

Material Safety Data Sheet



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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE / PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY / UNDERTAKING

Product Name : CONBEX BACKFILL

Application : Mine tailings stabilisation binder.

Company : Minova RSA

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2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Composition : Calcium hydroxide, inorganic fillers.

Hazardous Ingredient(s)	Symbol	Risk Phrases	Other Information	%
Calcium hydroxide	Xi	R38, 41	Cas No: 1305-62-0	>50

All constituents of this product are listed in EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances) or ELINCS (European List of New Chemical Substances) or are exempt. Refer to Section 8 for Occupational Exposure Limits.

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3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Irritating to skin.
Risk of serious damage to eyes. **IRRITANT**

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eyes : Irrigate immediately with copious quantities of water for several minutes. Obtain medical attention urgently.

Skin : Wash immediately with copious quantities of water. Remove contaminated clothing immediately. Obtain medical advice if skin disorders develop.

Inhalation : Remove from exposure, rest and keep warm and obtain medical attention urgently.

Ingestion : Wash out mouth with water. **Do NOT** induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention.

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5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing Media : This product is non-combustible, use extinguishing media appropriate to surrounding fire.

Special Exposure Hazards : None.

Special Protective Equipment : None.

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6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal Precautions** : Wear rubber boots in addition to the recommended protective clothing.
- Environmental Precautions** : Prevent entry into drains, sewers and water courses.
- Decontamination Procedures** : Avoid the creation of dust in atmosphere. Gather into containers. Residues may be flushed to drain with large volumes of water.

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7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Handling** : Avoid creating dust. In case of insufficient ventilation wear suitable respiratory equipment. Avoid skin and eye contact.
- Storage** : Store in a cool, dry area.

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8. EXPOSURE CONTROL / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational Exposure Limits :-

Substance	8 Hour TWA	STEL	Source/Other Information
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Calcium hydroxide	5mgm ⁻³	---	EH 40
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- Engineering Control Measures** : Atmospheric levels of dust must be maintained within the Occupational Exposure Limit. Where mechanical methods are inadequate or impractical, appropriate personal protective equipment must be used.
- Personal Protective Equipment** : Impervious gloves (eg PVC). Goggles / Safety Glasses. Approved dust mask. An eye wash station must be available.

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9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Physical State** : Powder.
- Colour** : Grey / Off White.
- Odour** : Odourless.
- pH (working dilution)** : 12.
- Boiling Point / Range (°C)** : Not applicable.
- Flash Point (closed, °C)** : None.
- Relative Density (at 20°C)** : 1.5. (Loose bulk)
- Water Solubility** : Partially soluble.

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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

- Stability** : Stable.
- Conditions to avoid** : None Known.
- Materials to avoid** : Strong acids, aluminium, lead, brass.
- Hazardous Decomposition Products** : None.

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11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Health Effects

On Eyes	:	Irritating and may injure eye tissue if not removed promptly.
On Skin	:	Irritation.
By Inhalation	:	Irritating to respiratory system.
By Ingestion	:	May cause irritation of mouth, throat and digestive tract.
Chronic	:	Repeated or prolonged skin contact will result in severe irritation leading to burns.

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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Environmental Assessment	:	Little detailed information is available on the ecological effects of this product, but its overall environmental impact is not regarded as significant.
Mobility	:	Partially soluble in water.
Persistence and Degradability	:	Not readily biodegradable.
Bioaccumulative Potential	:	Not determined.
Ecotoxicity	:	Not determined.

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13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal must be in accordance with local and national legislation.

Unused Product	:	Disposed of in an approved manner.
Used/Contaminated Product	:	As for Unused product.
Packaging	:	The method of disposal must be acceptable to the local authority.

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14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

This product is NOT classified as dangerous for transport.

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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Hazard Label Data	:	-
Symbol(s)	:	Xi
Risk Phrases	:	Irritating to eyes. Risk of serious damage to eyes.
Safety Phrases	:	Do not breathe dust. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of soap and water. Wear suitable gloves and eye / face protection.
EC Directives	:	Dangerous Substances Directive, 67/548/EEC and adaptations. Dangerous Preparations Directive, 88/379/EEC. Safety Framework Directive, 89/391/EEC. Safety Data Sheets Directive, 91/155/EEC.
Statutory Instruments	:	Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regs. 1996 (SI 1092). Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regs. 1994 (SI 3246).
Codes of Practice	:	Waste Management. The Duty of Care.
Guidance Notes	:	Occupational skin diseases : Health and Safety Precautions (EH 26). Dust in the workplace : general principles of protection (EH 44). Occupational exposure limits (EH 40).

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16. OTHER INFORMATION

Minova RSA is an ISO 9002 accredited company.

The data advice given apply when the product is used for the stated application or applications. The product is not sold as suitable for any other application. Use of the product for applications other than as stated in this sheet may give rise to risks not mentioned in this sheet. The product should not be used other than for the stated application or applications without seeking advice from Minova RSA.

If this product has been purchased for supply to a third party for use at work, it is the purchaser's duty to take all necessary steps to secure that any person handling or using the product is provided with the information in this sheet.

It is the responsibility and duty of the employer to inform employees and others who may be affected of any hazards described in this sheet and of any precautions which should be taken.

This sheet does not constitute or substitute for the users own assessment of workplace risk, as required by other health and safety legislation.