

Lafarge CretoMax 35 Blend

**Environmental
Product
Declaration**
for Ground Calcium Carbonate

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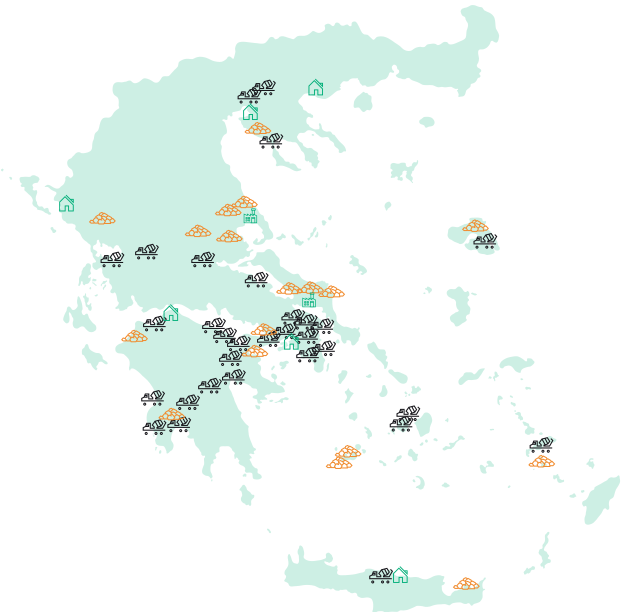


COMPANY INFORMATION

HERACLES Group of Companies, a member of Holcim Group, is the leader in cement sales in Greece, having more than 110 years of presence in the market. Having a network of 45 production and commercial facilities throughout Greece, the Company is active in the production and marketing of cement, aggregates, concrete and industrial minerals, offering products and solutions that meet the diversified needs of customers and the requirements of modern construction.

Main drivers for creating value are growth, the simplification of procedures and performance, financial strength and development of HERACLES Group people. Guided by sustainable development, the company implements effective resource management, which in combination with the organizational structure at all levels, enables to export cement, clinker, pumice, industrial materials and solid fuels, in more than 20 countries worldwide, contributing substantially to the national economy.

For HERACLES Group, Sustainable Development is a long-term commitment and non-negotiable priority that guides our daily business activity. We believe in building a greener and more sustainable world for people and the planet. A world that operates with respect for water and nature and upgrades the quality of life for all. We advocate an innovative, climate-neutral construction industry that will apply the principles of circular economy regarding the use of resources. To this end, we focus on four strategic pillars for sustainable development - Local Communities, Climate & Energy, Circular Economy, Nature - that create value for our activities, shareholders and our social partners. We are leading the transition to a lower carbon sector through the development and delivery of green products and solutions, saving natural resources, using alternative fuels and promoting circular economy.



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

This is a product specific EPD for **Lafarge CretoMax 35 Blend**, a ground calcium carbonate (GCC) product of high purity blended with a certain proportion of cement CEM I 52.5N. The product is produced by Volos Cement Plant of HERACLES GCCo that is located near Volos town in Greece.

Ground calcium carbonate (GCC) has various uses across different industries.





Paper Industry: As a filler material improving the paper's opacity, brightness, smoothness, whiteness, and stiffness resulting in higher print quality.



Plastics and Polymers: As a reinforcing agent, filler, or extender in plastics and polymers. It improves the mechanical properties, dimensional stability, and impact resistance of plastic products. GCC is commonly used in the production of PVC pipes, vinyl flooring, automotive parts, and various plastic films.



Paints and Coatings: As pigment extender in paints, coatings and primers providing better coverage, opacity, and durability to the paint film. GCC also enhances the rheological properties of the paint, improving its flow and stability.



Adhesives and Sealants: Is used as a filler in adhesives and sealants improving their strength, flexibility, adhesion properties, viscosity and control over the rheological behavior.



Construction Industry: As a filler in concrete, mortar, cement boards and asphalt enhancing the properties of these materials, including workability, strength, and durability.



Pharmaceuticals and Dietary Supplements: As calcium supplement in pharmaceuticals and dietary supplements. It provides a bioavailable source of calcium, essential for bone health and other physiological functions.



