Supplementary materials



Figure 1. Physical deterioration of cement specimens (**a**-cement mortar from sewage pumping location, **b**- cement mortar from sand-trap site, **c**-cement paste from sewage pumping location, **d**-cement paste from sand-trap (This is cited from Nedson *et al* 2024).



Figure 2: SEM-BSE **images** showing the Microstructure of OPC cement paste. The where white parts are unreacted clikers , **C-S-H** (calcium silicate hydrate) and **CH**-Portrandite).



Figure 3. Mineral phases assemblage of the OPC cement exposed to the pumping station. After 7months of exposure, the mineralogical assemblage showed the evolution and increase of sulfurbearing phases, ettringite and thaumasite. Higher amount of these minerals implies lower strength of material and hence deterioration.



Figure 4: Microstructure of Calcium sulfoaluminate cement hydrated paste and its elemental changes of the microstructure. The grey phase had higher aluminium indicating the presence of Al-bearing phases such as ye'elimite, ettringite and gibbsite whereas the white phase dominated by ca-bearing minerals which were determined by XRD as calcite, and gypsum among others.