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#### ABSTRACT

The use of natural fibre is gaining momentum as a substitute to glass or carbon reinforced in polymer composites. The effect of high moisture content in fibres causing poorly connected to the matrix, which resulting degraded the composites mechanical qualities. This work in order to exclude the creation of natural fibre (i.e., Hemp Fibre) reinforced composites, to overcome the interfacial problem. Hemp fibres are strong, durable as well volatility in characteristics then other textile fibres. The hemp fibre surface treatment utilizing alkaline enhanced fibre-matrix adhesion. Thermal degradation of hemp solutions fibre polymerization is exhibited by Thermo Gravimetric Analysis (TGA) and found that the hemp fibres are stable up to 230 °C. The most frequent production approach for open mould composites is the hand layup method recommended in this study. Mechanical test results indicate that hemp fibre treatment enhances both the tensile and flexural capabilities of epoxy composite reinforced with hemp fibre (5, 7.5, and 10 % weight). Alkali-treated hemp fibre composite reinforced with 10% wt had the maximum tensile and flexural strengths of 80.52 MPa and 56.52 MPa, respectively. Tensile strength of treated fibre composites containing 5%, 7.5% and 10% was improved by 32.23%, 30.69% and 49.04% respectively, when compared to untreated hemp composites. Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) was used to examine the untreated and treated surfaces of hemp fibres.