



Proceeding Paper Maintenance Analysis of Raw Mill Machines in Cement Production [†]

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Abstract: PT X is one of the companies that produces cement in Indonesia. Engine breakdowns do happen occasionally in raw mill machines in PT X. This study analyzed the cause of occasional breakdowns. The CC-2 raw mill machine had an average operational time of 4.8 days per week and a total breakdown time of 137.76 h. Overall equipment effectiveness (OEE) analysis revealed an average OEE of 57%, with the performance rate being the most significant influence. The OEE of the CC-2 raw mill machine is below 65%, which is unacceptable, because it causes significant economic losses and very low company competitiveness. Failure mode and effects analysis (FMEA) identified various causes for breakdowns, such as gas supply failure, wear/fatigue, electrical issues, and raw material quality. Suggestions for solutions are provided, including repairs, replacements, and preventive maintenance.

Keywords: total productive maintenance; overall equipment effectiveness; failure mode and effects analysis

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1. Introduction

In order to guarantee the effectiveness, dependability, and lifespan of machinery and infrastructure, maintenance is essential in the cement industry. A cement plant's entire performance can be greatly impacted by a well-executed maintenance plan, which can have an effect on production output, energy efficiency, and operating costs. In order to effectively address the complex maintenance challenges faced by the cement industry, a comprehensive and strategic approach is required. The long-term viability and performance of a cement factory depend on investing in training, implementing contemporary technologies, and striking a balance between predictive and preventative maintenance. It is probable that the industry's persistent emphasis on efficiency and innovation will propel additional developments in maintenance procedures.

PT X is one of the companies that produces cement in Indonesia. This company produces Portland composite cement (PCC). There are seven steps in the cement production of PT X as shown in Figure 1. Although PT X performs maintenance, engine breakdowns do still happen occasionally, especially in the raw mill process. This circumstance undoubtedly interrupts the manufacturing process. Downtime grows as a result of maintenance operations that interfere with output. In a manufacturing system, downtime results in lost production time. Equipment failure due to damage and the time needed to reassemble and calibrate the damaged equipment can both result in lost production time [1]. The length of the mean time to repair (MTTR) and the mean time between failures (MTBF) are impacted by maintenance activities [1]. Therefore, it is very important for PT X to analyze the cause of occasional engine breakdowns in the raw mill process to ensure smooth production.



Figure 1. Steps of cement production by PT X.

There are several ways to analyze the disturbance in manufacturing processes including total predictive maintenance (TPM) and failure mode and effects analysis (FMEA). TPM is a maintenance concept that incorporates all workers in order to improve effectiveness throughout the production system through productive, proactive, and planned participation and activities [2–5]. TPM also attempts to improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of manufacturing firms. In other words, the purpose of TPM is to attain the ideal performance of zero loss, which includes zero defects, zero breakdown, zero accidents, and zero waste in the manufacturing process or change-over [4–7]. The overall equipment effectiveness (OEE) value is calculated and used as a measure of TPM implementation success. The OEE value is determined by the size of losses, where there are at least six losses or the so-called six big losses. By performing OEE calculations, a company will know where their position is, where the weak parts are, and how to improve [8,9]. On the other hand, FMEA is a systematic way of identifying and preventing problems in products and processes [10,11]. FMEA has been widely used, especially in the manufacturing and automotive sectors [12].

Therefore, in this study, TPM and FMEA are applied to analyze the occasional breakdowns in the raw mill process of cement production in PT X. Firstly, TPM is used to analyze the OEE of the raw mill process to assess this process' productivity. If the process productivity is below the accepted value, then the FMEA method will be used to identify the problems that caused low productivity and how to solve or prevent these problems.

2. Methods

The procedure of how to analyze the reason behind the occasional breakdowns in the raw mill process of cement production in PT X is illustrated in Figure 2. The details of each process are explained below.



Figure 2. Process of analysis of the occasional breakdowns in raw mill process.

2.1. Data Collection

The collection of the data was performed from 1–31 August 2023 in the Raw Mill Department of PT X for the CC-2 raw mill machine. The collected data used for evaluation of OEE consist of operation time each day, breakdown time each week, and cement production each week.

2.2. OEE

OEE is a method that assesses the overall effectiveness of a machine/equipment and is capable of evaluating the state of the production process and the level of product quality. Due to the method's capacity to compute the availability rate, performance, and quality yield values—all of which are significant OEE factors—a company can make adjustments on the inappropriate parts [13]. OEE identifies six primary losses (due to production equipment not performing normally), namely start-up loss, setup/adjustment loss, cycle time loss, speed (Chokotei) loss, breakdown loss, and defect loss. It may be deduced from the six losses listed above that three forms of losses related with the manufacturing process must be anticipated: downtime loss influencing the availability rate, speed loss affecting the performance rate, and quality loss affecting the quality rate. Therefore, OEE is typically calculated using these three primary factors:

2.2.1. Availability Rate

This factor measures the percentage of time that a machine is available for production. It takes into account downtime due to factors such as equipment breakdowns, changeovers, and maintenance.