Personal Care Products: Is used in a variety of personal care products such as toothpaste, cosmetics, and skincare formulations. It serves as an abrasive agent, thickener, pH adjuster, and bulking agent.

LCA INFORMATION

DECLARED UNIT

The declared unit is 1 tn (1.000 kg).

GOAL AND SCOPE

This EPD evaluates the environmental impacts of the production of 1 tn of average Lafarge CretoMax 35 Blend from cradle to gate.

BACKGROUND DATA

The life cycle inventory database used in the GCCA EPD Tool (v4.0) is the Ecoinvent database (v3.5) from which background data were retrieved.

SOFTWARE

The software used for the production of the LCA results is GCCA EPD Tool (v4.0).

DATA QUALITY

ISO 14044 was applied in terms of data collection and quality requirements. The data concerning the modules A3 (product manufacturing) and A2 (transportation) were provided by HERACLES GCCo and involved all input and output materials to the plant, the consumed utilities (energy, water) and the distances and means of transport for each input stream. The background data for the module A1 e.g. electricity generation, raw materials and fuels production were recovered from Ecoinvent database (v3.5). Regarding electricity mix, guarantees of origin in combination with the latest (2021) national residual electricity mix as published in DAPEEP SA were utilized.

TIME REPRESENTIVENESS

All primary data used in this study is for the full year 2022.

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

Worldwide

ALLOCATIONS

Wherever possible allocation was avoided. The production was divided into two sub-processes, clinker and cement, and the related input and output data to each sub-process were collected. In some cases that data were not able to be attributed directly to the specific product production, they were allocated by physical properties (mass).

ASSUMPTIONS

The utilized truck types of GCCA EPD Tool have capacity >32t for primary and secondary materials and fuels, while for packaging 16 - 32t. The default emission standard considered for these trucks is EURO6.

CUT-OFF RULES

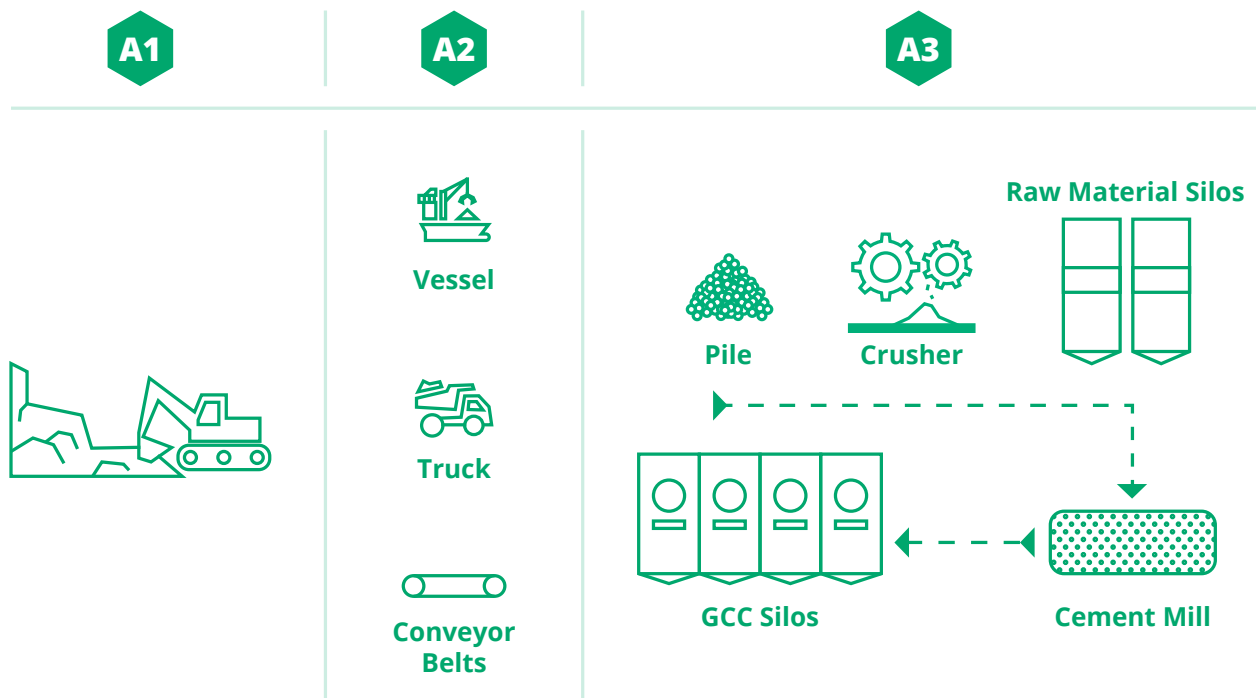
The cut-off rule for insufficient data or data gaps that are less than 1% of the total input mass and less than 5% of energy usage and mass per module was applied only to the grinding aid.

