

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH EN 15804+A2 & ISO
14025 / ISO 21930

GLASSFIBRE REINFORCED CONCRETE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

MANUFACTURER

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EPD STANDARDS, SCOPE AND VERIFICATION

Program operator	EPD Hub, hub@epdhub.com
Reference standard	EN 15804+A2:2019 and ISO 14025
PCR	EPD Hub Core PCR version 1.0, 1 Feb 2022
Sector	Construction product
Category of EPD	Third party verified EPD
Scope of the EPD	Cradle to gate with options, A4, A5 and modules C1-C4, D
EPD author	AS UPB, Dzintaru street 17, Liepaja, Latvia
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EPD verifier	Haiha Nguyen, as an authorized verifier acting for EPD Hub Limited

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PRODUCT

Product name	glass fibre reinforced concrete
Additional labels	-
Product reference	-
Place of production	Latvia, Liepaja
Period for data	Calendar year 2022
Averaging in EPD	No averaging
Variation in GWP-fossil for A1-A3	-

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SUMMARY

Declared unit	1 ton
Declared unit mass	1000 kg
GWP-fossil, A1-A3 (kgCO ₂ e)	3,94E+02
GWP-total, A1-A3 (kgCO ₂ e)	3,94E+02
Secondary material, inputs (%)	3.21
Secondary material, outputs (%)	76.8
Total energy use, A1-A3 (kWh)	1190.0
Total water use, A1-A3 (m ³ e)	2,33E+00

PRODUCT AND MANUFACTURER

ABOUT THE MANUFACTURER

Prefabricated concrete production units of MB Betons group are based in Liepaja and Daugavpils. MB Betons group offers a full nomenclature of precast concrete and concrete in compliance with all European standards for the construction of buildings and infrastructure. MB Betons group is characterized by quality, flexibility and experience, as well as a high level of service and wide range of products. Advantages of prefabricated concrete include high strength, fire resistance, low costs and longevity and significantly reduced health and safety risks at the construction site. Furthermore, precast concrete can be easily used for the production of products of various shapes and configurations.

Quality and Environment Management system of the company is certified according to the requirements of the international standards ISO 9001 and ISO 14001. HSE processes are managed according to the requirements of the international standard ISO 45001.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Precast glass fibre reinforced concrete is used for exterior façade panel elements, concrete cladding, for building construction. The increased building speed and minimised health and safety risks at the building site are just a few of the benefits of using precast concrete products when compared to in-situ construction methods

For glass fibre reinforced concrete products, the modulus of rupture is at least 18 MPa, but higher modulus can be achieved if required. The concrete is reinforced by using glass fibres with a typical fibre length from 25 to 31 mm. For specific project it is possible to tailor the fibre properties as required.

Product is produced in accordance with EN 206, EN 13369, EN 1169 standards. The quality of the products is ensured by taking regular quality control measures including, but not limited to the testing of raw materials,

inspection of the manufacturing equipment and thorough inspection of the final product.

Physical properties of the product are dependent on the exact project structural and architectural requirements. The product is available in various shapes and sizes.

PRODUCT RAW MATERIAL MAIN COMPOSITION

Raw material category	Amount, mass- %	Material origin
Metals	-	-
Minerals	100	Europe
Fossil materials	-	-
Bio-based materials	-	-

BIOGENIC CARBON CONTENT

Product's biogenic carbon content at the factory gate

Biogenic carbon content in product, kg C 0

Biogenic carbon content in packaging, kg C 0

FUNCTIONAL UNIT AND SERVICE LIFE

Declared unit 1 ton

Mass per declared unit 1000 kg

Functional unit -

Reference service life -

SUBSTANCES, REACH - VERY HIGH CONCERN

The product does not contain any REACH SVHC substances in amounts greater than 0,1 % (1000 ppm).

PRODUCT LIFE-CYCLE

SYSTEM BOUNDARY

This EPD covers the life-cycle modules listed in the following table.

Product stage			Assembly stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Beyond the system boundaries		
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	x	x	x	x	x		
Raw materials	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstr./demol.	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse	Recovery	Recycling

Modules not declared = MND. Modules not relevant = MNR.

MANUFACTURING AND PACKAGING (A1-A3)

The environmental impacts considered for the product stage cover the manufacturing of raw materials used in the production and other ancillary materials. Also, fuels used by machines, and handling of waste formed in the production processes at the manufacturing facilities are included in this stage. The study also considers the material losses occurring during the manufacturing processes as well as losses during electricity transmission.