Availability Rate =
$$\frac{\text{Operation Time}}{\text{Planned Production Time}}$$
(1)

2.2.2. Performance Rate

This factor assesses the speed or rate at which the equipment is operating compared to its designed or optimal speed. It accounts for any slowdowns or inefficiencies during production.

Performance Rate =
$$\frac{\text{Actual Production Rate}}{\text{Ideal Production Rate}}$$
 (2)

2.2.3. Quality Rate

This factor evaluates the percentage of good-quality products produced by the equipment. It considers defects, rework, or scrap that may occur during the manufacturing process.

$$Quality Rate = \frac{Good Units Produced}{Total Units Started}$$
(3)

The overall OEE is then calculated by multiplying these three factors:

$$OEE = Availability \times Performance \times Quality$$
(4)

The result is a percentage that represents the efficiency and effectiveness of the equipment. A higher OEE indicates better performance, while a lower OEE suggests room for improvement.

2.3. FMEA

FMEA is an analysis method that is carried out to find any effects that could potentially cause errors in the production process. In this research, FMEA was carried out to see the risks of failure that might occur for the raw mill machine that could be the reason behind the several occasional breakdowns as part of the raw mill process.

3. Results and Discussions

The investigation of the reason behind the occasional breakdowns in the raw mill process of cement production in PT X was performed following the procedures above. The results of this investigation are shown and discussed below.

3.1. Operational Data

Operational data from the CC-2 raw mill machine in the form of total operational time and average operational time from 1–31 August 2023 are shown in Table 1.

| Period (Every Week) | Operational Time (Days) | Total Operational Time (Hours) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 (1st s/d 5th August 2023) | 3.6 | 86.4 |
| 2 (6th s/d 12th August 2023) | 5.7 | 136.8 |
| 3 (13th s/d 19th August 2023) | 3.9 | 93.6 |
| 4 (20th s/d 26th August 2023) | 6.5 | 156 |
| 5 (27th s/d 31st August 2023) | 4.3 | 103.2 |
| Total | 24 | 576 |
| Average | 4.8 | 115.2 |

Table 1. Operational data of CC-2 raw mill machine.

3.2. Breakdown Time Data

Breakdown time is the amount of time lost due to damage to the machine [1]. CC-2 raw mill machine breakdown time data from 1–31 August 2023 are depicted in Table 2.

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| Period (Every Week) | Total Breakdown Time (Hours) | Breakdown Frequency |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 (1st s/d 5th August 2023) | 40.8 | 5.7 |
| 2 (6th s/d 12th August 2023) | 25.2 | 7.9 |
| 3 (13th s/d 19th August 2023) | 47.28 | 8.7 |
| 4 (20th s/d 26th August 2023) | 38.9 | 5.9 |
| 5 (27th s/d 31st August 2023) | 24.48 | 7.5 |
| Total Average | 137.76 27.552 | 35.7 7.14 |

3.3. Cement Production Data

Cement production data for CC-2 raw mill machines are taken in the form of average cement production data in tons, where raw materials are distributed using a belt conveyor which then goes through a mixing process on a CC-2 raw mill machine. The data taken from 1–31 August 2023 can be seen in Table 3.

| Period (Every Week) | Production (Tons) | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1 (1st s/d 5th August 2023) | 80.656 | |
| 2 (6th s/d 12th August 2023) | 96.698 | |
| 3 (13th s/d 19th August 2023) | 83.897 | |
| 4 (20th s/d 26th August 2023) | 80.655 | |
| (27th s/d 31st August 2023) | 97.032 | |
| Total | 438.938 | |
| Average | 87.788 | |

3.4. Availability Rate

Based on the data in Table 4, it is found that the average value of the availability rate of the CC-2 raw mill machine from 1–31 August 2023 is 97.4%. So, it can be concluded that the utilization of time available for operational activities of the CC-2 raw mill machine in August 2023 is very good because the availability rate value is close to 100%.

