ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH EN 15804+A2 & ISO 14025 / ISO 21930

Ash GP 7.3N
Lignacite Ltd

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GENERAL INFORMATION

MANUFACTURER

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EPD STANDARDS, SCOPE AND VERIFICATION

Program operator	EPD Hub, hub@epdhub.com
Reference standard	EN 15804+A2:2019 and ISO 14025
PCR	EPD Hub Core PCR version 1.0, 1 Feb 2022
Sector	Construction product
Category of EPD	Third party verified EPD
Scope of the EPD	Cradle to gate with modules C1-C4, D
EPD author	Marvyn Candler, Lignacite Ltd
EPD verification	Independent verification of this EPD and data, according to ISO 14025: ☐ Internal certification ☑ External verification
EPD verifier	E.A as an authorized verifier acting for EPD Hub

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PRODUCT

Product name	Ash GP 7.3N
Place of production	Brandon, Suffolk, United Kingdom
Period for data	2021
Averaging in EPD	No averaging

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SUMMARY

Declared unit	1m2
Declared unit mass	145.1 kg
GWP-fossil, A1-A3 (kgCO2e)	2.58E1
GWP-total, A1-A3 (kgCO2e)	2.45E1
Secondary material, inputs (%)	2.08E1
Secondary material, outputs (%)	8E1
Total energy use, A1-A3 (kWh)	4.71E1
Total water use, A1-A3 (m3e)	1.36

PRODUCT AND MANUFACTURER

ABOUT THE MANUFACTURER

Formed in 1947, Lignacite has continued to develop innovative mixes and designs for their building blocks; more recently testing and successfully utilising many recycled materials to produce more sustainable products. We are committed to continuing an extensive R&D programme ensuring we stay at the cutting edge of the construction industry.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Medium density, loadbearing units, suitable for general purpose walling applications. Ash GP combines good all-round technical performance with a high content of recycled material.

• Suitable for various applications above and below ground
• Good surface key for the direct application of plasters and renders
• Provides a strong background for all types of fixings
• Manufactured from at least 35% recycled aggregate conserving valuable sources of primary material

Ash GP is a medium density concrete block which is robust, durable and suitable for a range of walling applications. Typical uses include the inner leaf of cavity walls when used with cavity insulation, separating or partition walls, and infill blocks in beam and block flooring systems. Ash GP can also be used externally where rendering or cladding is to be applied to the wall. Ash GP blocks provide a strong background for holding fixings.

Ash GP is produced using at least 35% of recycled aggregate (by volume) thereby conserving valuable sources of primary material.

Ash GP blocks are manufactured with a scratched surface to aid the key of plaster and render finishes.

Further information can be found at www.lignacite.co.uk.

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PRODUCT RAW MATERIAL MAIN COMPOSITION

Raw material category	Amount, mass- %	Material origin
Metals	-	-
Minerals	76	UK
Fossil materials	-	-
Bio-based materials	24	UK

BIOGENIC CARBON CONTENT

Product's biogenic carbon content at the factory gate

Biogenic carbon content in product, kg C	3.08
Biogenic carbon content in packaging, kg C	0

FUNCTIONAL UNIT AND SERVICE LIFE

Declared unit	1m2
Mass per declared unit	145.1 kg

SUBSTANCES, REACH - VERY HIGH CONCERN

The product does not contain any REACH SVHC substances in amounts greater than 0,1 % (1000 ppm).

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PRODUCT LIFE-CYCLE

SYSTEM BOUNDARY

This EPD covers the life-cycle modules listed in the following table.

Product stage			Assembly stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Beyond the system boundaries
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
x	x	x	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	x	x	x	x	x
Raw materials	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstr./demol.	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse Recovery Recycling

Modules not declared = MND. Modules not relevant = MNR.

MANUFACTURING AND PACKAGING (A1-A3)

The environmental impacts considered for the product stage cover the manufacturing of raw materials used in the production as well as packaging materials and other ancillary materials. Also, fuels used by machines, and handling of waste formed in the production processes at the manufacturing facilities are included in this stage. The study also considers the material losses occurring during the manufacturing processes as well as losses during electricity transmission.

Concrete block production starts by transporting the binders, aggregates and additives to silos, from where they are dosed onto a conveyor and into a mixer. Cement is then added to the ingredients, after which the material is mixed dry. Water is then added to the mixture, followed by wet mixing. The wet mass is filled into molds and vibrated to its final shape. The blocks are then transported on an automatic line to a dryer. From the dryer, the ingots go to the packaging line, where they are banded and taken for storage.