GRC panel production starts by manufacturing the required moulds. This includes sawing as well as assembly and painting of the formwork. Concrete mixture with added glass fibres is then sprayed on the surface of the formwork. Glass fibres are cut and added to the concrete during the spraying process. The concrete is then covered and cured. After curing the element is demoulded and any post-treatment is then done. After post-treatment element is stored and eventually shipped to the construction site.

All materials are already optimized at the initial stage. In case of waste generation, GRC waste or other offcuts from factory are diverted to crushing operations and can be recyclable.

TRANSPORT AND INSTALLATION (A4-A5)

Transportation impacts occurred from final products delivery to construction sites (A4) cover fuel direct exhaust emissions, environmental impacts of fuel production, as well as related infrastructure emissions.

Transportation from the manufacturing plants to the building site has been calculated using a most likely scenario for the export of the declared unit to Sweden by a lorry and by a ferry. The average distance of transportation from production plant to construction site is assumed as 270 km by ferry and 180 km by lorry. Scenario (A5) is modelled as installation of a typical concrete product in a building. Fossil fuel for building machinery are included.

PRODUCT USE AND MAINTENANCE (B1-B7)

This EPD does not cover the use phase.

Air, soil, and water impacts during the use phase have not been studied.

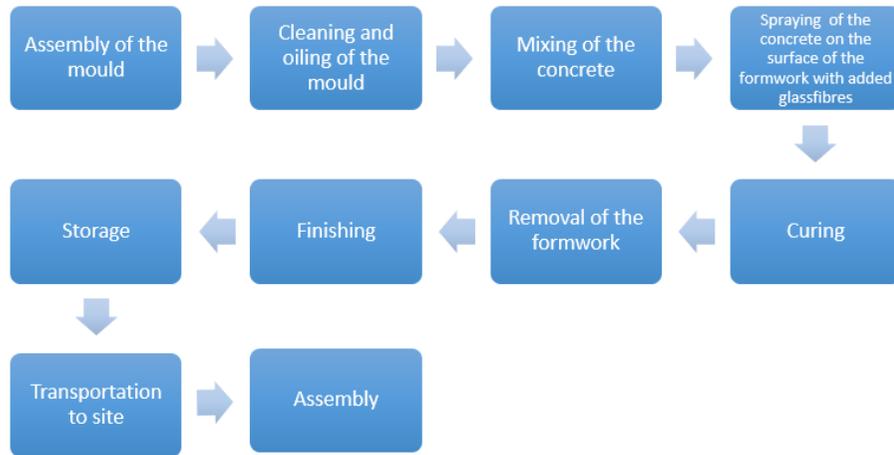
PRODUCT END OF LIFE (C1-C4, D)

At the end-of-life, in the demolition phase 100% of the waste is assumed to be collected as separate construction waste. The demolition process consumes energy in the form of diesel fuel used by building machines (C1). The dismantled concrete elements are delivered to the nearest construction waste treatment plant (C2). At the waste treatment plant waste that can be reused, recycled or recovered for energy is separated and diverted for further use (C3). Unusable materials are disposed of in a landfill (C4). Due to the recycling potential of reinforcement steel and

concrete, they can be used as secondary raw material. 80 % concrete are recycled, this avoids the use of virgin raw materials (Betoniteollisuus ry,2020). 100% of glass fibre waste is recycled (Zainab Z.Ismail Enas A.AL-Hashmi (2009). Unusable materials are disposed in a landfill (C4). It is

assumed that 1% of concrete is disposed in a landfill. Due to the recycling potential of reinforcement steel and concrete, they can be used as secondary raw materials. This avoids the use of the virgin raw materials (D).

MANUFACTURING PROCESS



LIFE-CYCLE ASSESSMENT

CUT-OFF CRITERIA

The study does not exclude any modules or processes which are stated mandatory in the reference standard and the applied PCR. The study does not exclude any hazardous materials or substances. The study includes all major raw material and energy consumption. All inputs and outputs of the unit processes, for which data is available for, are included in the calculation. There is no neglected unit process more than 1% of total mass or energy flows. The module specific total neglected input and output flows also do not exceed 5% of energy usage or mass.

Packaging does not include any biogenic carbon as product is only packaged using reusable tie down straps.