SYSTEM BOUNDARY

The scope of this study is “cradle to gate” covering the product stage (modules A1-A3), since the product fulfills the three conditions required by EN 15804:2012+A2:2019, about the exclusion of modules C1-C4 and D.

- The stage included in the study is just product stage (A1-A3), since the product fulfills the three conditions required:
- the product or material is physically integrated with other products during installation so they cannot be physically separated from them at end of life.
 - the product or material is no longer identifiable at end of life as a result of a physical or chemical transformation process.
 - the product or material does not contain biogenic carbon.

X= Included, ND= Module Not Declared																	
Product Stage	Construction Stage			Use Stage								End-of-life Stage				Resource Recovery stage	
	Raw Materials Supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction and demolition	Transport	Waste processing for reuse, recovery and/or recycling		Disposal
Modules	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Modules declared	X	X	X	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Geography	EU	EU	GR														
Specific data used	>90%																
Variation-products	Not relevant																
Variation-sites	Not relevant																



A1: Raw Material Supply

The process begins with the extraction of raw limestone or marble from quarries. These natural sources are rich in calcium carbonate.

A2: Transportation of raw materials to manufacturer

Transport concerns the delivery of raw materials from the supplier to the gate of the manufacturing plant. Raw materials are transported by truck, vessels and conveyor belts from nearby quarries.

A3: Manufacturing

The extracted limestone or marble is crushed into smaller pieces to facilitate further processing. The crushed raw material is then ground into a fine powder via grinding mills. After the grinding process the uniform product is classified based on the particle size. The classified GCC powder may be loaded on silo trucks or packaged for sale.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS per 1 ton CretoMax 35 Blend		Unit	A1-A3
GWP-total	Global warming potential - total	kg CO ₂ eq	2,26E+02
GWP-fossil	Global warming potential - fossil	kg CO ₂ eq	2,26E+02
GWP-biogenic	Global warming potential - biogenic	kg CO ₂ eq	1,11E-01
GWP-luluc	Global warming potential - luluc	kg CO ₂ eq	1,65E-01
GWP-GHG ¹	Global warming potential - GHG	kg CO ₂ eq	2,26E+02
ODP	Ozone Depletion Potential	kg CFC-11 eq	7,13E-06
AP	Acidification Potential	mol H ⁺ eq	7,19E-01
EP-freshwater	Eutrophication potential - freshwater	kg P eq	1,45E-02
EP-marine	Eutrophication potential - marine	kg N eq	1,14E-03
EP-terrestrial	Eutrophication potential - terrestrial	mol N eq	2,70E+00
POCP	Photochemical oxidant formation Potential	kg NMVOC eq	6,83E-01
ADPe ²	Abiotic depletion potential - non fossil resources	kg Sb eq	1,07E-04
ADPf ²	Abiotic depletion potential - fossil resources	MJ	1,38E+03
WDP ²	Water deprivation potential	m ³ eq	3,07E+01

¹ This indicator accounts for all greenhouse gases except biogenic carbon dioxide uptake and emissions and biogenic carbon stored in the product. As such, the indicator is identical to GWP-total except that the CF for biogenic CO₂ is set to zero.

² The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experience with the indicator.

