

Title (en)
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A CERAMIC ARTICLE AND ARTICLE FORMED THEREBY

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EIN KERAMISCHER ARTIKEL UND VERFAHREN ZU DESSEN HERSTELLUNG

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PROCEDE DE PRODUCTION D'UN PRODUIT CERAMIQUE ET PRODUIT AINSI OBTENU

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Abstract (en)
[origin: WO2004002919A1] The invention relates to a method for manufacturing a ceramic article and to an article formed thereby. Such articles include items such as sinks, baths, and shower trays. Traditionally the manufacture of sanitaryware has been an energy intensive process. Increasing commercial and environmental demands are drivers to reduce energy requirements. It is also desirable to reduce the generation of greenhouse gasses, such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) and carbon monoxide (CO). The invention overcomes problems associated with prior art processes by providing a method for manufacturing a ceramic article comprising the steps of: producing a slip including filler and clay, and a fluxing agent; forming the slip into pieces; allowing the pieces to dewater; and firing said pieces so as to produce finished ceramic articles, characterised in that the fluxing agent includes milled glass derived from recovered glass containers. The use of milled glass has been found to reduce the temperature at which articles have to be fired. This reduces energy costs and lowers emissions.

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