Safety Data Sheet Aggregate Industries H&S dept Hulland Ward, Ashbourne, **Issue Date: January 2008 Derbyshire DE6 3ET** 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON **INGREDIENTS** Pre-cast concrete products are manufactured from a mix **Pre-cast concrete products** of raw materials, including: Sand and gravel aggregates Pulverised fuel ash (PFA) **Product description** Cement Limestone dust A range of plain and coloured concrete products, Crushed rock including kerbs, slabs, edgings, channels, drainage **Inert pigments** units, paving blocks, lintels, walling products, roofing slates, architectural dressings, concrete blocks, and 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES **General** There is a potential for respirable dust, including an element of respirable crystalline silica (quartz), to be Unlikely to be hazardous if handled correctly. released if the product is drilled, cut, sawn, crushed or accidentally broken up. This could pose a health **Inhalation** hazard if inhaled over a prolonged period of time. Remove to a dust free area and seek medical attention if breathing difficulties are experienced. Concrete products and dust particles can also cause abrasion or irritation to skin and eyes <u>Skin</u> The weight of the product could pose a health hazard Wash with soap and water. If prolonged contact causes if inappropriate manual handling techniques are irritation seek medical attention. employed. **Eyes** For further guidance see HSE Publications EH44 Dust: General Principles of Protection, Getting to Grips with Irrigate with plenty of water and seek medical attention if Manual Handling: a Short Guide and Information Sheet soreness continues. Number 26 (Revision 2) - Cement. Ingestion Give water to drink and seek medical advice. 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES No fire or explosive hazard. **Personal precautions** Wear a dust mask or respirator. **Environmental measures** No precautions required. Method of cleaning If possible, avoid dry sweeping, which generates dust. Vacuum dust where practical.

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7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Handling

The product should be handled in a manner that will minimise the generation of airborne dust.

Manual handling of the product should be avoided so far as is reasonably practical. Where this is not possible, an assessment should be made, taking into account the load, environment, task, and individual capability and training. Always employ good lifting techniques.

Storage

No restrictions.

Workplace Exposure limits

- Total Inhalable Nuisance Dust: 10.0 mg/m³ (WEL)
- Total Respirable Nuisance Dust: 4.0 mg/m³ (WEL)
- Respirable Crystalline Silica: 0.1 mg/m³ (WEL)

All are given as maximum concentrations and expressed as an 8 Hour Time Weighted Average (8 Hr TWA).

Prevention measures

Use dust extraction and containment where possible.

Respiratory protection

Dust masks or respirators should be worn during handling and use of the product to accord with the relevant WEL listed above, particularly during drilling, cutting and sawing activities.

Protection of skin and eyes

Gloves or barrier cream, overalls and goggles should be worn during handling and use of the product.

9.PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Pre-cast concrete products in a range of colours, sizes and finishes.

Other chemical properties

Not applicable

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION Natural aggregates contain a wide range of particle types and the behaviour, deposition, fate of and response to any particular particle after entry into the human respiratory system depends on their nature and size. Respirable dust approximates to the fraction that penetrates to the gas exchange region of the lung and is associated with health effects.

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12.ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION	13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS
No environmental hazard	Handling of any residues/waste products As an inert material, an approved solid waste disposal or landfill site may be used. Do not burn shrink wrap or other packaging material.
14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION	15. REGULATORY INFORMATION
Special carriage precautions Not applicable	Not classified The following risk and safety phrases are, however, recommended: R48/20 Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation S22 Do not breathe dust
16. OTHER INFORMATION	
Training advice Wear and use PPE Employ good manual handling techniques Recommended uses Industrial, domestic and public works Further information sources	LEGAL NOTICE The information contained in this Safety Data Sheet was considered the best available at the date of issue. However, no warranty is made or implied that the information is accurate or complete. It is the user's obligation to evaluate and use this product safely and to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
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Sources of key data used to compile data sheet EH40 2005 Workplace Exposure Limits (supplementary amendment 01 October 2006) PPE Regulations 1992 Manual Handling Regulations 1992 (as amended) COSHH Regulations 2002 (as amended) COSHH (Amendment) Regulations 2004	