RESOURCE USE per 1 ton CretoMax 35 Blend		Unit	A1-A3
PERE	Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	2,89E+02
PERM	Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	0,00E+00
PERT	Total use of renewable primary energy resources	MJ	2,89E+02
PENRE	Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	1,38E+03
PENRM	Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	0,00E+00
PENRT	Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources	MJ	1,38E+03
SM	Use of secondary material	kg	2,17E+02
RSF	Use of renewable secondary fuels	MJ	5,87E+01
NRSF	Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	8,70E+01
FW	Use of net fresh water	m ³	7,88E-01

OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE CATEGORIES per 1 ton CretoMax 35 Blend		Unit	A1-A3
HWD	Hazardous waste disposed	kg	0,00E+00
NHWD	Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	0,00E+00
RWD	Radioactive waste disposed	kg	0,00E+00
CRU	Components for re-use	kg	0,00E+00
MFR	Materials for recycling	kg	5,52E-01
MER	Materials for energy recovery	kg	0,00E+00
EE	Exported energy	MJ	0,00E+00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HERACLES GCCo hereby declares that the GCC products are in compliance with the REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals. Cement does not contain any Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) currently on the candidate list. REACH SVHC list is not static and is updated frequently thus the company will continue to evaluate, research and review to fulfil the demands of the regulation. More information about cement safety handling is available at the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) published at the company's website www.lafarge.gr

The EPD does not give information on release of dangerous substances to soil, water and indoor air because the horizontal standards on measurement of release of regulated dangerous substances from construction products using harmonised test methods according to the provisions of the respective technical committees for European product standards are not available.

REFERENCES

- **GPI v.4.0:2021-03-29** General Programme Instructions of the International EPD® System
- **PCR 2019:14 v.1.2.5** Product Category rules | Construction products | The International EPD® System
- **EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021** Sustainability of construction works - Environmental Product Declarations - Core rules for the product category of construction products
- **ISO 14020:2000** Environmental labels and declarations - General principles
- **ISO 14025:2006** Environmental labels and declarations - Type III environmental declarations - Principles and procedures
- **ISO 14040:2006** Environmental management - Life Cycle Assessment - Principles and framework
- **ISO 14044:2006** Environmental management - Life Cycle Assessment - Requirements and guidelines
- **Ecoinvent Centre** | www.Eco-invent.org
- **DAPEEP SA**: Renewable Energy Sources Operator & Guarantees of Origin | Greece | www.dapeep.gr

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PROGRAMME-RELATED INFORMATION

Accountabilities for PCR, LCA and third-party verification

Product Category Rules (PCR)

ISO standard ISO 21930 and CEN standard EN 15804 serve as the core Product Category Rules (PCR)

Product Category Rules (PCR):
PCR 2019:14 Construction products, version 1.2.5
The UN CPC code is 15120

PCR review was conducted by: The Technical Committee of the International EPD® System.
See www.environdec.com/TC for a list of members. Review chair: Claudia A. Peña, University of Concepción, Chile. The review panel may be contacted via the Secretariat www.environdec.com/contact

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

LCA Accountability: HERACLES GENERAL CEMENT COMPANY S.A.



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Third party verification

Independent third-party verification of the declaration and data, according to ISO 14025:2006, via:

EPD verification by accredited certification body

Third party verification: EUROCERT S.A.



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EUROCERT S.A. is an approved certification body accountable for third-party verification

The certification body is accredited by: Hellenic Accreditation System SA (E.S.Y.D), Accreditation No. 21-8

Procedure for follow-up during EPD validity involves third party verifier

Yes No

The EPD owner has the sole ownership, liability, and responsibility of the EPD. EPDs within the same product category but registered in different EPD programmes may not be comparable. For two EPDs to be comparable, they must be based on the same PCR (including the same version number) or be based on fully-aligned PCRs or versions of PCRs; cover products with identical functions, technical performances and use (e.g. identical declared/functional units); have equivalent system boundaries and descriptions of data; apply equivalent data quality requirements, methods of data collection, and allocation methods; apply identical cut-off rules and impact assessment methods (including the same version of characterization factors); have equivalent content declarations; and be valid at the time of comparison. For further information about comparability, see EN 15804 and ISO 14025.

