



Safety Data Sheet

Product Name PORTLAND AND BLENDED CEMENT

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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Synonym(s)	BLENDED CEMENT • GENERAL PURPOSE CEMENT • HIGH EARLY STRENGTH CEMENT • LOW HEAT CEMENT • ORDINARY PORTLAND CEMENT • SULFATE RESISTANT CEMENT
Use(s)	CEMENT • GROUT • MASONRY CONSTRUCTION • MORTAR
SDS date	19 November 2013

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

RISK PHRASES

R36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

SAFETY PHRASES

S22 Do not breathe dust.

S24/25 Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

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UN number	None Allocated	DG class	None Allocated
Packing group	None Allocated	Subsidiary risk(s)	None Allocated
Hazchem code	None Allocated		

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Identification	Classification	Content
CALCIUM HYDROXIDE	CAS: 1305-62-0 EC: 215-137-3	C;R34	<40%
HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM	Not Available	Xn;R43 Carc.;R49 N;R50/53	<1%
PORTLAND CEMENT	CAS: 65997-15-1 EC: 266-043-4	Not Available	<95%
GROUND BLAST FURNACE SLAG	CAS: 65996-69-2	Not Available	<75%
CALCIUM SULPHATE DIHYDRATE	CAS: 10101-41-4 EC: 600-148-1	Not Available	2 to 8%
LIMESTONE	CAS: 1317-65-3 EC: 215-279-6	Not Available	<5%

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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Eye	If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
Inhalation	If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.
Skin	If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.
Ingestion	For advice, contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting.
Advice to doctor	Treat symptomatically.
First aid facilities	Eye wash facilities and safety shower are recommended.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammability	Non flammable. May evolve toxic gases if strongly heated.
Fire and explosion	No fire or explosion hazard exists.
Extinguishing	Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
Hazchem code	None Allocated

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions	Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in Section 8 of this SDS. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Contact emergency services where appropriate.
Environmental precautions	Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.
Methods of cleaning up	Contain spillage, then collect and place in suitable containers for reuse or disposal. Avoid generating dust.
References	See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

Storage	Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from moisture, incompatible substances and foodstuffs. Ensure packages are adequately labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use.
Handling	Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m ³	ppm	mg/m ³
Calcium carbonate	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Calcium hydroxide	SWA (AUS)	--	5	--	--
Chromium (VI) compounds (as Cr)	SWA (AUS)	--	0.05	--	--
Portland Cement	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--

Biological limits	No biological limit allocated.
Engineering controls	Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Maintain dust levels below the recommended exposure standard.

PPE

Eye / Face	Wear dust-proof goggles.
Hands	Wear PVC or rubber gloves.
Body	When using large quantities or where heavy contamination is likely, wear coveralls.
Respiratory	Where an inhalation risk exists, wear a Class P1 (Particulate) respirator. At high dust levels, wear a Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) with Class P3 (Particulate) filter or a Class P3 (Particulate) respirator.



9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	LIGHT GREY TO DARK GREY POWDER
Odour	ODOURLESS
Flammability	NON FLAMMABLE
Flash point	NOT RELEVANT
Boiling point	NOT AVAILABLE
Melting point	> 1200°C
Evaporation rate	NOT AVAILABLE
pH	ALKALINE
Vapour density	NOT AVAILABLE
Specific gravity	3.0 - 3.4
Solubility (water)	INSOLUBLE
Vapour pressure	NOT AVAILABLE
Upper explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Lower explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Partition coefficient	NOT AVAILABLE
Autoignition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Decomposition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Viscosity	NOT AVAILABLE
Explosive properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Oxidising properties	NOT AVAILABLE
% Volatiles	NOT AVAILABLE

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability	Stable under recommended conditions of storage.
Conditions to avoid	Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.
Material to avoid	Incompatible with oxidising agents (eg. hypochlorites), ethanol, acids (eg. hydrofluoric acid) and interhalogens (eg. chlorine trifluoride). Water contact may increase product temperature 2°C to 3°C.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.
Hazardous Reactions	Polymerization is not expected to occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Health Hazard Summary	Slightly corrosive - irritant. This product has the potential to cause adverse health effects with over exposure. Use safe work practices to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Once water is added, an inhalation hazard is not anticipated. Chronic respiratory effects are not anticipated with over exposure at high levels due to the immediate irritant and/or corrosive effects. Hexavalent chromium compounds may be present in trace amounts in cement products and are classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1).
Eye	Corrosive - irritant. Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain, redness, corneal burns and possible permanent damage. Severe irritant upon contact with powder/ dust.
Inhalation	Slightly corrosive - irritant. Over exposure to dust may result in severe mucous membrane irritation of nose and throat, coughing and bronchitis. Chromium compounds have been reported to cause respiratory sensitisation and may be present as a contaminant of cement. However, given the low

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	levels present, over exposure is not anticipated.
Skin	Slightly corrosive. Contact with powder or wetted form may result in rash and dermatitis. Some individuals may exhibit an allergic response upon exposure to cement, possibly due to trace amounts of chromium.
Ingestion	Slightly corrosive. Ingestion may result in burns to the mouth and throat, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.
Toxicity data	CALCIUM HYDROXIDE (1305-62-0) LD50 (ingestion) 7300 mg/kg (mouse)

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity	No information provided.
Persistence and degradability	No information provided.
Bioaccumulative potential	No information provided.
Mobility in soil	No information provided.
Other adverse effects	No information provided.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste disposal	Reuse or recycle where possible. Alternatively, ensure product is covered with moist soil to prevent dust generation and dispose of to an approved landfill site. Contact the manufacturer for additional information.
Legislation	Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
UN number	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
Proper shipping name	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
DG class/ Division	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
Subsidiary risk(s)	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
Packing group	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
Hazchem code	None Allocated		

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Poison schedule	A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).
Inventory Listing(s)	AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances) All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional information	The manufacturer reports that this product may contain tri calcium silicate, di calcium silicate, tri calcium aluminate, tetra calcium alumino ferrite, magnesium oxide, calcium oxide, sodium salts, potassium salts and gypsum. CEMENT CONTACT DERMATITIS: Individuals using wet cement, mortar, grout or concrete could be at risk of developing cement dermatitis. Symptoms of exposure include itchy, tender, swollen, hot, cracked or blistering skin with the potential for sensitisation. The dermatitis is due to the presence of soluble (hexavalent) chromium.
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IARC - GROUP 1 - PROVEN HUMAN CARCINOGEN. This product contains an ingredient for which there is sufficient evidence to have been classified by the International Agency for Research into Cancer as a human carcinogen. The use of products known to be human carcinogens should be strictly monitored and controlled.

RESPIRATORS: In general the use of respirators should be limited and engineering controls employed to avoid exposure. If respiratory equipment must be worn ensure correct respirator selection and training is undertaken. Remember that some respirators may be extremely uncomfortable when used for long periods. The use of air powered or air supplied respirators should be considered where prolonged or repeated use is necessary.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a ChemAlert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

Abbreviations

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m ³	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
REACH	Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

Revision history

Revision	Description
2.2	Update of SDS header and logo.
2.1	Standard SDS Review
2.0	Standard SDS Review.

Report status

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