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Material Safety Data Sheet

PRODUCT: Uni-Rock White

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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product Information

Trade name: **Uni-Rock White**

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Use of the Product: render for coating over masonry

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

THIS PRODUCT IS CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO CRITERIA OF NOHSC

The product contains Portland cement, inorganic extender pigments and organic functional additives. Portland cement is classified as a Hazardous Substance, Non-Dangerous Goods according to the criteria of NOHSC. All other components are classified as Non Hazardous, Non Dangerous Goods.

Risk phrases for Portland cement are:

R36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin
R40 Possible risk of irreversible effects
R43 May cause sensitization by skin contact
R48/20 Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation

Safety Phrases for Portland cement

S22 Do not breathe dust
S24/25 Avoid contact with skin and eyes
S36/37 Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves

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The chemical composition of the product is essentially oxides of various elements, the most prevalent being oxides of calcium Ca, silica Si, aluminium Al, iron Fe, titanium Ti, chromium Cr (mostly as insoluble Cr III but it is possible that water soluble Cr IV could be present at concentrations of less than 10 ppm). Trace amounts of oxides of magnesium Mg, potassium K and phosphorus P may also be present. As cement is a blended product, crystalline silica at levels less than 0.1 % may be present.

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients	CAS Number	Proportion
Portland cement	65997-15-1	50-80 %
Gypsum	10101-44-4	< 2 %
Limestone	1317-65-3	< 1 %
Inorganic additives	proprietary	30-50 %
Functional organic additives	proprietary	2-10 %
Mullite	1302-93-8	< 2 %

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Health Effects

Swallowed

Health effects Is mildly abrasive and corrosive and may cause nausea/stomach cramps/constipation. Unlikely under normal conditions of use.

First Aid: Rinse mouth with milk or water. DO NOT give carbonated (fizzy) drinks. DO NOT induce vomiting. After rinsing the mouth, give plenty of water to drink. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

Eyes

Health effects Irritating and corrosive to the eyes. May cause chemical conjunctivitis, redness, watering and damage to the cornea.

First Aid: Flush eyes with tepid running water for at least 15 minutes, removing any foreign bodies. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.

Skin Health effects: Irritating and drying to skin – can result in irritant dermatitis from mechanical abrasion. Wet mortar is irritating and corrosive to skin and may cause skin sensitization (dermatitis). There may be a trace of hexavalent chromium present in Portland cement which may cause allergic dermatitis in some individuals.

First Aid Wash with tepid soapy water; shower if necessary.

Inhaled

Health effects: Irritating to the nose, throat and respiratory tract causing coughing and sneezing. Repeated inhalation of the dust may cause bronchitis.

First Aid: Remove to fresh air. Keep at rest. Seek medical advice if symptoms persist.

4.2 Chronic Health Effects

Inhalation of high levels of fly ash may result in severe inflammation of the small airways of the lung and asthma-like symptoms. Repeated inhalation of dust may cause bronchitis. It may also increase the risk of scleroderma (a disease affecting the connective tissue of the skin, joints, blood vessels and internal organs).

Advice to Doctor

Treat symptomatically.

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Aggravated Medical Conditions Caused by Exposure

Studies have shown that smoking increases the risk of bronchitis. It is recommended that all storage and work areas should be smoke free zones.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Hazchem Code	None allocated
Flammability	Not flammable
Extinguishing media	None required
Hazards from combustion products	None – does not decompose on heating
Special Protective Precautions & Equipment for Fire Fighters	None

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Emergency Procedures

Avoid generating and breathing dust. If dust is generated, wear a class P1 or P2 particulate respirator (AS/NZS 1715, 1716).

Containment Procedures

A fine water spray should be used to suppress dust when sweeping.

Clean-up Procedures

Work areas should be cleaned regularly by wet sweeping or vacuuming. If dust generation cannot be avoided, follow PERSONAL PROTECTION recommendations.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

Uni-Rock White is packed in 15 litre pails. It is recommended that all manual handling of products greater than 15 kg be undertaken by load shifting equipment. Manual handling of this product is not recommended as this may result in personal injury. If no mechanical aids are available, you must not lift this product unless you share the load with 2 or more persons for weights up to 20 kilograms and 3 or more persons up to 40 kilograms. For weights greater than 40 kilograms, mechanical aids for load shifting must be used. Prior to manual handling, it is recommended that a manual handling risk assessment be undertaken.

