# PRODUCT SAFETY DATA SHEET SMS 05-COSHH



## 1. Identification of Substances and Company

**Natural Aggregates** 

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## 2. Composition-Information on Ingredients

Crushed rock, sand and gravel

## 3. Hazards Identification

These products are not classified as hazardous in accordance with any statutory legislation. If used as intended there should be no COSHH risk exposure rating.

If inhaled in excessive quantities over a prolonged or extended period, respirable dust can constitute a long term health hazard. Dusts containing Respirable Crystalline Silica (Quartz) present a greater risk.

Some sand aggregates are unsuitable for sand blasting operations as they may break down, producing respirable dust containing Quartz.

Advice on the Quartz content of the dust produced from individual aggregates is available from the supplying unit.

#### 4. First Aid Measures

#### Inhalation

Immediately remove to fresh air. If breathing is stopped or irregular, apply artificial respiration and seek medical attention.

#### **Skin Contact**

Wash with water. Prolonged contact may cause irritation.

#### **Eye Contact**

Immediately and thoroughly irrigate with water. The material is abrasive and may scratch the surface of the eye. If pain persists seek medical attention.

## Ingestion

Remove to fresh air and drink plenty of water. Seek medical advice.

## **6. Fire Fighting Measures**

Suitable extinguishing media

N/A

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

N/A

Special Exposure Hazards in Fire

N/A

Special PPE for Firefighters

N/A

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

#### **Personal Precautions**

Avoid breathing dust

#### **Environmental Precautions**

Allowing entry into watercourses should be avoided

## **Methods of Cleaning**

Spray with water to prevent airborne dust. Avoid dry sweeping which creates dust.

# 7. Handling and Storage

## Handling

This product should be handled to minimise the creation of airborne dust.

## **Storage**

No special requirements

## 8. Exposure Controls - Personal Risks

#### **Preventative Measures**

Inhalation of dusts from aggregates should be avoided

#### **Workplace Exposure Limits (W.E.L)**

Total Dust W.E.L 10mg/m3 8hrs T.W.A

Respirable Dust W.E.L 4mg/m3 8hrs T.W.A

Respirable Quartz W.E.L 0.1mg/m3 8hrs T.W.A

Crystalline Silica Si02

## **Respirable Protection**

Suitable dust masks should be worn in enclosed spaces where the handling or further crushing of dry aggregates is taking place and where adequate ventilation is not provided.

#### **Hand Protection**

Gloves

## **Eye Protection**

Goggles may be required

## **Skin Protection**

Suitable overalls

# 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: Granular Solid

Odour: None

Ph: Various

Boiling Point Range: Not Determined

Melting Point Range: Not Determined

Flash point: N/A

Flammability: N/A

Auto Flammability: N/A

Explosive Properties: N/A

Oxidising Properties: Not Determined

Vapour Pressure: N/A

Relative Density: Above 2.0

Water Solubility: Rock Type Dependent

Fat Solubility: Not Determined

#### 10. Stability and Reactivity

## **Conditions to Avoid**

Acids (for aggregates containing CaCO3 and MgCO3)

## **Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Limestone aggregates may react with acid groundwater to release carbon dioxide gas, which may build up in confined spaces to hazardous concentrations

## 11. Toxicological Information

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## 12. Ecological Information

#### **Environmental Assessment**

When used and disposed of as intended no adverse environmental effects are expected. Aggregates are naturally occurring minerals.

# **Mobility**

Aggregates are non volatile materials that will sink in water and form a solid layer on the surface of the ground

# 13. Disposal Consideration

#### Likely Residues - Waste Products

None

## **Safe Handling of Residues – Waste Product**

Aggregates are inert but should be disposed of in accordance with local and national legal requirements.

#### 14. Transport Information

## Special carriage requirements

None – Open vehicles may require to be sheeted to avoid dust nuisance

# 15. Regulatory Information

This product is not classified as dangerous for transport

#### 16. Other Information

**HSE Guidance Note EH40** 

**COSHH Regulations** 

**Environmental Protection Act**