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FOAMGLAS® W+F and FOAMGLAS® T3+
Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV

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1. General Information

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2. Product

2.1 Product description

FOAMGLAS® is an insulating material made of foamed glass for building construction and industrial installations. It is used to manufacture dimensionally-accurate slabs, boards, pipe shells, segments and other special elements.

FOAMGLAS® slabs and elements are largely manufactured from high-quality recycled glass (e.g. windscreens) and mineral base materials such as sand and without the use of binding agents. They display a closed-cell structure. The product FOAMGLAS® W+F is declared with an apparent density of 100 kg/m³ (± 15

%). The products are supplied in thicknesses of 40 mm to 140 mm, e.g. slabs with high compressive strength. The use of coated or uncoated FOAMGLAS® is application-dependent. The uncoated slab is frequently used for interior insulation, and then coated with various types of plaster.

For roofs, FOAMGLAS® is either coated with hot bitumen before the waterproofing membranes are applied, or special boards are used, for example FOAMGLAS® READY BOARD. This ex-works coating is a thin bitumen coating combined with foil or non-woven fabric.

The products by **Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV** are produced in the Tessengerlo plant (Belgium).

2.2 Application

FOAMGLAS® insulation material is used for the entire building envelope.

- All types of application comply with DIN 4108 or other local application guidelines for roofs, walls, ceilings, perimeters and other special applications.
- Building equipment (air ducts, cold water systems, conduits)
- Technical insulation (insulation of pipes, containers, tanks and equipment)
- Fire protection (fire protection upgrades for walls, connections and pipe ducts)

2.3 Technical Data

Structural data

Name	Value	Unit
Thermal conductivity (DIN EN 13167)	0.038	W/(mK)
Calculation value for thermal conductivity Only valid for Germany (acc. to general building inspection approval)	0.04	W/(mK)
Water vapour diffusion resistance factor (DIN EN ISO 10456)	infinite	-
Water vapor diffusion equivalent air layer thickness	40000	m
Sound absorption coefficient	-	%
Gross density (DIN EN 13501-1)	100	kg/m ³
Compressive strength (DIN EN 826)	400	N/mm ²
Reaction to fire (DIN EN 13501-1)	non-combustible A1	
Melting point (DIN 4102-17)	> 1.000	°C

The specification of the sound absorption coefficient is irrelevant for the product FOAMGLAS®.

2.4 Placing on the market / Application rules

Directive (EU) No. 305/2011 of 9 March 2011 applies for placing the product on the market in the EU/EFTA. The products require a Declaration of Performance

taking account of the harmonised European Standard DIN EN 13167:2013-03 and CE marking.

For use, the respective national regulations apply, in Germany the general building inspection approval of the DIBt for **FOAMGLAS®** insulation materials by **Deutsche FOAMGLAS® GmbH** No. Z-23.15-1403.

2.5 Delivery status

FOAMGLAS® W+F slabs are available in the following dimensions: 600 x 450 mm, 300 x 450 mm.

Board thickness: 40 – 140 mm. Gross density: 100 kg/m³

Other dimensions available on request

2.6 Base materials / Ancillary materials

Average composition of FOAMGLAS® W+F

Description Value Unit

Recycled glass ≥ 60 % by weight

Feldspar ≤ 20 % by weight

Sand ≤ 15 % by weight

Soda (disodium carbonate) ≤ 10 % by weight

Ferric oxide ≤ 5 % by weight

Sodium nitrate ≤ 1 % by weight

Sodium sulphate ≤ 1 % by weight

Carbon ≤ 1 % by weight

FOAMGLAS® consists of naturally occurring mineral base materials. An auxiliary material is used for the process, e.g. aluminium hydroxide (≤1%).