Use local mechanical ventilation or extraction in areas where dust could escape into the work environment.

Personal safety requirements are outlined in Section 6, Exposure Control / Personal Protection.

Conditions for Safe Storage

Uni-Rock White should be stored in a dry place, in their original unopened pails where a shelf life of 6 months ought to be expected.

Incompatibilities None

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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Exposure Limits

Uni-Rock White is supplied as a blended dry powder. Prior to application, the powder is mixed with water and mixed to a consistent slurry and is then trowel or spray applied onto masonry surfaces such as brick walls. As Uni-Rock White contains Portland cement as a major component it is classed as a Hazardous, Non-Dangerous product.

When wet, Uni-Rock White, particularly in slurry form, can dry the skin and cause alkali burns. Continued exposure to individuals who are allergic to chromium, could cause severe allergic dermatitis.

8.2 Engineering Controls

Avoid generating dust. All work with Uni-Rock White should be carried out in such a way as to minimize exposure to dust and repeated skin contact. Where dust could be generated whilst handling the product, use local mechanical ventilation or extraction in areas where dust could escape into the work environment.

Work areas should be cleaned regularly by wet sweeping or vacuuming. If generating dust cannot be avoided, see personal protection recommendations below.

8.3 Ventilation

Where practical, the workplace should be well ventilated with suitable means of dust collection/suppression equipment so as to maintain acceptable airborne dust levels. Persons with a history of respiratory illness or reduced pulmonary function should avoid work places with high dust levels.

8.4 Personal Protection

Skin

Wear loose comfortable protective clothing and impervious boots. Apply barrier creams to hands or wear cotton or light duty leather gloves (AS/NZS 2161). Wash thoroughly after handling. Wash clothes regularly and keep separate from other clothes.

Eyes

Safety spectacles with side shields or safety goggles (dust resistant AS/NZS 1336) should be worn if dust is likely to be generated.

Respiratory

None required if engineering controls are adequate. If dust is generated, wear a class P1 or P2 particulate respirator (AS/NZS 1715). Use only respirators which bear the Australian Standards mark and are fitted correctly. Note that persons with facial hair will have difficulty in obtaining a satisfactory face seal. For alternatives, see AS/NZS 1715: Selection and maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Blended powder – white in shade
Odour	None
pH	alkaline slurry formed with water

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Density	approx. 2.5 - 3.0 g/cm ³
Boiling point	not applicable
Freezing/Melting point	> 1400 °C
Vapour density	not applicable
Vapour pressure	not applicable
Solubility	Essentially insoluble. However, some components are slightly soluble in water forming an alkaline (caustic) product
Flash point	not applicable
Ignition temperature	not applicable
Additional Information	Respirable Fraction: approximately 5-10 % of particles are below 7 microns in diameter (in the respirable range)

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Chemically stable
Conditions to avoid	None
Incompatible Materials	None
Hazardous Decomposition Products	None
Hazardous Reactions	Avoid reaction with hydrogen fluoride (hydrofluoric acid) and other fluorine containing compounds

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Health effects from the likely routes of exposure	Refer Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES
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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity	No information available. Product may be eco-damaging as it can form an alkaline slurry with water.
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Persistence & Degradability Product would be persistent and have a low degradability.

Mobility No information available. A low mobility would be expected in a landfill setting.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods & Containers Follow safety requirements indicated in Section 6. Collect in containers and dispose as trade waste in accordance with local authority guidelines.

Special considerations for landfill or incineration Avoid generating dust during disposal..

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Number None allocated
UN Proper shipping Name None allocated
Class & Subsidiary Risk Not applicable
Packaging Group None allocated
Special Precautions for Use Avoid generating and breathing dust
Hazchem Code None allocated

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Australian Legislation Hazardous according to criteria of NOHSC..

Poison schedule Not listed

Registration
Australia (AICS) Listed/registered
New Zealand (ERMA) Listed/registered

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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