Customer:

Contact:

Sales Engineer:

Objective: Separate silica (sand) from samples of bentonite

and fuller's earth (clay) utilizing a Fluidized-

Bed Separtor.

Procedure: A Sieve Analysis was initially performed on the samples to determine the size distribution. Both

samples to determine the size distribution. Bot samples were then sized at 35, 60, 80 and 100 mesh (Tyler Standard). Each size fraction was

then run on a lab size V-135 Fluidized-Bed Separator. Results of testing are as follows:

Results and Discussion:

A) Sieve Analysis-Bentonite

Sieve No.	Percent	Accumulated
(Tyler Standard)	by Weight	Percent by Weight
+8	0.4	0.4
+10	0.5	1.0
+14	4.2	5.1
+20	4.3	9.4
+28	5.0	14.4
+35	6.0	20.4
+48	15.0	35.4
+65	15.5	50.9
+100	31.3	82.2
-100	17.8	100.0

B) Sieve Analysis-Fuller's earth (clay)

Sieve No. (Tyler Standard)	Percent by Weight	Accumulated Percent by Weight
+8	1.1	1.1
+10	2.2	3.3
+14	4.3	7.6
+20	6.6	14.2
+28	7.2	21.4
+35	8.7	30.1
+48	16.5	46.6
+65	11.4	58.0
+100	22.1	80.1
-100	19.9	100.0

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C) Sizing 1'X 3' Texas Shaker

<u>Bentonite</u>

Screen Size Per	cent by Wt.	Percent by Wt.		
+35 -35+60 -60+80 -80+100 -100	33.4 23.0 9.3 21.7 12.5	39.7 15.0 5.9 23.1 16.3		
)Fluidized-Bed Separation, Bentonite				
+35 mesh	#201C Deck	Feed Rate: 536 lb/hr		
Spout #		Percent by Weight		
1 (heavy 2 (mid) 3 (light		21.2 44.1 34.8		
-35 +60 mesh	#201C Deck	Feed Rate: 283 lb/hr		
Spout #		Percent by Weight		
1 2 3		30.2 59.3 10.5		
-60 +80 mesh	#501C Deck	Feed Rate: 158 lb/hr		
Spout #		Percent by Weight		
1 2 3		46.1 38.4 15.4		
-80 +100 mesh	#501C Deck	Feed Rate: 204 lb/hr		
Spout #		Percent by Weight		
1 2 3		55.9 27.5 16.6		
-100 mesh	#501C Deck	Feed Rate: 227 lb/hr		
Spout #		Percent by Weight		
1 2 3		51.9 34.7 13.7		

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E) Fluidized-Bed Separation, Fuller Earth (clay)

+35 mesh	#201C Deck	Feed Rate: 331 lb/hr
Spout #		Percent by Weight
1 (hea 2 (mid 3 (lig	l)	40.9 49.2 9.8
-35 +60 mesh	#501C Deck	Feed Rate: 216 lb/hr
Spout #		Percent by Weight
1 2 3		24.6 39.1 36.8
-60 +80 mesh	#501C Deck	Feed Rate: 167 lb/hr
Spout #		Percent by Weight
1 2 3		29.3 29.3 41.4
-80 +100 mesh	#501C Deck	Feed Rate: 137 lb/hr
Spout #		Percent by Weight
1 2 3		46.0 21.6 32.4
-100 mesh	#501C Deck	Feed Rate: 146 lb/hr
Spout #		Percent by Weight
1 2 3		48.1 30.2 21.7

In all cases, cutting fingers were set to give the best visual separation. Representative samples have been shipped to the customer for their analysis.