TRANSPORT AND INSTALLATION (A4-A5)

Transportation impacts occurred from final products delivery to construction site (A4) cover fuel direct exhaust emissions, environmental impacts of fuel production, as well as related infrastructure emissions.

The transportation distance is defined according to the PCR. Average distance of transportation from production plant to building site is assumed as 52 km and the transportation method is assumed to be lorry. Vehicle capacity utilization is assumed to be 100 % which means full load. In reality, it may vary but as role of transportation emissions in total results is small, the variety in load is assumed to be negligible. Empty returns are not taken into account as it is assumed that return trip is used by the transportation company to serve the needs of other clients. Transportation does not cause losses as product are packaged properly. Also, volume capacity utilisation factor is assumed to be 100 % for the nested packaged products.

PRODUCT USE AND MAINTENANCE (B1-B7)

This EPD does not cover the use phase.
Air, soil, and water impacts during the use phase have not been studied.

PRODUCT END OF LIFE (C1-C4, D)

At the end-of-life, in the demolition phase 100% of the waste is assumed to be collected as separate construction waste. The demolition process consumes energy in the form of diesel fuel used by building machines. Energy consumption of a demolition process is on the average 10 kWh/m2 (Bozdağ, Ö & Seçer, M. 2007). Basing on a Level(s) project, an average mass of a reinforced concrete building is about 1000 kg/m2. Therefore, energy consumption demolition is assumed to be 10 kWh/1000 kg = 0,01 kWh/kg. It is assumed the mass of the waste blocks per m2 will be the same as the declared value. The source of energy is diesel fuel used by work machines

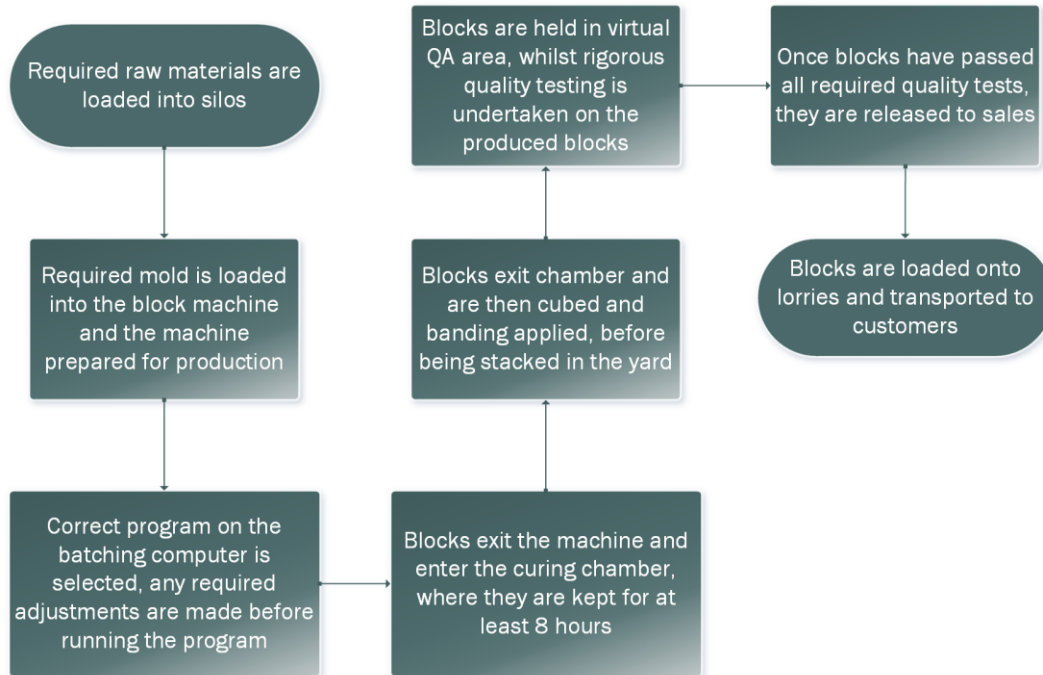Created with One Click LCA

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(C1).

The dismantled concrete blocks are delivered to the nearest construction waste treatment plant. It is estimated that there is no mass loss during the use of the product, therefore the end-of-life product is assumed that it has the same weight with the declared product. Transportation distance to the closest disposal area is estimated as 50 km and the transportation method is lorry which is the most common

At the waste treatment plant, waste that can be reused, recycled or recovered for energy is separated and diverted for further use. It can be assumed that 100% of the concrete blocks are transported to a waste treatment plant, where the blocks are crushed and separated. About 80% of concrete (Betoniteollisuus ry, 2020) is recycled. The process losses of the waste treatment plant are assumed to be negligible (C3). The remaining 20% of concrete is to be sent to the landfill (C4).

