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Injection silicate resins



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Basic information

This declaration is the Type III Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) based on EN 15804+A2 and verified according to ISO 14025 by an external auditor. It contains the information on the impacts of the declared construction materials on the environment. Their aspects were verified by the independent body according to ISO 14025. Basically, a comparison or evaluation of EPD data is possible only if all the compared data were created according to EN 15804+A2.

Life cycle analysis (LCA): A1-A3 modules in accordance with EN 15804+A2 (Cradle-to-Gate)

The year of preparing the EPD: 2024

Service Life: N/A

PCR: ITB-PCR A

Declared unit: 1 kg

Reasons for performing LCA: B2B

Representativeness: Poland, European

MANUFACTURER

DSI Underground, part of the Sweden based company Sandvik Group, is the world's leading supplier of ground support products, systems and solutions for the underground mining and tunneling industry. One of the company's Polish entities, DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o.o. located in Mikołów (Fig. 1), produces mainly resin cartridges for mining and tunneling.



Fig. 1. A view of the DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o.o. production plant located in Mikołów (Poland)

PRODUCTS DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION

Injection silicate resins - commonly known as organo-mineral two-component injection systems - are utilized in various industries, including: mining, tunnelling and civil engineering. In applications, these systems are primarily used for rock reinforcement, strata consolidation, sealing, cavity filling and preventing water from penetrating mines and tunnels.

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Types and trade names:

=> **injection silicate resin** *Mineral Bolt*: A fast-thickening grout, suitable for fixing mechanical bolts or anchors in the borehole, ground stabilization, sealing and water stopping. Mineral Bolt is sold under several sub-names: *Mineral Bolt MI20*, *Mineral Bolt MI55*, *Mineral Bolt Fast*, *Mineral Bolt Slow*, *Mineral Bolt Ultra Slow*, and *Mineral Bolt Super Ultra Slow*.



=> **injection silicate resin** *Mineral Bond LV*: A low-viscosity grout, suitable for ground stabilization, rock consolidation, sealing, and water stopping.



=> **injection silicate resin** *Mineral Fill*: A fast-reacting and strongly expanding foam, suitable for cavity filling, ground stabilization, sealing, and water stopping.



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Table 1. Types and technical data of 2-component injection silicate resins manufactured by DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o.o.

	Component A		Component B	
	colour	packaging [kg]	colour	packaging [kg]
Mineral Bolt	pale yellow liquid	28 / 27 / 290 / 1450	dark brown liquid	23 / 30 / 240 / 1200
Mineral Bond LV	pale yellow liquid	28 / 27 / 290 / 1470	dark brown liquid	23 / 30 / 240 / 1140
Mineral Fill	colourless liquid	25 / 30 / 250 / 1290	dark brown liquid	28 / 23.5 / 235 / 1220



Fig. 2. Injection silicate resins in tunneling (left) and mining (right) operations.

More information about silicate resins can be found on the DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o. o. website <https://www.dsi-schaumchemie.pl/en>

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) – general rules applied

Unit

The declared unit is 1 kg of product of injection silicate resins.

Allocation

The allocation rules used for this EPD are based on general ITB-PCR A v. 1.6. Production of injection silicate resins is a line process (Fig. 3) conducted in the factory of DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o.o., located in Mikołów (Poland). Allocation was done on product mass basis. All impacts from raw materials and processing are allocated in module A1 of the LCA. Impacts from the on-site line production DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o. o. were inventoried and 7.1 % of total production were allocated to the production of injection silicate resins based on the annual production volume expressed in kg. Water and energy consumption, associated emissions and generated wastes are allocated to module A3. Packaging materials were taken into consideration.

System boundary

Modules A1-A3 are taken into consideration in the LCA: A1 Production of preliminary products, A2 Transport to plant, A3 Production (incl. provision of energy, production of auxiliaries and consumables or waste treatment). Silicate resins products were identified as physically integrated with other products during installation so they cannot be physically separated from them at the end of life and no longer identifiable at the end of life as a result of a physical or chemical transformation

process. Therefore, they may omit the declaration of modules C1-C4 and D. This type of EPD declaration is called "cradle to gate".