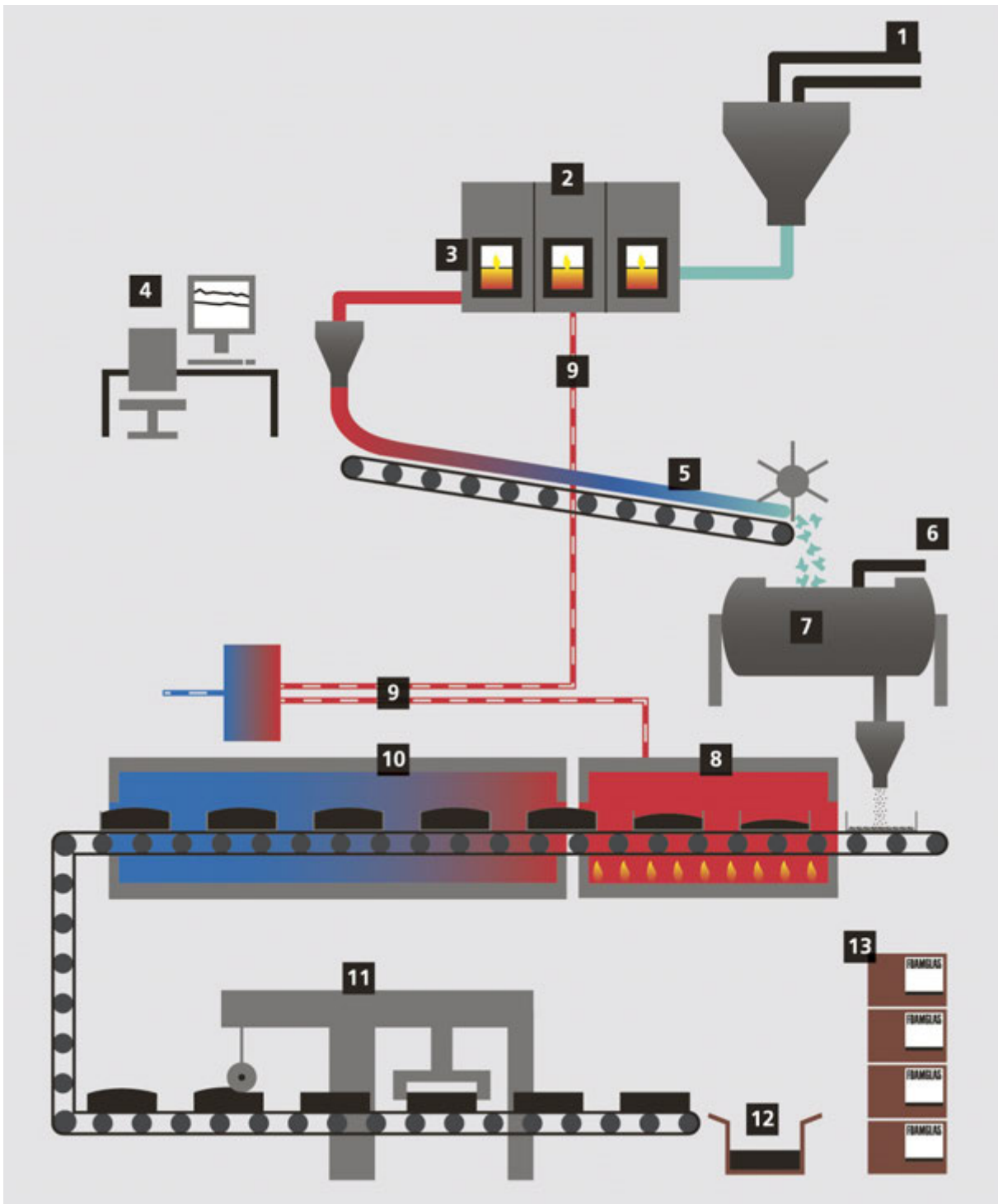
2.7 Manufacture

A first step involves weighing, crushing and mixing the raw materials followed by melting at 1250 °C in the electrode furnace. Using electrical energy for melting guarantees a homogeneous melt.

