SAFETY DATA SHEET
Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag

Section 1: Identification of the Material and Supplier

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Product
Name: Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag
Other Names: Slag, Ecocem, Milled Slag, Ground Slag, GGBFS
Use: Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag is a supplementary cementitious material that is a partial replacement for Portland Cement in concrete and other similar products.

Section 2: Hazards Identification

2.1 Classification

WARNING

GHS CLASSIFICATION
Classified as Hazardous according to the Safe Work Australia guidelines for Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).
Not classified as Dangerous Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. (7th edition)

For more information call 1300 CEMENT (1300 236 368) or visit www.cementaustralia.com.au
Hazard Class and Category
Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (Single Exposure): Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 2
Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation: Category 2A

2.2 GHS Label elements
Pictograms and Signal Words

DANGER

Hazard statement(s)
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Prevention statement(s)
P261 Avoid breathing dust.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection against Dust.

Response statement(s)
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P312 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P332 + P337 + P313 Specific treatment is advised - see first aid instructions.
P362 If skin or eye irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

Storage statement(s)
P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405 Store locked up.

Disposal statement(s)
P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations.

2.3 Other hazards
No information provided.
Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

GGBFS derives from a by-product of the steel industry produced by adding limestone flux to the ore to remove non-ferrous contaminants. This raw product is then milled to a fine powder form for its intended use. All significant constituents are listed below:

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<td>&gt;90%</td>
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Section 4: First Aid Measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

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.

First aid facilities: Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Irritating to the eyes, skin and respiratory system. Chronic over exposure to silica quartz dust may result in silicosis (lung disease). Principal symptoms of silicosis are coughing and breathlessness. Some individuals may exhibit an allergic response upon exposure to this product, possibly due to the trace amounts of chromium present. Crystalline silica and hexavalent chromium compounds are classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1).

4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat as for moderate to strong alkali and symptomatically.

Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

- **Fire/Explosion Hazard:** None
- **Hazchem Code:** None allocated
- **Flammability:** Not flammable
- **Extinguishing Media:** None required
- **Hazards from Combustion Products:** None
- **Special Protective Precautions and equipment for fire fighters:** None required

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

- **Spills:** Spills are best cleaned up by vacuum device to avoid generating airborne dust. Recommendations on Exposure Control and Personal Protection should be followed during spill clean-up. Keep product out of storm water and sewer drains.
Section 7: Handling and Storage

Handling: When supplied in bags these need to be handled in accordance with Hazardous Manual Tasks Code of Practice.

Storage: Protect from excessive moisture and heat to prevent hardening. Storage of GGBFS may be in silos or steel bins.

Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

8.1 Control parameters

Exposure standards
No exposure standards have been entered for this product.

Biological limits
No biological limit value have been entered for this product.

8.2 Exposure controls

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 safety glasses or dust-proof goggles when handling material to avoid contact with eyes.

Hands Wear PVC, rubber or cotton gloves when handling material to prevent skin contact.

Body Wear long sleeved shirt and full-length trousers.

Respiratory Where an inhalation risk exists wear a Class P1 (Particulate) respirator, dependent on a site-specific risk assessment.

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance (dry): A fine powder ranging in colour from grey to off-white

Odour: No distinctive odour

Boiling/Melting Point: Melting point >1200°C

Vapour Pressure: Not applicable

Specific Gravity: 3.0 – 3.2

Flash Point: Non applicable

Flammability Limits: Not applicable

Solubility in Water: Slight, reacts on mixing with water forming an alkaline (caustic) solution (pH >10)

Particle Size: Up to 50% of the fresh dry material may be respirable (below 10 microns)

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

Chemical Stability: Chemically stable

Conditions to Avoid: Keep free of moisture

Incompatible Materials: None

Hazardous Decomposition Products: None
Hazardous Reactions: None

**Section 11: Toxicological Information**

GGBFS products are stable substances, compatible with most other building materials, will not decompose into hazardous by-products and do not polymerise.

- **Acute toxicity**: No known toxicity data is available for this product. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

- **Skin**: Irritating to the skin. Contact with powder or wetted form may result in irritation, rash and dermatitis.

- **Eye**: Irritating to the eyes. Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain, redness, corneal burns and possible permanent damage.

- **Sensitization**: This product is not classified as a skin or respiratory sensitiser.

- **Mutagenicity**: Insufficient data available to classify as a mutagen.

- **Reproductive STOT – single exposure**: Insufficient data available to classify as a reproductive toxin.

- **Aspiration**: Irritating to the respiratory system. Over exposure may result in irritation of the nose and throat, with coughing. High level exposure may result in breathing difficulties.

- **Section 12: Ecological Information**

  - **Ecotoxicity**: Product forms an alkaline slurry when mixed with water.
  - **Persistence and Degradability**: Product is persistent and would have a low degradability.
  - **Mobility**: A low mobility would be expected in a landfill situation.

- **Section 13: Disposal Considerations**

  GGBFS can be treated as a common waste for disposal or dumped into a landfill site, in accordance with local authority guidelines.

  Keep material out of storm water and sewer drains.

  Measures should be taken to prevent dust generation during disposal, and exposure and personal precautions should be observed (see above)

- **Section 14: Transport Information**

  Transportation is done in bulk or bag form by Ship, Rail and Road.

  - **UN Number**: None allocated
  - **Proper Shipping Name**: None allocated
  - **Class and Subsidiary Risk**: None allocated
  - **Packing Group**: None allocated
  - **Special precautions for user**: Avoid generating and breathing dust
  - **Hazchem Code**: None allocated
Section 15: Regulatory Information

A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP).

All chemicals listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

Section 16: Other Information

For further information on this product contact:

**Telephone**: 1300 CEMENT (1300 236 368) (Business Hours)

**Facsimile**: 1800 CEMENT (1800 236 368)

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**Australian and New Zealand Standards:**

AS 2161: Industrial Safety Gloves and Mittens (excluding electrical and medical gloves).
AS/NZS 1715: Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices.
AS/NZS 1716: Respiratory protective devices.
AS/NZS 4501: Occupational protective clothing.

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