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An aerial photograph of a city, likely Hong Kong, featuring a prominent skyscraper with a distinctive white, lattice-like facade. The building is surrounded by other high-rise buildings and a dense urban landscape. In the foreground, a street with a red double-decker bus and a tram is visible. The background shows green hills under a clear sky.

**Concrete and cement
Chemicals distribution**



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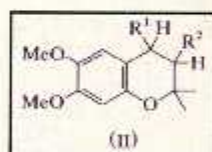
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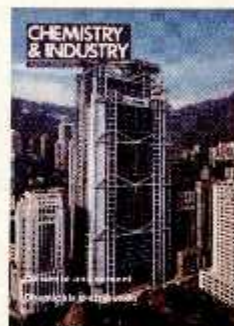
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