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For the attention of Mr Niall Kavanagh

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**Reference :** Instructions from Mr Niall Kavanagh of McKeon Stone Ltd.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

We were instructed to undertake testing of natural stone, advised to be Irish Blue limestone, Threecastles Quarry, in order to establish polished paver value (PPV) characteristics.

#### 2. SAMPLES

Samples were received from McKeon Stone Ltd. in our laboratory on 23 April 2018 as follows;

Sandberg Reference	Specimen Size	Test
G47333	<b>Irish Blue limestone Threecastles Quarry</b> 4 no. 200 x 100 x 20mm ; flamed	Polished paver value (PPV)

**3. TEST METHOD AND RESULTS**

**3.1 Polished Paver Value (PPV)**

Specimens with a flamed surface finish were tested in accordance with BS 7932 : 2003.

The detailed test results are given in Table 1 of this report and may be summarised as follows.

Sandberg Reference	Pendulum Test Value before polishing		Pendulum Test Value after polishing	
	Range	Mean	Range	Mean
G47333	83 - 85	84	52 - 54	53

**4. REMARKS**

These results conclude the requested programme of testing. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any further assistance in this matter.

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## POLISHED PAVER VALUE

BS 7932 : 2003

Rock Name	Irish Blue	Test by/Date	HO/31-5-18
Rock Type	Limestone	Checked by/Date	MB/31-5-18
Sandberg Sample Ref.	Pendulum Test Value before polishing	Pendulum Test Value after polishing	
G47333 a	85	52	
G47333 b	84	52	
G47333 c	83	52	
G47333 d	83	54	
Mean	<b>84</b>	<b>53</b>	

Sampling plan : Not advised

Flatness : Pass

Surface texture : Flamed

Observations during test : None

Control stone ; mean PTV : 58 \*

Hardness of rubber test slider [pendulum] : 55

\* The original quarry that provided the control stone ceased operation in 1998. The original control stone value was 49 (+/-3). Control material was obtained with a Certificate of Origin dated 2 June 2015. Three reference sets were manufactured and tested and the value presented above is the mean of the three sets. It does not however fall within the required range of the standard test method (49-55).

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