The production of capital equipment, construction activities, and infrastructure, maintenance and operation of capital equipment, personnel-related activities, energy, and water use related to company management and sales activities are excluded.

Carbonation is not taken into account in the calculations. Carbonation is a natural process occurring when carbon dioxide is emitted during cement production is rebound to the concrete during the use and end of life stages of a building.

The modules B1-B7 have not been calculated nor included in the LCA calculations as that is not mandatory for this LCA report.

ALLOCATION, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

Allocation is required if some material, energy, and waste data cannot be measured separately for the product under investigation. All allocations are done as per the reference standards and the applied PCR. In this study, allocation has been done in the following ways:

Data type	Allocation
Raw materials	No allocation
Packaging materials	Not applicable
Ancillary materials	Allocated by mass or volume
Manufacturing energy and waste	Allocated by mass or volume

AVERAGES AND VARIABILITY

Type of average	No averaging
Averaging method	Not applicable

LCA SOFTWARE AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

This EPD has been created using One Click LCA EPD Generator. The LCA and EPD have been prepared according to the reference standards and ISO 14040/14044. Ecoinvent and One Click LCA databases were used as sources of environmental data.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT DATA

GLASS FIBRE REINFORCED CONCRETE WITH GREY CEMENT

CORE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INDICATORS – EN 15804+A2, PEF

Impact category	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP – total ¹⁾	kg CO ₂ e	3,81E+02	9,75E+00	3,51E+00	3,94E+02	2,01E+01	3,93E+00	MND	3,31E+00	4,35E+00	3,21E+00	1,05E+00	-2,52E+00						
GWP – fossil	kg CO ₂ e	3,81E+02	9,75E+00	3,52E+00	3,94E+02	2,01E+01	3,93E+00	MND	3,31E+00	4,35E+00	3,21E+00	1,05E+00	-2,52E+00						
GWP – biogenic	kg CO ₂ e	1,16E-02	0,00E+00	-1,16E-02	1,30E-18	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00						
GWP – LULUC	kg CO ₂ e	1,70E-01	3,69E-03	2,45E-04	1,74E-01	1,14E-02	4,12E-04	MND	3,30E-04	1,63E-03	3,20E-04	9,94E-04	-1,68E-03						
Ozone depletion pot.	kg CFC ₁₁ e	1,70E-05	2,40E-06	5,22E-07	2,00E-05	4,32E-06	8,44E-07	MND	7,07E-07	1,08E-06	6,87E-07	4,26E-07	-3,53E-07						
Acidification potential	mol H ⁺ e	1,73E+00	3,05E-02	5,71E-03	1,77E+00	4,73E-01	4,03E-02	MND	3,44E-02	1,39E-02	3,34E-02	9,90E-03	-2,29E-02						
EP-freshwater ²⁾	kg Pe	5,29E-03	6,96E-05	1,04E-05	5,37E-03	9,06E-05	1,33E-05	MND	1,10E-05	3,11E-05	1,06E-05	1,10E-05	-4,00E-05						
EP-marine	kg Ne	4,67E-01	6,64E-03	2,28E-03	4,76E-01	1,17E-01	1,78E-02	MND	1,52E-02	3,06E-03	1,48E-02	3,43E-03	-6,67E-03						
EP-terrestrial	mol Ne	5,14E+00	7,37E-02	2,20E-02	5,24E+00	1,31E+00	1,95E-01	MND	1,67E-01	3,39E-02	1,62E-01	3,77E-02	-9,10E-02						
POCP (“smog”) ³⁾	kg NMVOCe	1,33E+00	2,89E-02	6,67E-03	1,36E+00	3,43E-01	5,38E-02	MND	4,59E-02	1,34E-02	4,46E-02	1,10E-02	-2,12E-02						
ADP-minerals & metals ⁴⁾	kg Sbe	2,17E-02	2,57E-05	1,93E-06	2,17E-02	3,26E-05	2,14E-06	MND	1,68E-06	1,06E-05	1,63E-06	2,42E-06	-5,77E-05						
ADP-fossil resources	MJ	2,76E+03	1,54E+02	5,72E+01	2,97E+03	2,74E+02	5,31E+01	MND	4,45E+01	6,95E+01	4,32E+01	2,89E+01	-3,64E+01						
Water use ⁵⁾	m ³ e depr.	2,64E+04	7,12E-01	7,44E-01	2,64E+04	9,43E-01	1,45E-01	MND	1,20E-01	3,21E-01	1,16E-01	9,16E-02	-1,24E+01						

