

# Safety Data Sheet

## Australian Builders GB

### Section 1: Material and Supplier Information

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| <b>Product Name:</b>    | Australian Builders GB Cement   |
| <b>Applicable In:</b>   | Australia   |
| <b>Other Names:</b>     | GB Cement, General Blended Cement   |
| <b>Recommended Use:</b> | Australian Builders GB Cement may be used as a binder in structural concrete, concrete masonry, mortar Grouts. It may also be used in the manufacture of fibre cement products, in soil stabilization, civil engineering constructions and mining applications. |
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### Section 2: Hazards Identification

**Statement of** This product is classified as HAZARDOUS according to Safe Work Australia criteria. Not Classified as a dangerous good by the criteria of the ADG code, IMDG or IATA.

#### GHS Classifications

|  |            |
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| Skin Corrosion/ Irritation                                     | Criteria 2 |
| Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation:                             | Criteria 1 |
| Specific Target Organ Systematic Toxicity (Repeated Exposure): | Category 2 |

**SIGNAL WORD** DANGER

#### Pictograms



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**Hazard Statements**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| H315 | Causes skin irritation  |
| H317 | May cause an allergic skin reaction   |
| H318 | Causes serious eye damage   |
| H373 | May cause damage to lungs and respiratory tract through prolonged or repeated exposure. |

**Prevention Statements**

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| P260 | Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray                              |
| P280 | Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection |

**Response Statements**

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|----------------|---|
| P302+P352      | IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  |
| P304+P340      | IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.                                       |
| P305+P351+P338 | IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. |
| P333 + P313    | If skin irritation or rash occurs get medical advice/attention.   |

**Disposible Statements**

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| P501 | Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations. |
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| <b>UN No</b>    | None Allocated | <b>Hazchem Code</b>       | None Allocated | <b>Pkg Group</b> | None Allocated |
| <b>DG Class</b> | None Allocated | <b>Subsidiary Risk(s)</b> | None Allocated | <b>EPG</b>       | None Allocated |

**Section 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients**

| Ingredient                  | Formula                             | Proportion | CAS Number |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Slag                        | Not available                       | 45-50%     | 65996-69-2 |
| Portland cement             | Not available                       | 45-50%     | 65997-15-1 |
| Gypsum                      | CaSO <sub>4</sub> 2H <sub>2</sub> O | 3-8%       | 10101-41-4 |
| Crystalline Silica (Quartz) | SiO <sub>2</sub>                    | <1%        | 14808-60-7 |



## Section 4: First Aid Measures

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| <b>Eye:</b>              | If wet cement is splashed in to the eyes flush thoroughly with flowing water until advised to stop by a poisons Information Centre, a doctor for at least 15 minutes.                     |
| <b>Inhalation:</b>       | Remove from dusty area to fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.   |
| <b>Skin:</b>             | Remove heavily contaminated clothing immediately. Wash off skin thoroughly with water. A shower may be required. Seek medical attention for persistent irritation or burning of the skin. |
| <b>Ingestion:</b>        | Rinse mouth and lips with water. Do not induce vomiting. Give water to drink to dilute stomach contents. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.                                     |
| <b>Advice to Doctor:</b> | Treat symptomatically.  |

**First Aid Facilities** Eye wash station.

## Additional Information Aggravated Medical Conditions

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| <b>Inhalation</b> | Over exposure resulting from prolonged and repeated inhalation of dust containing crystalline silica can cause bronchitis, silicosis (scarring of the lung). It may also increase the risk of scleroderma (a disease affecting the connective tissue of the skin. Joints, blood vessels and internal organs) and lung cancer. Epidemiological studies have shown that smoking increases the risk of bronchitis, silicosis (scarring of the lung) and lung cancer in persons exposed to crystalline silica. |
| <b>Skin</b>       | Prolonged and repeated skin contact with cement in wet concrete, mortars and slurries may result in irritant dermatitis or alkaline burns.   |
| <b>Eye</b>        | Irritating to the eye. If wet cement is splashed in to the eye, alkaline burns can cause permanent damage.   |

## Section 5: Fire Fighting

**Flammability:** Not flammable. Does not support combustion of other materials.

**Fire and Explosion:** No fire or explosion hazard exists.

**Extinguishing:** Non-flammable; use suitable extinguishing agent for surrounding fire

**Hazchem Code:** None Allocated

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Spillage:** If spillage (bulk), contact emergency services if appropriate. Wear dust proof goggles, PVC/rubber gloves, a Class P2 respirator (where an inhalation risk exists), coveralls and rubber



boots. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Prevent spill entering drains or waterways. Collect and place in sealable containers for disposal or reuse. Avoid generating dust.

**Emergency Procedures** Follow safety requirements for personal protection under Section 8 Exposure Controls/Personal Protection.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

**Storage:** Store off the floor in the original bags in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from excessive moisture and heat. Ensure packages are adequately labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use.

**Property/Environmental** Refer to Section 13.

## Section 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

**Ventilation** Do not inhale dust/powder. Use with adequate ventilation. Where a dust inhalation hazard exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Maintain dust levels below the recommended exposure standard.

**Exposure Standards**

Slag (65996-69-2)  
ES-TWA: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Respirable Dust)

Gypsum (10101-41-4)  
ES-TWA: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Respirable Dust)

Portland Cement (65997-15-1)  
ES-TWA: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Respirable Dust)

Crystalline Silica (Quartz) (14808-60-7)  
ES-TWA: 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Respirable Dust)

**PPE** Wear dust-proof goggles/safety glasses and rubber or PVC gloves. Where an inhalation risk exists, wear a clear P2 respirator. If there is potential for prolonged and/or excessive skin contact, wear long sleeve shirts and full-length trousers or similar clothing like overalls. At high dust levels, wear a Class P3 respirator or a Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) with class P3 filter. Check the site's specific risk assessment.



## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

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| <b>Appearance</b>       | Fine light grey powder                             | <b>Solubility (water)</b>       | Slight, hardens when mixing with water. |
| <b>Odor</b>             | Odorless   | <b>Specific Gravity</b>         | 2.9 to 3.2                              |
| <b>pH (in water)</b>    | 11-13  | <b>% Volatiles</b>              | Not Available                           |
| <b>Vapor Pressure</b>   | Not Available                                      | <b>Flammability</b>             | Non-Flammable                           |
| <b>Vapor Density</b>    | Not Available                                      | <b>Flash Point</b>              | Not Relevant                            |
| <b>Boiling Point</b>    | Not Available                                      | <b>Upper Explosion Limit</b>    | Not Relevant                            |
| <b>Melting Point</b>    | > 1200°C   | <b>Lower Explosion Limit</b>    | Not Relevant                            |
| <b>Evaporation Rate</b> | Not Available                                      | <b>Autoignition Temperature</b> | Not Available                           |
| <b>Bulk Density</b>     | 1100-1550 kg/m <sup>3</sup>                        |                                 |   |
| <b>Particle Size</b>    | 20 – 40% of particles are <7 µm (Respirable Range) |                                 |   |

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

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| <b>Chemical Stability:</b>     | Chemically Stable  |
| <b>Conditions to Avoid:</b>    | Keep free of moisture  |
| <b>Incompatible Materials</b>  | Incompatible with acids, ammonium salts and aluminum metal. Slag dissolves in hydrofluoric acid, producing corrosive silicon tetrafluoride gas. Water contact may increase the temperature of the product (2-3°C). Water reacts with slag and form silicate and calcium hydroxide. |
| <b>Decomposition Products:</b> | Hydrogen sulfide may be released from moist slag when heated. Unlikely to evolve toxic gases   |
| <b>Hazardous Reactions:</b>    | None   |

## Section 11: Toxicological Information

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| <b>Acute Toxicity</b> | No known toxicity data for this product.  |
| <b>Eyes</b>           | Irritant upon contact with powder/dust. Over exposure may result in pain, redness, corneal burns and ulceration with possible permanent damage.   |
| <b>Inhalation</b>     | Slightly corrosive. Irritating to the respiratory system, causing coughing and sneezing. Over exposure may result in severe mucous membrane irritation and bronchitis. Crystalline silica can cause silicosis (lung disease) with chronic over exposure, however due to low levels present and product application, adverse health effects are not anticipated. |
| <b>Skin</b>           | Irritating to the skin. Prolonged and repeated contact with powder or wetted form may result in skin rash, dermatitis and sensitisation.  |
| <b>Ingestion</b>      | Slightly corrosive. Ingestion may result in burns to the mouth and throat, with vomiting and abdominal pain. Due to product form, ingestion is not considered   |



a likely exposure route.

#### Mutagenicity

Insufficient data available for this product to classify as a mutagen.

#### Carcinogenicity

General Blend Cement is not classified as a carcinogen by NOHSC. Crystalline silica is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1), however due to low levels present and product application, the criteria for classification is not met.

## Section 12: Ecological Information

#### Toxicity

Product forms an alkaline product when mixed with water. This product is nontoxic to aquatic life forms when present in cured solid form.

#### Persistence and Degradability

Product is persistent and would have a low degradability.

#### Mobility in Soil

A low mobility would be expected in a landfill situation.

## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

#### Waste Disposal

Reuse or recycle where possible. Alternatively, ensure product is covered with moist soil to prevent dust generation and dispose of to an approved landfill site. Contact the manufacturer for additional information.

#### Legislation

Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation. Keep out of sewer stormwater drains.

## Section 14: Transport Information

Not classified as a dangerous good by the criteria of the ADG code.

Transport is by rail or road in bulk or bag form.

Drivers of trucks transporting bagged products should ensure that the bags are properly restrained.

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| <b>Shipping Name</b> | None Allocated |                           |                |                  |                |
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## Section 15: Regulatory Information

#### Poison Schedule AICS

A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP). All chemicals listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Standards (AICS).



## Section 16: Other Information

### Additional Information

**CEMENT CONTACT DERMATITIS:** Individuals using wet cement, mortar, grout or concrete could be at risk of developing cement dermatitis. Symptoms of exposure include itchy, tender, swollen, hot, cracked or blistering skin with the potential for sensitization. The dermatitis is due to the presence of soluble (hexavalent) chromium.

**IARC – GROUP 1 – PROVEN HUMAN CARCINOGEN.** This product contains an ingredient for which there is sufficient evidence to have been classified by the International Agency for Research into Cancer as a human carcinogen. The use of products known to be human carcinogens should be strictly monitored and controlled.

**RESPIRATORS:** In general, the use of respirators should be limited and engineering controls employed to avoid exposure. If respiratory equipment must be worn ensure correct respirator selection and training is undertaken. Remember that some respirators may be extremely uncomfortable when used for long periods. The use of air powered or air supplied respirators should be considered where prolonged or repeated use is necessary.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:** The Recommendation for protective equipment contained within this SDS report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

**HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:** It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare an SDS report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

#### ABBREVIATIONS:

mg/m<sup>3</sup> – Milligrams per cubic metre

ppm – Parts Per Million

ES-TWA – Exposure Standard - Time Weighted Average

CNS – Central Nervous System

NOS – Not Otherwise Specified

pH – relates to hydrogen ion concentration – this value will relate to a scale of 0 – 14, where 0 is highly acidic and 14 is highly alkaline.

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service Number – used to uniquely identify chemical compounds.

IARC – International Agency for Research on Cancer.

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#### Advice Note

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