Due to the recycling potential of concrete, they can be crushed and used as secondary raw material, which avoids the use of virgin raw materials. The 80 % of concrete going to waste processing is converted into secondary raw materials after recycling. The recycled material content in the concrete itself is assumed to be 0 % (D).

MANUFACTURING PROCESS

Required raw materials are loaded into silos

Required mold is loaded into the block machine and the machine prepared for production

Correct program on the batching computer is selected, any required adjustments are made before running the program

Blocks exit the machine and enter the curing chamber, where they are kept for at least 8 hours

Blocks exit chamber and are then cubed and banding applied, before being stacked in the yard

Blocks are held in virtual QA area, whilst rigorous quality testing is undertaken on the produced blocks

Once blocks have passed all required quality tests, they are released to sales

Blocks are loaded onto lorries and transported to customers

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LIFE-CYCLE ASSESSMENT

CUT-OFF CRITERIA

The study does not exclude any modules or processes which are stated mandatory in the reference standard and the applied PCR. The study does not exclude any hazardous materials or substances. The study includes all major raw material and energy consumption. All inputs and outputs of the unit processes, for which data is available for, are included in the calculation. There is no neglected unit process more than 1% of total mass or energy flows. The module specific total neglected input and output flows also do not exceed 5% of energy usage or mass.

All industrial processes from raw material acquisition and pre-processing, production, product distribution and installation, and end-of-life management are included. Water used for cleaning and maintenance of the equipment, transportation and waste streams of the packaging materials used for delivering the raw materials to the factory are also included.

ALLOCATION, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

Allocation is required if some material, energy, and waste data cannot be measured separately for the product under investigation. In this study, as per the reference standard, allocation is conducted in the following order;

1. Allocation should be avoided.
2. Allocation should be based on physical properties (e.g., mass, volume) when the difference in revenue is small.
3. Allocation should be based on economic values.

In this study allocation could not be avoided for raw materials, packaging, ancillary material, energy consumption and waste production as the information was only measured on factory or production process level. The inputs were allocated to studied product based on annual production volume (mass allocation).

The values for 1 m2 of block are calculated by considering the total product weight per annual production. In the factory, several kinds of concrete elements are produced; since the production processes of these products are similar, the annual production percentages are taken into consideration for allocation. According to this, the total energy consumption, used packaging materials and product-based waste are divided by the total annual production. Since the formulation of each product is certain, base materials do not need to be allocated. Subsequently, the product output is fixed to 1 m2 and the corresponding amount of product is used in the calculations.

Distribution distance was calculated as a sales volume-based weighted average according to the percentage ratios for each destination point.

This LCA study is conducted in accordance with all methodological considerations, such as performance, system boundaries, data quality, allocation procedures, and decision rules to evaluate inputs and outputs. Allocation used in Ecoinvent 3.6 environmental data sources follow the methodology 'allocation, cut-off by classification'. This methodology is in line with the requirements of the EN 15804-standard.

All estimations and assumptions are given below.
▪ Modules A2, A4 & C2: Vehicle capacity utilization volume factor is assumed to be 1 which means full load. It may vary but as the role of transportation emission in total results is small and so the variety in load assumed to be negligible. Empty returns are not considered as it is assumed that return trip is used by transportation companies to serve the needs of other clients.
▪ Module A4: Transportation doesn't cause losses as products are packaged properly. Also, volume capacity utilisation factor is assumed to be 1 for the nested packaged products. Additionally, transportation distances and vehicle types are assumed according to the delivery in the last year.
▪ Module A5: This module is not included

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▪ Module C1: Consumed energy for demolition process is assumed as 0.01 kWh/kg.

▪ Module C2: Transportation distance to the closest disposal area is estimated as 52 km and the transportation method is assumed as lorry which is the most common.

▪ Modules C3, C4: 80% of concrete is sent for recycling while the remaining materials is assumed to be landfilled. Module D Benefits and loads of wooden pallets incineration after 1 time use is calculated. The materials incinerated for energy recovery displaces electricity and heat production, while recycled materials displace the need for virgin material production.

Allocation used in environmental data sources is aligned with the above.

AVERAGES AND VARIABILITY

There is no average result considered in this study since this EPD refers to one specific product produced in one production plant.

Primary data represents the manufacturers manufacturing sites x and y. The data was used to calculate average impacts for the product. The variability of the primary data or the emissions between the manufacturing sites did not amount to more than 10 % for the relevant data. The primary data was averaged by calculating a weighted average of the sites consumption of raw materials and energy, and production of wastes. The share of production volume per each site was used in the weighting.

