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Sir / Madam

I comment on the above paper.

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It is not quite correct to say “sand and gravel aggregates are generally not suitable” for asphalt production.

Gravel **aggregates** are generally not suitable because they are rounded, (unlike crushed aggregates which are angular), and therefore do not do not bind in the asphalt matrix.

However, natural sand, i.e. minus 3 mm, is very suitable and is used in many asphalt mixes. In fact “asphalt sand” is a key component in the mix and in some parts it is in short supply. Natural asphalt sand could be classed as a specialist material in the same way as high non skid stone or railway ballast.

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The comment concerning the link between the major producers and the MPA is very interesting.

Regards

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