System limits

According to the standard EN 15804+A2 and ITB PCR A v. 1.6, products used for the production of other products should be declared at the production stage. Energy and water consumption, emissions as well as information on generated wastes were inventoried and were included in the calculations. It can be assumed that the total sum of omitted processes does not exceed 5 % of all impact categories. In accordance with EN 15804+A2, machines and facilities (capital goods) required for the production as well as transportation of employees were not included in LCA.

Modules A1 and A2: *Raw materials supply and transport*

Raw materials such as sodium silicate, isocyanates, fire retardants and many additives used to produce injection silicate resins and packaging materials come from Polish and international suppliers. Data on transport of the different products to the manufacturing plant is collected and modelled for factory by assessor. Means of transport include big trucks (>16 t) are applied. Based on data provided by the manufacturer, all input of transport resources was inventoried in details.

Module A3: *Production*

The production is done by DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o.o. plant in Mikołów, Poland. A scheme of silicate resins production process is presented in Fig. 3. The facility is ISO 14001, ISO 9001 and ISO 45001 certified.

Data quality

The data selected for LCA analysis originate from ITB-LCI questionnaires completed by DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o.o. using the inventory data, ITB database, Ecoinvent database v. 3.10 and KOBiZE. KOBiZE data is supplemented with Ecoinvent v. 3.10 data on the national electricity mix impact where no specific indicator data is provided. No specific data collected is older than five years and no generic datasets used are older than ten years. The representativeness, completeness, reliability, and consistency are judged as good.

Data collection period

Primary data provided by DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o. o. covers a period of 01.2023 – 12.2023 (1 year). The life cycle assessments were prepared for Poland and Europe as reference area.

Assumptions and estimates

The impacts of the representative of silicate resins were aggregated using average weights. Impacts were inventoried and calculated for all products of silicate resins and they were presented in Tables 3-6.

Calculation rules

LCA was performed using ITB-LCA tool and own algorithms for impact calculations developed in accordance with EN 15804 + A2 and ITB PCR A v. 1.6 document.

Databases

The data for the processes comes from Ecoinvent v. 3.10 and ITB-Database. Specific data quality analysis was a part of external audit. Polish electricity mix used (production) is 0.685 kg CO₂/kWh (KOBiZE 2023).

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Figure 3. The scheme of injection silicate resins industrial process conducted by DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o.o.

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) – Results

Declared unit

The declaration refers to declared unit (DU) – 1 kg of injection silicate resins manufactured by DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o. o.

Table 2. System boundaries for the environmental characteristic of silicate resins production process by DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o.o.

Environmental assessment information (MD – Module Declared, MND – Module Not Declared, INA – Indicator Not Assessed)																
Product stage			Construction process		Use stage							End of life				Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport to construction	Construction-installation process	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-recovery-recycling potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
MD	MD	MD	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND

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Table 3. Life cycle assessment (LCA) results of injection silicate resins manufactured by DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o.o. – environmental impacts (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3
Global Warming Potential	eq. kg CO ₂	2.17E+00	5.32E-02	2.33E-02	2.25E+00
Greenhouse gas potential - fossil	eq. kg CO ₂	2.24E+00	5.31E-02	2.26E-02	2.31E+00
Greenhouse gas potential - biogenic	eq. kg CO ₂	-7.27E-02	4.62E-05	1.24E-04	-7.26E-02
Global warming potential - land use and land use change	eq. kg CO ₂	8.95E-03	2.62E-05	6.90E-06	8.98E-03
Stratospheric ozone depletion potential	eq. kg CFC 11	1.62E-07	1.16E-09	1.11E-09	1.64E-07
Soil and water acidification potential	eq. mol H ⁺	1.49E-02	1.16E-04	2.10E-04	1.52E-02
Eutrophication potential - freshwater	eq. kg P	8.61E-04	3.78E-06	3.47E-05	9.00E-04
Eutrophication potential - seawater	eq. kg N	4.15E-03	2.93E-05	3.01E-05	4.21E-03
Eutrophication potential - terrestrial	eq. mol N	2.79E-02	2.98E-04	2.61E-04	2.85E-02
Potential for photochemical ozone synthesis	eq. kg NMVOC	9.89E-03	1.80E-04	7.52E-05	1.01E-02
Potential for depletion of abiotic resources - non-fossil resources	eq. kg Sb	3.50E-05	1.77E-07	3.02E-08	3.52E-05
Abiotic depletion potential - fossil fuels	MJ	4.62E+01	7.60E-01	3.82E-01	4.74E+01
Water deprivation potential	eq. m ³	1.58E+00	3.78E-03	7.14E-03	1.59E+00

