

Origin of the name “Pozzuoli”

The old Roman city of Pozzuoli gave the name to the modern mineral admixtures. The origin of the name *Pozzuoli* is interesting: it comes from the Latin *Puteoli*, which in turn derives from the Latin word *Puteus* (pozzo in Italian and well in English). Therefore, *Puteoli* means "PICCOLI POZZI" ("small wells"), probably due to the great number of the hot water wells widely occurring in the area. The translation to "bad smell" has also been proposed, but the majority of scholars is inclined to believe that "piccoli pozzi" is the real etymology.

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