Primary data represents the manufacturing of products X and Y. The data was used to calculate average impacts for the products. The variability of the primary data or the emissions between the products did not amount to more than 10% of the relevant data (the highest compared to the lowest). The primary data was averaged by calculating a weighted average of the products consumption of raw materials, energy and production of wastes. The production amount mass shares per each product was used in the weighting.

LCA SOFTWARE AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

This EPD has been created using One Click LCA EPD Generator. The LCA and EPD have been prepared according to the reference standards and ISO 14040/14044. Ecoinvent and One Click LCA databases were used as sources of environmental data.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT DATA

CORE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INDICATORS – EN 15804+A2, PEF

Impact category	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP – total[1]	kg CO_2e	2.3E1	8.18E-1	6.72E-1	2.45E1	6.8E-1	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	4.78E-1	7.28E-1	4.73E-1	1.53E-1	-7.38E-1
GWP – fossil	kg CO_2e	2.43E1	8.24E-1	6.53E-1	2.58E1	6.86E-1	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	4.78E-1	7.28E-1	4.73E-1	1.53E-1	-7.31E-1
GWP – biogenic	kg CO_2e	-1.3E0	-5.77E-3	1.82E-2	-1.29E0	4.98E-4	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	1.33E-4	-8.17E-5	9.37E-5	3.03E-4	-7.05E-3
GWP – LULUC	kg CO_2e	5.5E-3	3.15E-4	5.96E-4	6.41E-3	2.06E-4	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	4.04E-5	3.85E-4	4.42E-5	4.54E-5	-8.93E-4
Ozone depletion pot.	kg $CFC_{-11}e$	1.22E-6	1.87E-7	9.61E-8	1.5E-6	1.61E-7	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	1.03E-7	1.29E-7	1.01E-7	6.29E-8	-7.59E-8
Acidification potential	mol H^+e	8.54E-2	3.9E-3	3.16E-3	9.24E-2	2.88E-3	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	5E-3	5.88E-3	4.88E-3	1.45E-3	-4.67E-3
EP-freshwater[2]	kg Pe	3.54E-4	7.62E-6	3.52E-5	3.97E-4	5.58E-6	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	1.93E-6	2.11E-5	2.02E-6	1.85E-6	-4.62E-5
EP-marine	kg Ne	2.13E-2	1.23E-3	8.28E-4	2.34E-2	8.68E-4	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	2.21E-3	2.04E-3	2.15E-3	4.99E-4	-9.85E-4
EP-terrestrial	mol Ne	2.45E-1	1.36E-2	9.32E-3	2.67E-1	9.59E-3	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	2.42E-2	2.26E-2	2.36E-2	5.5E-3	-1.3E-2
POCP ("smog")[3]	kg NMVOCe	6.47E-2	4.22E-3	2.61E-3	7.16E-2	3.08E-3	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	6.66E-3	6.53E-3	6.49E-3	1.6E-3	-3.33E-3
ADP-minerals & metals[4]	kg Sbe	1.42E-4	1.72E-5	2.92E-6	1.63E-4	1.17E-5	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	7.3E-7	1.75E-5	8.14E-7	1.4E-6	-7.82E-5
ADP-fossil resources	MJ	1.33E2	1.25E1	1.45E1	1.6E2	1.07E1	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	6.58E0	1.1E1	6.48E0	4.27E0	-1.16E1
Water use[5]	m^3e depr.	1.63E0	5.13E-2	9.55E-2	1.78E0	3.97E-2	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	1.23E-2	9.96E-2	1.37E-2	1.98E-1	-1.29E0

USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Impact category	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Renew. PER as energy[8]	MJ	8.57E0	2.69E-1	2.2E0	1.1E1	1.34E-1	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	3.56E-2	1.83E-1	3.87E-2	3.45E-2	-8.69E-1
Renew. PER as material	MJ	1.77E1	0E0	0E0	1.77E1	0E0	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0
Total use of renew. PER	MJ	2.63E1	2.69E-1	2.2E0	2.87E1	1.34E-1	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	3.56E-2	1.83E-1	3.87E-2	3.45E-2	-8.69E-1
Non-re. PER as energy	MJ	1.33E2	1.25E1	1.34E1	1.59E2	1.07E1	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	6.58E0	1.1E1	6.48E0	4.27E0	-1.05E1
Non-re. PER as material	MJ	0E0	0E0	1.09E0	1.09E0	0E0	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	-1.09E0
Total use of non-re. PER	MJ	1.33E2	1.25E1	1.45E1	1.6E2	1.07E1	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	6.58E0	1.1E1	6.48E0	4.27E0	-1.16E1
Secondary materials	kg	3.01E1	0E0	1.96E-4	3.01E1	0E0	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	2.3E-2
Renew. secondary fuels	MJ	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0
Non-ren. secondary fuels	MJ	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0
Use of net fresh water	m^3	7.17E-1	2.64E-3	6.38E-1	1.36E0	2.22E-3	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	5.81E-4	3.25E-3	5.9E-4	4.67E-3	-7.36E-1

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8) PER = Primary energy resources.