Once the melt has cooled, the glass is finely ground in ball mills with the aid of corundum cylinders. Some of the recycled glass used can be ground and foamed directly without necessarily being melted first. It is combined with the pretreated powder mixture and poured into foaming moulds made of stainless steel. The mixture then runs through a foaming process at 850 °C followed by a controlled cooling process.

Stressless cooling is followed by cutting and packing.

Production process:



1 Mixing and batching of the raw materials: Recycled glass, feldspar, sodium carbonate, iron oxide, manganese oxide, sodium sulphate, sodium nitrate.
 2 The melting furnace has a constant temperature of 1250°C.
 3 Molten glass is drawn out of the furnace.
 4 Control room for monitoring the production.
 5 The glass is drawn off and falls onto the conveyor band where it cools down before entering the ball mill.
 6 Addition of “carbon black”.
 7 Ball mill grinds all ingredients into a fine powder before putting them into stainless steel moulds.
 8 The filled moulds pass through a cellulating oven (foaming furnace) with a temperature of 850°C. This is where the material gains its unique cell structure.

9 Energy recovery of heat.
 10 The FOAMGLAS® blocks pass through an annealing oven to allow carefully controlled cooling without thermal stress.
 11 The blocks are cut to size and sorted by batch. Production waste is recycled.
 12 FOAMGLAS® slabs are then packaged, labelled and palletized.
 13 Finished FOAMGLAS® products are stored and prepared for transport.

Quality assurance:
 Quality is assured through internal and external monitoring. The product complies with the Declaration of Performance. It also bears the CEN Keymark certificate in accordance with DIN EN 13167 and DIN EN 13172.

Electricity requirements are fully guaranteed by purchasing a certified electricity mix from hydropower plants.

2.8 Environment and health during manufacturing

During the entire manufacturing process, no other health protection measures extending beyond the legally specified industrial protection measures for commercial enterprises. Health and safety management in accordance with BS OHSAS 18001:2007

Environmental protection during manufacturing:
Water/Soil:

Water incurred during manufacturing and plant cleaning is treated mechanically in a waste water treatment system on the plant site and re-used in the production process. Waste water corresponds with the local specifications and the low Al₂O₃ suspended particles contained in the waste water support waste water cleaning.

Noise:

The noise emissions into the environment by production equipment fall short of the permissible limit values.

The requirements concerning quality management, environmental management and energy management are complied with: (DIN EN ISO 9001:2008-12, DIN EN ISO 14001:2009-11, DIN EN ISO 50001:2011-12)

2.9 Product processing/Installation

Recommendations on product processing depend on the respective product and system and are outlined in the respective documentation and data sheets (available at www.foamglas.com).

The product does not contain any concentrations of substances known to be hazardous to health. Dust incurred during sawing is inert and non-crystalline.

Depending on requirements, **FOAMGLAS®** elements are applied dry or using mineral or bituminous adhesives.

The insulating slabs are staggered and butt-joined with or without glue. The professional liability associations' rules apply. When applying the products under review, conventional industrial protection measures must be observed in accordance with information supplied by the manufacturer.

According to the present state of knowledge, hazards for water, air and soil cannot arise if **FOAMGLAS®** is applied as designated.

2.10 Packaging

Re-usable wooden pallets, PE shrink foil and cardboard elements serve as packaging material. Packaging material (PE foil and cardboard) is disposed of on the building site. Thermal utilisation takes place.

2.11 Condition of use

Material composition does not alter during use. **FOAMGLAS®** products can be used practically indefinitely when used as designated. They are impervious to moisture, pests, acids and chemicals.

2.12 Environment and health during use

Ingredients: No particular features regarding the material composition for the period of use. In

accordance with official emission measurements for indoor air,

FOAMGLAS® is an insulating material which does not display VOC (volatile organic compounds) or carcinogenic emissions after 3 and 28 days (see section 7.2) according to the German Committee for the Health-Related Evaluation of Building Products (AgBB scheme). (emissions test as per DIN EN ISO 16000-6/9).

