

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### SECTION 1: IDENTITY:

Product Name : BENTONITE  
Common Name : BENTONITE / SWELLING CLAY/  
MONTMORILLONITE / SMECTITE.  
Chemical Name : MAGNESIUM AND ALUMINIUM SILICATE /  
PHYLLOSILICATE  
Manufacturer's Name : PHENIX ENTERPRISE  
Manufacturer's Address : OFFICE NO.13 , PLOT NO.39/40  
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### SECTION 2: HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS:

Cape Bentonite is a natural material that consists of variable proportions of various minerals, including Montmorillonite, quartz and mica. Cape Bentonite products consist primarily of montmorillonite and other minor natural minerals.

**Hazardous Ingredient: Approximate Weight %: CAS no:**

Montmorillonite >90% 1318-93-0

Quartz <10% 14808-60-7

Mica <10% 12001-26-2

### SECTION 3: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION AND CAUTIONS:

Bentonite is of low acute toxicity. Long-term exposure to any respiritable mineral dust could cause slight effects on the respiratory system.

Wet bentonite spillage constitutes a major slipping hazard.

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Primary hazards: This product does not present any primary hazards.

Specific hazards: Respiratory effect: possible slight irritation from dust. May aggravate pre-existing difficult respiratory conditions.

Wet material is very slippery.

Cautions: Inhalation of dust may cause slight irritation

Material is very slippery when wet.

OES (Occupational Exposure Standard) for respiratable Bentonite dust: 5mg/m<sup>3</sup> in an 8 hours time weighted average reference period

HMIS Hazard Classification: Health: 1 (possible chronic health effects)

(See Section 11) Flammable: 0

Reactivity: 0

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#### **SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES:**

**Eye Contact:** Flush with copious amount of fresh water. Eyelids may become sticky. Avoid rubbing eyes. If irritation develops, seek medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Wash with soap and water. Bentonite is a desiccant and may cause dry skin. Repeated contact may also cause slight irritation. If irritation develops, seek medical attention.

**Inhalation:** Move to dust free fresh air. If respiratory distress develops, seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:** No adverse effect expected. Rinse mouth out with water. Seek medical attention if significant quantities have been ingested

#### **SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES:**

Explosion Data: Not explosive.

Extinguishing Media: Product will not burn.

Flammability: Not flammable or combustible.

Flash Point: Not applicable.

Auto Ignition: Not applicable.

#### **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES:**

Collect spillage by vacuum cleaning or other means whereby dust creation is minimised. If dust levels should exceed the occupational exposure standard, then personal protective equipment is required.

**Personal precautions:** Wear dust mask, safety gloves and goggles.

**Environmental precautions:** Do not allow the entering into drains, rivers, or lakes.

**Method of cleaning:** Use a vacuum or any other means minimising dust creation (flushing with water must be avoided by all means).

#### **SECTION: 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE:**

**Handling:** Bentonite is safe to handle. Material is very slippery when wet. Use appropriate controls and ventilation to avoid creating accumulation dust. Avoid inhalation and repeated contacts with eyes or skin.

**Storage:** Store in a dry covered area

#### **SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROL / PERSONAL PROTECTION:**

**Ventilation:** Use exhaust ventilation to keep airborne dust concentration below exposure limits. Additionally, local exhaust ventilation is recommended where dusts may be released.

**Respiratory Protection:** Use appropriate engineering controls to avoid dust oration or accumulation. Ensure all occupational exposure limits are maintained (5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> on TWA 8 hours for alveolar dust, and 10mg/m<sup>3</sup> on TWA 8 hours for total inhalator dust). Wear approved respirator or dust mask in the event of dust creation.

**Skin Protection:** Use gloves to avoid skin irritation.

**Eye Protection:** Eyewash should be available, but eye protection is not required unless physical working conditions demand it.

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## **SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:**

Physical State: Solid

Odour and

Appearance:

Light colour (grey, pink, yellow, green brown)  
granules or

Powder. Odourless

pH: 8.1 to 10.5

Specific gravity 2.5 g/cc

Bulk density 1.18 g/cc

% Soluble in water: Nil

Melting Point 1200°C

Boiling Point: Not applicable

Freezing Point: Not applicable

Vapour pressure: Not applicable

Vapour density: Not applicable

Flash Point: Not applicable / non-flammable product.

## **SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY:**

Chemically stability: Stable.

Compatibility with other substances: Compatible with all substances.

Hazardous decomposition / By product: No hazardous decomposition or by products expected.

Conditions to avoid: None

## **SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:**

Bentonite has no determined acute toxic affects. Long-term exposure to moderate or high concentrations of Bentonite dust may affect nose and respiratory tract and chest health. No toxicological effects are expected if respiratable dust concentrations are maintained below the occupational exposure standards.

Repeated contact with skin may cause dry skin and irritations. Repeated eye contact may generate irritations. No toxicological effects are expected if personal protective equipment is worn.

No adverse effects are expected when ingested.

### **Acute Health Hazards:**

Eye contact may cause mechanical irritations if exposed to excessive amount of Bentonite.

Skin contact may aggravate existing dermatitis.

Inhalation from prolonged and continuous exposure may aggravate existing asthmatic or respiratory conditions.

### **Chronic Health Hazards:**

Prolonged inhalation of excessive levels of Bentonite dust may cause a simple pneumoconiosis condition, not normally associated with a decrement in lung function.

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In cases of long-term exposure to externally high levels of dust, complicated pneumoconiosis with lung function impairment may occur.

Carcinogenicity: none known

Mutagenicity: none known

Ieratogenicity: none known

Reproductive effect: none known

Cape Bentonite contains less than 10% crystalline silica according to testing, with a typical value around 5%. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified crystalline silica as a possible carcinogen, which means there is limited evidence for human carcinogenicity of crystalline silica.

Cape Bentonite does not contain dioxin and can be used in animal feed.

## **SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Environmental Statement:** Bentonite has a low impact on environment. Bentonite is persistent and non-biodegradable but it is unlikely to have any long-term adverse effect on the environment.

**Mobility:** Solid, non volatile, insoluble in water

**Degradability:** Non-biodegradable. Persistent.

**Accumulation:** No bioaccumulation or bio-magnification identified.

**Ecotoxicity:** Non-toxic to aquatic living organisms and animals.

Non-toxic to aquatic plants

Non-toxic to soil organism.

Non-toxic to aerobic and anaerobic plants

Non-toxic to aerobic and anaerobic living organisms and animals.

## **SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Bentonite and waste from residue can be disposed as non-toxic and inactive materials in approved landfill sites in accordance with local regulations.

Contaminated packaging can be disposed in approved landfill sites in accordance with local regulations.

## **SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION:**

Bentonite is not classified as dangerous for transportation. Bentonite may be transported in accordance with the standard local authority regulations.

## **SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION:**

Bentonite is not classified as dangerous for supply under EEC regulations. Bentonite does not require labelling for safety information or risk information.

Bentonite is 5mg/m<sup>3</sup> respirable dust in a TWA 8 hour's reference period.

Refer to all applicable local, national and international regulations and provisions to ensure that all the above are the relevant applicable measures.

## **SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION:**

The information contained in the Material Safety Data Sheet does not constitute and assurance of workplace risks.

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Workers should be trained to handle powder products without generating airborne dust.

The information and recommendation contained above are based on data and measures believed to be correct. However, they do not carry any guarantee or warranty of any kind.

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