cementitious two-component capsule system. The system preferably comprises two or more film pouches for separating the curable binder component and the initiator component. The contents of the chambers, glass capsules or pouches, such as film pouches, which are mixed with one another under mechanical action, preferably  
5 by introducing an anchoring element, are preferably already present in a borehole. The arrangement in multi-chamber cartridges or tubs or sets of buckets is also possible.

The cementitious multi-component mortar system of the present invention can be used for the chemical fastening of anchoring elements, preferably metal elements, such as  
10 anchor rods, in particular threaded rods, bolts, steel reinforcing rods or the like, in mineral surfaces such as structures made of brick, concrete, permeable concrete or natural stone. In particular, the cementitious multi-component mortar system of the present invention can be used for the chemical fastening of anchoring elements, such as metal elements, in boreholes. It can be used for anchoring purposes involving an increase in  
15 load capacity and/or an increase in bond strength in the cured state.

In addition, the cementitious multi-component mortar system of the present invention can be used for the application of fibers, scrims, knitted fabrics or composites, in particular  
20 fibers with a high modulus, preferably carbon fibers, in particular for reinforcing building structures, for example walls or ceilings or floors, and also for mounting components, such as panels or blocks, e.g. made of stone, glass or plastic, on buildings or structural elements.

In particular, finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range  
25 of from 6000 to 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$  is used in a cementitious multi-component mortar system in order to increase the load values. Preferably, finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of 6000 to 12000  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$ , a sulfate carrier and optionally silica fume is used in a cementitious two-component mortar system in order to increase the load values.

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The following examples illustrate the invention without thereby limiting it.

## EXAMPLES

### 1. Composition of the clinker

- 5 **Table 1:** Chemical composition, characteristics and phase composition of the clinker powder, determined by means of X-ray fluorescence analysis (XRF) and X-ray diffraction analysis (XRD) with Rietveld refinement.

	<b>Clinker name</b>	<b>K5000</b>	<b>K7000</b>	<b>K9000</b>	<b>K12000</b>
Oxides [m.%] (XRF)	SiO <sub>2</sub>	21.35	20.88	20.71	19.77
	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.71	5.59	5.89	5.73
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.15	2.13	2.29	2.37
	CaO	66.20	65.74	65.36	63.85
	MgO	0.94	0.92	0.95	0.97
	SO <sub>3</sub>	0.80	0.80	1.18	1.43
	Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.36	0.34	0.42	0.45
	K <sub>2</sub> O	0.67	0.66	0.95	1.16
	Cl	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.13
	Sulfide	0.11	0.10	0.07	0.14
Phases [%] (XRD)	C <sub>3</sub> S	63.70	63.76	62.43	61.36
	C <sub>2</sub> S	16.39	16.55	16.38	16.29
	C <sub>3</sub> A	11.53	11.65	12.13	12.67
	C <sub>4</sub> AF	5.26	4.87	5.75	5.75
	Other	2.86	3.08	3.17	3.78
Grinding fineness of the clinker in cm <sup>2</sup> /g (Blaine)		5,000	7,000	9,000	12,000
Specific surface area in cm <sup>2</sup> /g (Blaine)		4,745	6,810	8,900	11,780
Density in g/cm <sup>3</sup>		3.167	3.171	3.155	3.133
Size distribution (µm)		0.1-80	0.1-50	0.1-30	0.1-30

## 2. Preparation of A component and B component

The powdered binder component (A component) and the liquid initiator component (B component) in comparative examples 1, 8, 10, 12 and 14 and examples 2-7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 according to the invention are prepared initially by mixing the components specified in tables 2 and 3 in the proportions specified in table 4, which are expressed in wt.%.  
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**Table 2:** Composition of A component based on finely ground Portland cement clinker (wt.%).

	Binder	Binder	Binder	Binder	Solidification regulator	Binder	Filler	Filler
	<b>K5000</b>	<b>K7000</b>	<b>K9000</b>	<b>K12000</b>	<b>Calcium sulfate<sup>1)</sup></b>	<b>Silica fume<sup>2)</sup></b>	<b>Sand<sup>3)</sup></b>	<b>Quartz powder<sup>4)</sup></b>
<b>A0</b>	30.8				1.1	6.5	51.1	10.5
<b>A1</b>		29.4			1.4	6.2	52.2	10.8
<b>A2</b>			26.6		4	5.6	52.8	10.9
<b>A3</b>			28.0		1.7	6	53.3	11
<b>A4</b>				24.8	5.4	5.3	53.5	11.0
<b>A5</b>				26.3	2.9	5.6	54.1	11.1
<b>A6</b>				27.9	2	5.8	54.1	11.2

10 <sup>1)</sup> Calcium sulfate: Mixture of calcium sulfate hemihydrate and calcium sulfate anhydrite in a wt.% ratio of 1:1.5; grinding fineness in cm<sup>2</sup>/g (Blaine) 9,000; size distribution (µm) 0.1-30.

<sup>2)</sup> Silica fume: Grinding fineness in cm<sup>2</sup>/g (Blaine) 180,000-220,000; size distribution (µm) 0.1-10.

<sup>3)</sup> Sand: Size distribution (µm) 125-1000.

<sup>4)</sup> Quartz powder: Size distribution (µm) 0.1-100.

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**Table 3:** Composition of B component (wt.%).