1) GWP = Global Warming Potential; 2) EP = Eutrophication potential. Required characterisation method and data are in kg P-eq. Multiply by 3,07 to get PO4e; 3) POCP = Photochemical ozone formation; 4) ADP = Abiotic depletion potential; 5) EN 15804+A2 disclaimer for Abiotic depletion and Water use and optional indicators except Particulate matter and Ionizing radiation, human health. The results of these environmental impact indicators shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experience with the indicator.

ADDITIONAL (OPTIONAL) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INDICATORS – EN 15804+A2, PEF

Impact category	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Particulate matter	Incidence	1,23E-05	1,08E-06	2,26E-07	1,36E-05	1,15E-06	1,08E-06	MND	9,22E-07	5,05E-07	6,84E-06	1,99E-07	-5,07E-07						
Ionizing radiation ⁶⁾	kBq U235e	2,71E+01	7,96E-01	5,30E-02	2,80E+01	1,31E+00	2,45E-01	MND	2,05E-01	3,58E-01	1,99E-01	1,31E-01	-6,67E-01						
Ecotoxicity (freshwater)	CTUe	2,49E+03	1,28E+02	8,20E+00	2,63E+03	1,91E+02	3,22E+01	MND	2,68E+01	5,78E+01	2,60E+01	1,88E+01	-6,16E+01						
Human toxicity, cancer	CTUh	1,71E-07	3,42E-09	8,20E-10	1,75E-07	9,86E-09	1,22E-09	MND	1,03E-09	1,50E-09	9,96E-10	4,71E-10	-5,40E-09						
Human tox. non-cancer	CTUh	8,88E-06	1,30E-07	8,37E-09	9,01E-06	1,53E-07	2,36E-08	MND	1,94E-08	5,88E-08	1,88E-08	1,23E-08	-5,83E-08						
SQP ⁷⁾	-	7,99E+02	1,69E+02	1,56E+00	9,69E+02	1,40E+02	8,11E+00	MND	5,79E+00	8,09E+01	5,62E+00	6,18E+01	-8,37E+01						

6) EN 15804+A2 disclaimer for Ionizing radiation, human health. This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure nor due to radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, from radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator; 7) SQP = Land use related impacts/soil quality.

USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Impact category	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Renew. PER as energy ⁸⁾	MJ	2,97E+02	2,03E+00	5,47E+01	3,54E+02	2,41E+00	3,12E-01	MND	2,54E-01	9,00E-01	2,47E-01	2,51E-01	-1,25E+01						
Renew. PER as material	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00						
Total use of renew. PER	MJ	2,97E+02	2,03E+00	5,47E+01	3,54E+02	2,41E+00	3,12E-01	MND	2,54E-01	9,00E-01	2,47E-01	2,51E-01	-1,25E+01						
Non-re. PER as energy	MJ	2,72E+03	1,54E+02	5,72E+01	2,93E+03	2,74E+02	5,31E+01	MND	4,45E+01	6,95E+01	4,32E+01	2,89E+01	-3,64E+01						
Non-re. PER as material	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	-8,32E-01	-8,32E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00						
Total use of non-re. PER	MJ	2,72E+03	1,54E+02	5,64E+01	2,93E+03	2,74E+02	5,31E+01	MND	4,45E+01	6,95E+01	4,32E+01	2,89E+01	-3,64E+01						
Secondary materials	kg	3,21E+01	4,48E-02	1,02E-02	3,22E+01	1,00E-01	2,07E-02	MND	1,74E-02	1,96E-02	1,69E-02	6,07E-03	-9,88E-02						
Renew. secondary fuels	MJ	1,69E+02	4,12E-04	1,55E-05	1,69E+02	4,48E-04	6,93E-05	MND	5,70E-05	1,73E-04	5,53E-05	1,59E-04	-7,38E-04						
Non-ren. secondary fuels	MJ	8,22E+02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	8,22E+02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00						
Use of net fresh water	m ³	2,29E+00	2,03E-02	1,77E-02	2,33E+00	2,37E-02	3,31E-03	MND	2,70E-03	9,22E-03	2,63E-03	3,16E-02	-2,89E-01						

8) PER = Primary energy resources.