2.13 Reference service life

Material composition does not alter during use.

FOAMGLAS® products can be used practically indefinitely when used as designated. They are impervious to moisture, pests, acids and chemicals.

2.14 Extraordinary effects

Fire

FOAMGLAS® is classified as Euro class A1 in accordance with

DIN EN 13501-1:2010-01 and building material class A1 as per DIN 4102-1:1998-05.

Class A1 building products do not display any hazard potential regarding smoke development, flammability or burning drips.

The melting temperature of **FOAMGLAS®** insulating slabs is above 1000 °C (DIN 4102-17) and the maximum application limit temperature is approx. 430 °C.

Fire protection

Name	Value
Building material class / Euro class	A1
Burning droplets	nein
Smoke gas development	nein

Water

Thanks to its closed-cell structure, exposure to moisture cannot impair the insulating properties of **FOAMGLAS®**. Even when exposed to water over long periods of time (e.g. floods), the insulating material remains intact. In accordance with the general building inspectorate approval (Z-23.5-103), **FOAMGLAS®** remains functional over the long term even when exposed to pressing water at an immersion depth of up to 12 metres. **FOAMGLAS®** does not represent an environmental hazard, even when exposed to water for longer periods of time (please refer to section 7.1 Eluate test).

Mechanical destruction

FOAMGLAS® is extremely resilient in all respects, and there is no risk of mechanical destruction if used as designated. It does not represent any environmental hazards thanks to its mineral composition. See Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for **FOAMGLAS®** and natureplus certificate.

2.15 Re-use phase

When sorted, the declared products can be re-ground and re-used as additives in the manufacture of **FOAMGLAS®** (material recycling). Otherwise sorted products - even those still bearing adhesive - are

suitable for re-use as filling material in civil engineering, road construction or for sound barriers, for example (material recycling).

2.16 Disposal

Where the recycling options referred to above are not practical, foam glass residue incurred on the construction site as well as residue from de-construction can be easily deposited without preliminary treatment in Class I landfills thanks to their non-leaching mineral components. Packaging can be

utilised thermally. The waste code number as per the List of Wastes Ordinance (AVV) for **FOAMGLAS®** (uncontaminated) is 17 06 04. In combination with bituminous waterproofing substances and adhesive, waste code number 17 09 04 is for unsorted waste.

2.17 Further information

Further information on **FOAMGLAS®** insulating materials is available online on the manufacturer's website: www.foamglas.com.

3. LCA: Calculation rules

3.1 Declared Unit

The declaration refers to the life cycle of **1kg FOAMGLAS® W+F and FOAMGLAS® T3+**. The apparent density of the product is 100 kg/m³.

Declared unit

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	kg
Gross density	100	kg/m ³

3.2 System boundary

Type of EPD: cradle to gate

The LCA addresses the life cycle stage of production. The product stage comprises Modules A1 (Raw material supply), A2 (Transport) and A3 (Production). The following individual processes were included in the product stage **A1–A3** of production:

- Processes for providing preliminary products and energy
- Transporting the raw materials and preliminary materials to the plant
- Manufacturing process in the plant including energy-related expenses, disposal of residual materials and emissions
- Production of packaging

The packaging material volumes considered involve annual consumption / annual purchase volumes.

Module A4 takes account of transportation to the construction site. The utilisation of the packaging materials is assigned to Module **A5**. Environmental effects caused by installation losses are not included in the LCA results, since these depend on the construction project and thus vary. To calculate the additional environmental burdens caused by the production and disposal of these installation losses, the LCA results for a specific installation loss can be calculated (e.g. installation loss 3%, multiplication of the LCA results by 1.03). Landfilling with residual materials is assigned to Module **C4**.

Credits based on the thermal utilisation of the residual materials are assigned to Module **D**.

3.3 Estimates and assumptions

In the product system, external cullet or waste glass is used as a neutral preliminary product within the framework of the LCA. This recycled glass is regarded as a waste product and is therefore calculated as input without loads.