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Table 4. Life cycle assessment (LCA) results of silicate resins manufactured by DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o.o. – additional impacts indicators (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3
Particulate matter	disease incidence	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential human exposure efficiency relative to U235	eg. kBq U235	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for ecosystems	CTUe	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for humans (cancer effects)	CTUh	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for humans (non-cancer effects)	CTUh	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential soil quality index	dimensionless	INA	INA	INA	INA

Table 5. Life cycle assessment (LCA) results of silicate resins manufactured by DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o.o. - environmental information describing waste categories (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3
Hazardous waste neutralized	kg	7.66E-02	5.17E-04	6.06E-06	7.71E-02
Non-hazardous waste neutralised	kg	3.02E+00	1.57E-02	1.93E-03	3.04E+00
Radioactive waste	kg	3.69E-05	2.48E-07	4.55E-07	3.76E-05
Components for re-use	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Materials for recycling	kg	1.13E-02	5.64E-06	2.07E-06	1.13E-02
Materials for energy recovery	kg	2.72E-06	4.74E-08	3.03E-03	3.03E-03
Energy exported	MJ	3.40E-01	2.87E-04	9.32E-04	3.41E-01

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Table 6. Life cycle assessment (LCA) results of silicate resins manufactured by DSI Schaum Chemie Sp. z o.o. - environmental aspects related to resource use (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3
Consumption of renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	3.71E+00	1.19E-02	2.27E-02	3.74E+00
Consumption of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	5.44E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.44E-01
Total consumption of renewable primary energy resources	MJ	4.25E+00	1.19E-02	2.27E-02	4.28E+00
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	3.40E+01	7.60E-01	4.05E-01	3.52E+01
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	1.06E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.06E+01
Total consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources	MJ	4.47E+01	7.60E-01	4.05E-01	4.58E+01
Consumption of secondary materials	kg	2.34E-02	3.47E-04	2.98E-05	2.38E-02
Consumption of renewable secondary fuels	MJ	4.86E-03	4.42E-06	1.54E-07	4.86E-03
Consumption of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Net consumption of freshwater resources	m ³	3.99E-02	9.18E-05	1.03E-04	4.01E-02

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Verification

The process of verification of this EPD is in accordance with ISO 14025 and ISO 21930. After verification, this EPD is valid for a 5-year-period. EPD does not have to be recalculated after 5 years, if the underlying data have not changed significantly.

The basis for LCA analysis was EN 15804+A2 and ITB PCR A	
Independent verification corresponding to ISO 14025 (subclause 8.1.3.)	
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Normative references

- ITB PCR A v. 1.6 General Product Category Rules for Construction Products
- DSI Mineral Fill flyer, DSI Mineral Bond flyer and DSI Mineral Bolt flyer
- ISO 14025:2006. Environmental labels and declarations – Type III environmental declarations – Principles and procedures
- ISO 21930:2017 Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works – Core rules for environmental product declarations of construction products and services
- ISO 14044:2006 Environmental management – Life cycle assessment – Requirements and guidelines
- ISO 15686-1:2011 Buildings and constructed assets – Service life planning – Part 1: General principles and framework
- ISO 15686-8:2008 Buildings and constructed assets – Service life planning – Part 8: Reference service life and service-life estimation
- ISO 20915:2018 Life cycle inventory calculation methodology for steel products
- EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 Sustainability of construction works – Environmental product declarations – Core rules for the product category of construction products
- ISO 14067:2018 Greenhouse gases - Carbon footprint of products — Requirements and guidelines for quantification
- EN 15942:2012 Sustainability of construction works – Environmental product declarations – Communication format business-to-business
- KOBIZE Emissions (CO₂, SO₂, NO_x, CO and total dust) from electricity, 2023

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CERTIFICATE No 710/2024 of TYPE III ENVIRONMENTAL DECLARATION

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confirms the correctness of the data included in the development of
Type III Environmental Declaration and accordance with the requirements of the standard

EN 15804+A2

Sustainability of construction works.

Environmental product declarations.

Core rules for the product category of construction products.

This certificate, issued on 19th December 2024 is valid for 5 years
or until amendment of mentioned Environmental Declaration

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