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FOREWORD

The majority of the construction works and monuments constructed prior to the beginning of the 20th century consist of structural natural stone masonry. A few decades later, this method got replaced by concrete construction. The preservation of natural stone structures represents an ongoing task, also into the distant future, since structures built using this technique represent an important part of our cultural heritage and are generally robust and durable. Additional regulations relating to masonry structures constructed using artificial stones are currently in preparation. These will be published later as Code SIA 269/6-2.

Code SIA 269/6-1 forms part of the SIA's structural codes relating to the preservation of existing structures and is supplemented by the following codes:

- Code SIA 269 Existing structures Bases for examination and interventions
- Code SIA 269/1 Existing structures Actions
- Code SIA 269/2 Existing structures Concrete structures
- Code SIA 269/3 Existing structures Steel structures
- Code SIA 269/4 Existing structures Composite steel and concrete structures
- Code SIA 269/5 Existing structures Timber structures
- Code SIA 269/7 Existing structures Geotechnics.

Technical Specification SIA 2018 continues to apply to the examination of existing buildings with respect to earthquakes. However, it is planned to supplement the codes for existing structures with a Code SIA 269/8 *Existing structures – Seismic aspects.*

Code SIA 269/6-1 describes the information and procedures that are used, in particular in the preservation of natural stone masonry structures. It is directed at project planning specialists, the persons carrying out the work and at the owners of structures.

The present Code, together with Code SIA 266/2, replaces the recommendation SIA V 178, which dealt with both the construction and preservation of natural stone masonry. This code relates exclusively to the preservation of natural stone masonry, with the main focus being on aspects relating to the preservation of the structure, but also addressing aspects relating to the preservation of visible masonry faces surfaces. The newly-published code SIA 266/2, which addresses the construction of new natural stone masonry structures, is closely linked with the present code, in particular with respect to structural safety, and has adopted methods that were developed for existing structures. For this reason, in the case of natural stone no distinction is made between dimensioning values and examination values.

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