According to **Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV**, the average transportation distance was defined as 350 km.

3.4 Cut-off criteria

All data data from the operating data survey were taken into consideration in the analysis. Processes whose entire contribution towards the final manufacturing result in terms of mass and less than 1% were ignored.

It can be assumed that the processes ignored would each have contributed less than 5 % to the impact categories under review.

Machinery, plants and infrastructure required in the manufacturing process were not considered.

3.5 Background data

"**GaBi 6**" - the software system for comprehensive analysis (GaBi 6) developed by **thinkstep AG** - was used to model the **FOAMGLAS®** life cycle. The data sets contained in the GaBi data base are documented in the online GaBi documentation (GaBi 6 Doku). The basic data in the GaBi data base was applied for energy, transport, preliminary products and auxiliaries. No data records from other data bases were used. The Life Cycle Assessment was drawn up for Belgium as a reference area. This means that apart from the production processes under these marginal conditions, the upstream stages also of relevance for Belgium such as provision of energy carriers were used. **Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV** procures electricity from Norwegian run-of-river power stations, for which the hydropower mix for 2009 was applied.

3.6 Data quality

All of the background data sets of relevance for the LCA were taken from the **GaBi 6 software data base**. The background data used for the LCA was last revised less than 4 years ago.

Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV supplied current primary production data for 2013. These production data were examined for plausibility. According to the manufacturer, there is very good representativity of the declared product.

The corresponding data sets were available in the data base for all preliminary products used. The data quality can be regarded as very good.

3.7 Period under review

The data in this LCA are based on primary data on **FOAMGLAS® W+F** production in 2013 supplied by **Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV**. The volumes of raw materials, energy, auxiliaries and consumables used are considered as average annual values.

3.8 Allocation

The plastic waste incurred is burned in a waste incineration plant. It is modelled in an input-specific manner in the model, whereby any emissions incurred

are taken consideration of in the model (Module A3). In line with its elementary composition and ensuing calorific values, thermal utilisation used as input is calculated in Module A3.

The energy resulting from the utilisation of plastic waste in Module A5 is credited in Module D.

First the weight of input consumed and output generated is recorded in the plant. These production data are then offset against the sales figures of the individual products by multiplying the cubic metres sold

by the density of the product. Accordingly, allocation by weight was used.

3.9 Comparability

Basically, a comparison or an evaluation of EPD data is only possible if all the data sets to be compared were created according to /EN 15804/ and the building context, respectively the product-specific characteristics of performance, are taken into account.

4. LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

Transport to construction site (A4)

Name	Value	Unit
Litres of fuel	1.1	l/100km
Transport distance	350	km
Capacity utilisation (including empty runs)	85	%

Construction installation process (A5)

Name	Value	Unit
Output substances following waste treatment on site (Papier)	0.007	kg
Output-Stoffe als Folge der Abfallbehandlung auf der Baustelle (Plastic)	0,0087	kg

End of Life (C1 - C4)

Name	Value	Unit
Collected separately (cellular glass)	1	kg
Landfilling (cellular glass)	1	kg

Re-use, recovery and recycling potential (D), relevant scenario information

Name	Value	Unit
Thermal utilisation of plastic from the packaging	0,0087	kg

5. LCA: Results

The environmental impacts of the coated product "FOAMGLAS® W+F and FOAMGLAS® T3+" are to be assessed with the help of a plus- factor in the amount of 13%. This plus-factor was calculated on the basis of the GWP and PENRT. This can therefore be relatively safely used for GWP and PENRT. There may be greater uncertainty with the other indicators. Environmental effects caused by installation losses are not included in the LCA results, since these depend on the construction project and thus vary. To calculate the additional environmental burdens caused by the production and disposal of these installation losses, the LCA results for a specific installation loss can be calculated (e.g. installation loss 3%, multiplication of the LCA results by 1.03).

DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY (X = INCLUDED IN LCA; MND = MODULE NOT DECLARED)

PRODUCT STAGE			CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE		USE STAGE								END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARIES
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from the gate to the site	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery-Recycling-potential	
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
X	X	X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	X	X	

RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: 1 kg FOAMGLAS® W+F bzw. FOAMGLAS® T3+

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C4	D
Global warming potential	[kg CO ₂ -Eq.]	1.26E+0	1.69E-2	2.20E-2	1.35E-2	-9.71E-3
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer	[kg CFC11-Eq.]	2.52E-11	8.09E-14	2.65E-14	1.84E-13	-1.13E-11
Acidification potential of land and water	[kg SO ₂ -Eq.]	2.89E-3	7.74E-5	5.39E-6	8.62E-5	-1.12E-5
Eutrophication potential	[kg (PO ₄) ³ -Eq.]	3.48E-4	1.77E-5	4.30E-7	1.18E-5	-1.59E-6
Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants	[kg ethene-Eq.]	2.22E-4	-2.50E-5	2.93E-7	8.09E-6	-1.55E-6
Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources	[kg Sb-Eq.]	6.78E-6	6.37E-10	3.16E-9	5.10E-9	-6.95E-10
Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources	[MJ]	1.93E+1	2.33E-1	1.02E-2	1.78E-1	-1.58E-1

RESULTS OF THE LCA - RESOURCE USE: 1 kg FOAMGLAS® W+F bzw. FOAMGLAS® T3+

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C4	D
Renewable primary energy as energy carrier	[MJ]	8.66E+0	9.19E-3	1.06E-3	1.54E-2	-9.49E-3
Renewable primary energy resources as material utilization	[MJ]	0.00E+0	-	-	-	-
Total use of renewable primary energy resources	[MJ]	8.66E+0	9.19E-3	1.06E-3	1.54E-2	-9.49E-3
Non-renewable primary energy as energy carrier	[MJ]	1.98E+1	2.34E-1	1.16E-2	1.86E-1	-2.19E-1
Non-renewable primary energy as material utilization	[MJ]	0.00E+0	-	-	-	-
Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources	[MJ]	1.98E+1	2.34E-1	1.16E-2	1.86E-1	-2.19E-1
Use of secondary material	[kg]	4.70E-1	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
Use of renewable secondary fuels	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
Use of net fresh water	[m³]	1.46E-2	6.49E-6	5.39E-5	-7.11E-4	-2.40E-5

RESULTS OF THE LCA – OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE CATEGORIES:

1 kg FOAMGLAS® W+F bzw. FOAMGLAS® T3+

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C4	D
Hazardous waste disposed	[kg]	4.76E-4	5.33E-7	1.46E-6	8.36E-6	-1.97E-5
Non-hazardous waste disposed	[kg]	4.55E-2	2.94E-5	2.22E-3	1.00E+0	-5.17E-5
Radioactive waste disposed	[kg]	2.06E-4	3.06E-7	5.62E-7	3.25E-6	-2.40E-5
Components for re-use	[kg]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	-
Materials for recycling	[kg]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	-
Materials for energy recovery	[kg]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	8.70E-3	0.00E+0	-
Exported electrical energy	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	-4.24E-2
Exported thermal energy	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	-1.02E-1

6. LCA: Interpretation

The greatest contribution to the **Global Warming Potential (GWP, 100 years)** is made by the production phase (approx. 96 %) (Module A1-A3). The energy supply accounts for approx. 53 % of this (96 % of this through thermal energy). The manufacture of the preliminary products contributes approx. 33 % to the GWP. Approx. 5 % is attributable to the actual production stage and approx. 4 % to the production of the auxiliaries and packaging. At 99 %, the **Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)** is dominated by the production phase (Module A1-A3).

