sufficient to reduce the initial demand for water to achieve a mix of a desired consistency.

23. The composition of claim **22** wherein the water reducer is a sulfonate salt in an amount of 0.01 to 5 percent by weight based on the weight of the cementitious composition.

24. The composition of claim **1** which further consists essentially of a water reducing compound in an amount of between 0.01 and 5 weight percent, and further wherein the composition is free of metal lath, fiber, mesh or other reinforcement systems.

25. The composition of claim **6** which further consists essentially of a water reducing compound in an amount of between 0.01 and 5 weight percent, and further wherein the composition is free of metal lath, fiber, mesh or other reinforcement systems.

26. The composition of claim **15** wherein the composition is free of metal lath, fiber, mesh or other reinforcement systems.

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