| Period | Total Available Time (Hours) | Loading Time (Hours) | Operational Time (Hours) | Availability Rate (%) |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 (1st s/d 5th August 2023) | 120 | 118.95 | 116.335 | 97.8 |
| 2 (6th s/d 12th August 2023) | 168 | 168 | 165.55 | 98.5 |
| 3 (13th s/d 19th August 2023) | 168 | 168 | 165.41 | 98.4 |
| 4 (20th s/d 26th August 2023) | 168 | 168 | 164.92 | 98.1 |
| 5 (27th s/d 31st August 2023) | 120 | 117.7 | 111.068 | 94.3 |
| | Average | | | 97.4 |

3.5. Performance Rate

Based on the data in Table 5, it is found that the average value for the performance rate of the CC-2 raw mill machine from 1–31 August 2023 is 56.93%. In the third week, there was a significant decline due to high breakdown time. The high breakdown time is caused by the large number of damages and repairs that make the machine inoperable, which then affects the performance rate of the CC-2 raw mill machine.

| Period | Produc (Ton | tion s) | Machine Capacity | Performance Rate (%) |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 (1st s/d 5th August 2023) | 80.65 | 56 | 15,000 | 53.77% |
| 2 (6th s/d 12th August 2023) | 96.69 | 98 | 15,000 | 64.47% |
| 3 (13th s/d 19th August 2023) | 73.89 | 97 | 15,000 | 49.26% |
| 4 (20th s/d 26th August 2023) | 78.65 | 55 | 15,000 | 52.44% |
| 5 (27th s/d 31st August 2023) | 97.03 | 32 | 15,000 | 64.69% |
| | Average | | | 56.93% |

Table 5. Performance rate of CC-2 raw mill machine.

Note: machine capacity: 15,000 ton per day (tpd).

3.6. *Quality Rate*

Table 6 shows that there were no defects in the production of the CC-2 raw mill machine, indicating that this machine can perform with a 100% quality rate. However, please note that these 0 total defects were generated from several processes through the CC-2 raw mill machine.

Table 6. Quality rate of CC-2 raw mill machine.

| Period | Total Production (Tons) | Total Defect (Tons) | Quality Rate (%) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 (1st s/d 5th August 2023) | 80.656 | 0 | 100 |
| 2 (6th s/d 12th August 2023) | 96.698 | 0 | 100 |
| 3 (13th s/d 19th August 2023) | 73.897 | 0 | 100 |
| 4 (20th s/d 26th August 2023) | 78.655 | 0 | 100 |
| 5 (27th s/d 31st August 2023) | 97.032 | 0 | 100 |
| | Average | | 100 |

3.7. OEE

Based on the OEE calculation results in Table 7, it can be seen that the average OEE value for the CC-2 raw mill machine in August 2023 is 57%. In the OEE category according to Hansen, an OEE value below 65% is unacceptable, because it causes significant economic losses and very low company competitiveness [14]. Among the availability rate, performance rate, and quality rate values which include the OEE value of the CC-2 raw mill machine, the value that most significantly influences the OEE value is the performance value. As shown in Table 5, the average performance value in August 2023 is 56.93%, which is lower than the average availability value (97.4%) and the average quality value (100%).

| Period | Performance Rate (%) | Quality Rate (%) | Availability Rate (%) | OEE (%) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 (1st s/d 5th August 2023) | 53.8 | 100 | 97.8 | 52.59 |
| 2 (6th s/d 12th August 2023) | 64.5 | 100 | 98.5 | 63.53 |
| 3 (13th s/d 19th August 2023) | 55.9 | 100 | 98.5 | 55.07 |
| 4 (20th s/d 26th August 2023) | 53.8 | 100 | 98.2 | 52.78 |
| 5 (27th s/d 31st August 2023) | 64.7 | 100 | 94.4 | 61.04 |
| , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | Average | | | 57.00 |

Table 7. OEE of CC-2 raw mill machine.

3.8. Failure Mode and Effects Analysis

Based on OEE analysis, it is concluded that the performance rate has the most significant influence on the low OEE performance. As mentioned above, the performance rate assesses the speed or rate at which the equipment operates compared to its designed or optimal speed. It accounts for any slowdowns or inefficiencies during production. Therefore, this FMEA analysis focused on the problems that can cause any slowdown or inefficiencies during production in the investigated CC-2 raw mill machine.