	Initiator	Plasticizer
	<b>Water</b>	<b>Polycarboxylate ethers</b>
<b>B0</b>	91.2	8.8
<b>B1</b>	95.1	4.9

**Table 4:** Mixing ratio of A component to B component.

<b>A component</b>	<b>B component</b>	<b>A/B ratio</b>	<b>Water/binder ratio</b>
A0	B0	0.158	0.4
A1	B0	0.17	0.45
A2	B0	0.184	0.5
A3	B0	0.184	0.5
A4	B0	0.2	0.55
A5	B0	0.2	0.55
A6	B0	0.2	0.55
A5	B1	0.2	0.55
A6	B1	0.2	0.55

### **3. Determination of mechanical performance**

5 After being prepared separately, the powdered binder component A and the initiator component B are mixed using a mixer. All samples are mixed for 1 minute. The mixtures are poured into a stainless-steel sleeve borehole having a diameter of 12 mm, an anchorage depth of 32 mm and ground undercuts of 0.33 mm. Immediately after filling, an M8 threaded rod with a length of 100 mm is inserted into the borehole.

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The load values of the cured mortar compositions are determined at specific times within 24 hours using a "Zwick Roell Z050" material testing device (Zwick GmbH & Co. KG, Ulm, Germany). The stainless-steel sleeve is fastened to a panel, while the threaded rod is fastened to the force measuring device with a nut. With a preload of 500 N and a test speed of 3 mm/min, the fracture load is determined by pulling out the threaded rod centrally. Each sample consists of an average of five extracts. The fracture load is calculated as the internal strength and given in table 5 in N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

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**Table 5:** Internal strength in N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

<b>Example</b>	<b>Components</b>	<b>Temperature</b>	<b>Setting time in min</b>	<b>Internal strength in N/mm<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>1</b>	A0 + B0	20°C	5	5.4
<b>2</b>	A1 + B0	20°C	3	8.5
<b>3</b>	A2 + B0	20°C	3	13.8
<b>4</b>	A3 + B0	20°C	1	14.0
<b>5</b>	A4 + B0	20°C	2	19.2
<b>6</b>	A5 + B0	20°C	1	20.5
<b>7</b>	A6 + B0	20°C	1	20.7
<b>8</b>	A0 + B0	0°C	6	0.3
<b>9</b>	A6 + B0	0°C	1	4.9
<b>10</b>	A0 + B0	5°C	6	0.9
<b>11</b>	A6 + B0	5°C	1	4.5
<b>12</b>	A0 + B0	10°C	5	3.8
<b>13</b>	A6 + B0	10°C	1	11.9
<b>14</b>	A0 + B1	20°C	7	2.8
<b>15</b>	A6 + B1	20°C	2	19.3

As can be seen from Table 5, after curing for 24 hours all measurable systems according to the invention show considerable internal strengths and increased load values and thus improved mechanical strengths compared to the comparison system without increased fineness.

As shown above, the use of finely ground binders of the present invention, in particular with a fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g, preferably a particle fineness of 10000 to 12000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g, provides an increase in the load values and thus mechanical strength even at low temperatures compared to systems with a low particle fineness of 3000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g.

## CLAIMS

1. Cementitious multi-component mortar system comprising finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g,  
5 for use as an inorganic chemical fastening system for anchoring elements in mineral substrates.
2. Cementitious multi-component mortar system according to claim 1, further comprising a sulfate carrier selected from the group consisting of calcium sulfate,  
10 sodium sulfate, lithium sulfate, magnesium sulfate and potassium sulfate.
3. Cementitious multi-component mortar system according to either claim 1 or claim 2, further comprising silica fume.
- 15 4. Cementitious multi-component mortar system according to any of the preceding claims, further comprising at least one mineral filler selected from the group consisting of quartz, sand, quartz powder, clay, fly ash, granulated blast-furnace slag, pigments, titanium oxides, light fillers, limestone fillers, corundum, dolomite, alkali-resistant glass, crushed stones, gravel, pebbles and mixtures thereof.
- 20 5. Cementitious multi-component mortar system according to any of claims 2 to 4, wherein the sulfate carrier is present with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g.
- 25 6. Cementitious multi-component mortar system according to any of claims 2 to 5, wherein the sulfate carrier is calcium sulfate dihydrate, calcium sulfate anhydrite, calcium sulfate hemihydrate or a mixture thereof.
- 30 7. Cementitious multi-component mortar system according to any of claims 2 to 6, wherein the sulfate carrier is a mixture of anhydrite and hemihydrate, preferably with a wt.% ratio of 1.5:1.
- 35 8. Cementitious multi-component mortar system according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the cementitious multi-component mortar system is a two-component mortar system, preferably a two-component capsule mortar system.

9. Cementitious multi-component mortar system according to claim 8, wherein the two-component capsule mortar system comprises a powdered A component, comprising the finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g, the sulfate carrier and the silica fume, and an aqueous B component.
10. Cementitious multi-component mortar system according to claim 9, wherein the aqueous B component comprises water and a plasticizer.
11. Cementitious multi-component mortar system according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the finely ground Portland cement clinker is present in a range of from 1 wt.% to 50 wt.%, based on the total weight of the binder.
12. Cementitious multi-component mortar system according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the sulfate carrier is present in a range of from 1 wt.% to 6 wt.%, based on the total weight of the binder.
13. Cementitious multi-component mortar system according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the silica fume is present in a range of from 1 wt.% to 10 wt.%, based on the total weight of the binder.
14. Use of finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g in a cementitious multi-component mortar system as an inorganic chemical fastening system for anchoring elements in mineral substrates to increase the load values.
15. Use according to claim 14, wherein the cementitious multi-component mortar system further comprises a sulfate carrier and optionally silica fume.
16. Use according to claim 15, wherein the cementitious multi-component mortar system is a two-component mortar system, wherein the two-component mortar system comprises a powdered A component, comprising the finely ground Portland cement clinker with a grinding fineness in the range of from 6000 to 12000 cm<sup>2</sup>/g, the sulfate carrier and the silica fume, and an aqueous B component.