Of this, 33 % can be attributed to the manufacture of the preliminary products (in particular ferric oxide with 51 %), 12 % to the production of the auxiliary materials (in particular aluminium hydroxide with 99 %), 40 % to the production of the packaging (in particular packaging paper with 73 %), and 19 % to the supply of energy.

The **Acidification Potential (AP)** is characterised 51 % by Module A1 (raw materials) and 42 % by Module A3 (production). In terms of raw materials, sodium carbonate has the greatest influence at approx. 50 %.

During the production of **FOAMGLAS® W+F**, energy consumption accounts for 17 % and the production of auxiliaries makes a contribution of 6 %.

The greatest contribution (62%) to the **Eutrophication Potential (EP)** is made by the provision of raw materials, especially sodium carbonate (approx. 61 %). 29 % of the entire EP is incurred during the production phase, whereby energy supply (98 % through thermal energy) makes a contribution of 21 %.

The **Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential (POCP)** is characterised 43 % by Module A1 (raw materials) and 69 % by Module A3 (production). In terms of raw materials, sodium carbonate has the greatest influence at 68 %. During the production of **FOAMGLAS® W+F**, energy consumption represents the primary influence at 47 % (99 % through thermal energy). Sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide and the group of NMVOC in particular contribute to the POCP. Transport leads to a credit in terms of POCP. due to the fact that nitrogen oxide emissions incurred during transport have a negative characterisation factor in the impact estimate as per CML 2001 – valid as at 2013. With the result that not only the credits are negative for the creation of photo oxidants but also the loads. Despite the apparently paradox results that more transports would lead to an increased number of credits, the model does not contain any errors here. Methods other than the one selected (CML 2010) for estimating the impact of POCP (e.g. ReCiPe) have avoided negative characterisation factors in order to

facilitate interpretation of the results and set the nitrogen monoxide characterisation factor at zero.

The **Abiotic Depletion Potential (ADP elementary)** is largely (96 %) caused by Module A1 (raw materials), Approx. 55 % is attributable to the production of sodium sulphate and 38 % is accounted for by sodium carbonate.

The **Abiotic Depletion Potential (ADPF)** is primarily the result of the upstream chains in Module A3 (66 %). Approx. 60 % of the ADP fossil is caused by the use of energy (99 % through thermal energy). Approx. 32 % is attributable to production of the preliminary products. The **Total primary energy requirements** are divided among non-renewable energy carriers (approx. 70 %) and renewable energy (approx. 30 %).

The **Total use of renewable primary energy sources (PERT)** is largely (93 %) the result of using electrical energy during the production process. This is necessitated by **Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV** procuring electricity from hydropower.

When considering the **Total use of non-renewable primary energy sources (PENRT)**, the upstream chains associated with manufacturing preliminary products and the use of energy account for approx. 34 % and 58 %, respectively. Iron oxide, kaolin and sodium carbonate (each 30 %) are manufactured using non-renewable energy sources. During the actual production stage, 99 % of the energy used is accounted for by natural gas (thermal energy).

7. Requisite evidence

FOAMGLAS® eluate test

Eidgenössische Materialprüfungs- und Forschungsanstalt EMPA
Eluate test report for **FOAMGLAS®** No.123544A

Process: Testing **FOAMGLAS®** pieces in accordance with the TOW directive (Technical Ordinance on Waste). Test report No. 123544

Results:

Where the recycling options referred to above are not practical, **FOAMGLAS®** residue incurred on the construction site as well as residue from de-construction can be easily deposited without preliminary treatment in Class I landfills thanks to their non-leaching mineral components.

FOAMGLAS® emissions test

Process: Testing the product emissions in line with the AgBB/DIBt method (DIN EN ISO 16000-6/9). (Test report by Bremer Umweltinstitut H3989 FM and Laboratoire EXCELL No. 2010-10-050-1.

Results:

In accordance with official emission measurements for indoor air, **FOAMGLAS®** is an insulating material which does not display VOC (volatile organic compounds) or carcinogenic emissions after 3 and 28 days according to the AgBB scheme.

8. References

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