END OF LIFE – WASTE

Impact category	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Hazardous waste	kg	6,49E+00	1,67E-01	3,89E-02	6,69E+00	3,26E-01	7,08E-02	MND	5,96E-02	7,45E-02	5,79E-02	0,00E+00	-2,81E-01						
Non-hazardous waste	kg	2,47E+02	2,91E+00	3,55E-01	2,50E+02	3,66E+00	5,10E-01	MND	4,19E-01	1,30E+00	4,07E-01	2,00E+02	-1,53E+00						
Radioactive waste	kg	9,94E-03	1,06E-03	5,78E-05	1,11E-02	1,92E-03	3,74E-04	MND	3,13E-04	4,79E-04	3,04E-04	0,00E+00	-2,68E-04						

END OF LIFE – OUTPUT FLOWS

Impact category	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Components for re-use	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,00E+02	1,00E+02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00						
Materials for recycling	kg	4,05E-02	0,00E+00	2,00E+01	2,00E+01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	8,00E+02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00						
Materials for energy rec	kg	1,20E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,20E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00						
Exported energy	MJ	6,48E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	6,48E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00						

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS – EN 15804+A1, CML / ISO 21930

Impact category	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Global Warming Pot.	kg CO ₂ e	3,82E+02	9,66E+00	3,46E+00	3,95E+02	1,99E+01	3,89E+00	MND	3,27E+00	4,31E+00	3,18E+00	1,03E+00	-2,48E+00						
Ozone depletion Pot.	kg CFC ₁₁ e	1,47E-05	1,90E-06	4,54E-07	1,71E-05	3,42E-06	6,68E-07	MND	5,60E-07	8,59E-07	5,44E-07	3,37E-07	-2,87E-07						
Acidification	kg SO ₂ e	1,35E+00	2,48E-02	4,30E-03	1,38E+00	3,78E-01	2,88E-02	MND	2,45E-02	1,12E-02	2,38E-02	7,48E-03	-1,63E-02						
Eutrophication	kg PO ₄ ³ e	4,37E-01	5,27E-03	1,16E-03	4,44E-01	4,42E-02	6,67E-03	MND	5,69E-03	2,38E-03	5,52E-03	1,61E-03	-4,79E-03						
POCP ("smog")	kg C ₂ H ₄ e	5,78E-02	1,17E-03	2,69E-04	5,93E-02	9,93E-03	6,35E-04	MND	5,36E-04	5,24E-04	5,21E-04	3,14E-04	-7,35E-04						
ADP-elements	kg Sbe	2,62E-03	2,50E-05	1,78E-06	2,65E-03	3,19E-05	2,10E-06	MND	1,65E-06	1,04E-05	1,60E-06	2,38E-06	-5,70E-05						
ADP-fossil	MJ	2,76E+03	1,54E+02	5,72E+01	2,97E+03	2,74E+02	5,31E+01	MND	4,45E+01	6,95E+01	4,32E+01	2,89E+01	-3,64E+01						

VERIFICATION STATEMENT

VERIFICATION PROCESS FOR THIS EPD

This EPD has been verified in accordance with ISO 14025 by an independent, third-party verifier by reviewing results, documents and compliancy with reference standard, ISO 14025 and ISO 14040/14044, following the process and checklists of the program operator for:

- This Environmental Product Declaration
- The Life-Cycle Assessment used in this EPD
- The digital background data for this EPD

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I hereby confirm that, following detailed examination, I have not established any relevant deviations by the studied Environmental Product Declaration (EPD), its LCA and project report, in terms of the data collected and used in the LCA calculations, the way the LCA-based calculations have been carried out, the presentation of environmental data in the EPD, and other additional environmental information, as present with respect to the procedural and methodological requirements in ISO 14025:2010 and reference standard.

I confirm that the company-specific data has been examined as regards plausibility and consistency; the declaration owner is responsible for its factual integrity and legal compliance.

I confirm that I have sufficient knowledge and experience of construction products, this specific product category, the construction industry, relevant standards, and the geographical area of the EPD to carry out this verification.

I confirm my independence in my role as verifier; I have not been involved in the execution of the LCA or in the development of the declaration and have no conflicts of interest regarding this verification.

HaiHa Nguyen, as an authorized verifier acting for EPD Hub Limited
24.11.2023