END OF LIFE – WASTE

Impact category	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Hazardous waste	kg	4.98E-1	1.59E-2	3.53E-2	5.49E-1	1.04E-2	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	7.08E-3	4.03E-2	0E0	3.99E-3	-5.17E-2
Non-hazardous waste	kg	1.6E1	1.3E0	2.46E0	1.97E1	1.15E0	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	7.57E-2	2.22E0	0E0	2.9E1	-2.14E0
Radioactive waste	kg	6.53E-4	8.47E-5	9.57E-5	8.33E-4	7.32E-5	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	4.61E-5	5.81E-5	0E0	2.83E-5	-4.64E-5

END OF LIFE – OUTPUT FLOWS

Impact category	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Components for re-use	kg	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0
Materials for recycling	kg	0E0	0E0	2.89E0	2.89E0	0E0	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	0E0	0E0	1.16E2	0E0	0E0
Materials for energy rec	kg	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0
Exported energy	MJ	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS – EN 15804+A1, CML / ISO 21930

Impact category	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Global Warming Pot.	kg CO_2e	2.41E1	8.16E-1	6.52E-1	2.56E1	6.8E-1	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	4.75E-1	7.17E-1	4.69E-1	1.5E-1	-7.14E-1
Ozone depletion Pot.	kg CFC_{-11}e	1.01E-6	1.49E-7	8.21E-8	1.24E-6	1.28E-7	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	8.18E-8	1.03E-7	7.99E-8	4.99E-8	-5.88E-8
Acidification	kg SO_2e	6.33E-2	2.1E-3	4.4E-3	6.98E-2	1.4E-3	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	7.06E-4	2.37E-3	7.01E-4	6.05E-4	-2.88E-3
Eutrophication	kg PO_4^3e	1.6E-2	4.78E-4	1.14E-3	1.76E-2	2.82E-4	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	1.24E-4	7.49E-4	1.38E-4	1.17E-4	-1.5E-3
POCP ("smog")	kg C_2H_4e	2.51E-3	1.19E-4	1.13E-4	2.74E-3	8.84E-5	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	7.27E-5	1.19E-4	7.21E-5	4.43E-5	-2.38E-4
ADP-elements	kg Sbe	1.42E-4	1.72E-5	2.92E-6	1.63E-4	1.17E-5	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	7.3E-7	1.75E-5	8.14E-7	1.4E-6	-7.82E-5
ADP-fossil	MJ	1.33E2	1.25E1	1.45E1	1.6E2	1.07E1	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	6.58E0	1.1E1	6.48E0	4.27E0	-1.16E1

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VERIFICATION STATEMENT

VERIFICATION PROCESS FOR THIS EPD

This EPD has been verified in accordance with ISO 14025 by an independent, third-party verifier by reviewing results, documents and compliancy with reference standard, ISO 14025 and ISO 14040/14044, following the process and checklists of the program operator for:

- This Environmental Product Declaration
- The Life-Cycle Assessment used in this EPD
- The digital background data for this EPD

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This EPD has been generated by One Click LCA EPD generator, which has been verified and approved by the EPD Hub.

THIRD-PARTY VERIFICATION STATEMENT

I hereby confirm that, following detailed examination, I have not established any relevant deviations by the studied Environmental Product Declaration (EPD), its LCA and project report, in terms of the data collected and used in the LCA calculations, the way the LCA-based calculations have been carried out, the presentation of environmental data in the EPD, and other additional environmental information, as present with respect to the procedural and methodological requirements in ISO 14025:2010 and reference standard.

I confirm that the company-specific data has been examined as regards plausibility and consistency; the declaration owner is responsible for its factual integrity and legal compliance.

I confirm that I have sufficient knowledge and experience of construction products, this specific product category, the construction industry, relevant standards, and the geographical area of the EPD to carry out this verification.

I confirm my independence in my role as verifier; I have not been involved in the execution of the LCA or in the development of the declaration and have no conflicts of interest regarding this verification.

Elma Avdyli as an authorized verifier acting for EPD Hub Limited
17.08.2022