Based on identified problems in Table 8, several suggestions for the solution of the problems so that these problems can be lowered or deleted in next production period are presented (see Table 9).

| Stop Date | Start Date | Description | Major Cause | Cause Detail |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 August 2023 23:36:00 | 2 August 2023 08:27:00 | The kiln was stopped because the carbon brush temperature was high at 180 °C | Idle Time | Gas supply failure |
| 3 August 2023 13:02:00 | 3 August 2023 21:44:00 | BC2 trips simultaneously, idler is not parallel, roller is locked | Electrical/ Instrumentation | Wear/Fatigue |
| 7 August 2023 03:30:00 | 7 August 2023 07:24:00 | BE1 trip OLS | Electrical/ Instrumentation | Outside operational limits |
| 8 August 2023 06:56:00 | 8 August 2023 19:21:00 | Blending silo full | Idle Time | Lack of consumer demand |
| 10 August 2023 16:38:00 | 10 August 2023 17:48:00 | Kiln stop under voltage | Idle Time | Electricity |
| 12 August 2023 16:38:00 | 15 August 2023 01:07:00 | Kiln stop due to 442 4ZA (cyclone 4 ILC) blocking | Idle Time | Power usage |
| 15 August 2023 17:18:00 | 17 August 2023 15:06:00 | Raw mill stop due to kiln stop | Idle Time | Wear/Fatigue |

Table 8. FMEA of CC-2 raw mill machine.

| Stop Date | Start Date | Description | Major Cause | Cause Detail |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| 21 August 2023 21:51:00 | 21 August 2023 23:40:00 | Raw mill stopped because there was a large plate blocking the reject hopper 362-FV2 | Idle Time | Power usage |
| 23 August 2023 06:19:00 | 23 August 2023 17:08:00 | Silo full PMS | Mechanical | Lack of consumer demand |
| 26 August 2023 06:19:00 | 26 August 2023 02:34:00 | Manhole hopper 362-BC3 is loose, lots of material coming out | Idle Time | Incorrect installa- tion/parts/ materials |
| 26 August 2023 13:52:00 | 26 August 2023 02:34:00 | RM1 stop overload (interlock stop load mill > 4300 kW) landslide material | Production and Proses | Raw material quality |
| 28 August 2023 13:52:00 | 28 August 2023 13:35:00 | Blending silo full | Idle Time | Lack of consumer demand |

Table 8. Cont.

 Table 9. Solution of the problems of CC-2 raw mill machine.

| Description | Cause Detail | Solution |
|--|----------------------------|--|
| The kiln was stopped because the carbon brush temperature was high at 180 °C | Gas supply failure | Carry out repairs by dumping the outer walls of the kiln, carry out a thorough check on the kiln walls |
| BC2 trips simultaneously, idler is not parallel, roller is locked | Wear/Fatigue | Replace the rollers and balance the idler and rollers regularly to ensure they are in a parallel position and the rollers are working, apply lubricant to the roller bearings, check the quality of the lubricant |
| BE1 Trip Overload | Outside operational limits | Control capacity on BE1 and need to add an overload alarm so that overloads do not occur again |
| Kiln stop under voltage | Electricity | Check the condition of the cable to ensure there are no leaks, repair the cable or replace the cable with a new one |
| Kiln stop because 442 4ZA (cyclone 4 ILC) blocking | Power usage | Set the temperature in the kiln and add an alarm so that the power remains stable and there is no blocking in the cyclone 4 ILC area |

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| Description | Cause Detail | Solution |
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| Raw mill stop due to kiln stop | Wear/Fatigue | Carrying out preventive maintenance to ensure the functioning of the machine and extend the service life of the machine |
| Raw mill stopped because there was a large plate blocking the reject hopper 362-FV2 | Power usage | Thoroughly check the inner edge plate of the hopper, patch/dumping if there is a plate that has become porous |
| Manhole hopper 362-BC3 is loose, lots of material coming out | Incorrect installation/parts/materials | Field workers must be more careful in monitoring hopper 362, so that material from BC3 is not wasted |
| RM1 stop overload (interlock stop load mill > 4300 kW) landslide material | Raw material quality | Installation of overload alarms to prevent overloading and material collapsing |
| Blending silo full | Lack of consumer demand | Carry out product innovation to attract consumer interest, do something better than other companies, for example, in terms of service, product design, payment systems |

4. Conclusions

The investigation of the reason behind the occasional breakdowns in the raw mill process of cement production in PT X was performed using TPM and FMEA methods. Operational data, breakdown time, and cement production data were collected for the investigated CC-2 raw mill machine. The CC-2 raw mill machine had an average operational time of 4.8 days per week and a total breakdown time of 137.76 h. The OEE analysis revealed an average OEE of 57%, with the performance rate being the most significant influence. The OEE of the CC-2 raw mill machine is below 65%, which is unacceptable, because it causes significant economic losses and very low company competitiveness. FMEA identified various causes for breakdowns, such as gas supply failure, wear/fatigue, electrical issues, and raw material quality. Suggestions for solutions were provided, including repairs, replacements, and preventive maintenance.

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