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General information

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CEN Standard EN 15804 serves as core PCR
NPCR 024:2016 version 1.0 Explosives and Initiation
Systems

Statement of liability:

The owner of the declaration shall be liable for the underlying information and evidence. EPD Norway shall not be liable with respect to manufacturer information, life cycle assessment data and evidences.

Declared unit:

1 kg of manufactured, installed and used (detonated)

Declared unit with option:

A1-3, A4 and A5

Functional unit:

Declared unit is applied instead on functional unit.

Verification:

The CEN Norm EN 15804 serves as the core PCR.
Independent verification of the declaration and data,
according to ISO14025:2010

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Year of study:

LCA was conducted between May 2019 and February 2020. Production data represents year 2018.

Comparability:

EPDs of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with EN 15804 and are not seen in a building context. A comparison of explosives, detonators and initiation systems must be based on scenarios with comparable technical specifications.

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Product

Product description:

Kemix A is an emulsion cartridge suitable for all kinds of blasting applications.

Kemix is produced and packed at Vihtavuori production plant in Finland. Finished explosives are transported by truck to Forcitt's warehouses and further to the site of use.

Product specification:

Energy content of Kemix A: 3.6 MJ/kg

Materials	%
Ammonium nitrate	70-85
Aluminium powder (stabilized)	5
White mineral oil (petroleum)	5-6

Technical data:

1 kg of packed explosive.

EC-type examination certificates:
CE0589 (BAM, Germany), PvTT 006/99

Market:

Nordic Countries (Finland, Sweden, Norway)

Reference service life, product:

Reference service life is not relevant to explosives.
Explosives are used only once.

Package (mass 0,05 kg/kg of Kemix A)	%
Plastic film	15
Aluminium wire	2
Automation stripe	<1
Cardboard box	80
Other components (glue, label etc.)	3

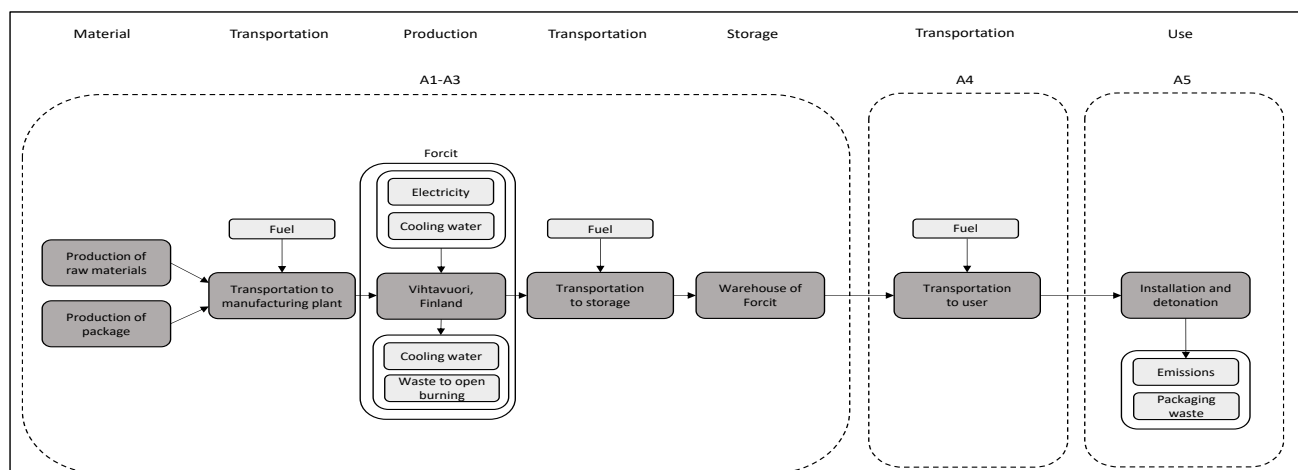
LCA: Calculation rules

Declared unit:

1 kg of manufactured, installed and used (detonated) product.

System boundary:

Flow chart is presented below. The main unit processes of each life cycle stage are presented in the dark grey boxes. The main background processes and detonation emissions are presented in the light grey boxes.



Data quality:

Specific data is used to model A4 transportation, detonation stage and production operations at Vihtavuori production plant. Specific data represent year 2018. Locations of raw material suppliers and A2 transportation of raw materials are partly modelled based on specific data.

Generic data is used to model the production of raw materials, energy etc. (background processes). Generic data is mainly from Gabi Professional database. Ecoinvent database and literature sources are also used to fill data gaps. Characterization factors are based on EN 15804:2012. Ozone depletion potential result is deemed the most uncertain of the assessed environmental impact results due to the usage of secondary data that includes CFCs.

Data used is not older than 10 years.

Cut-off criteria:

All major raw material and energy inputs are included. Production processes of specific raw materials and energy flows that are used in minor quantities (<1% of total mass input or energy use of a unit process) are not included in the assessment. This cut-off rule does not apply for hazardous materials and substances.

Allocation:

Allocation is conducted in accordance with the provisions of EN 15804. Energy and water inputs, and municipal waste generated are allocated equally among all products manufactured at the production plant through mass allocation. Influence of primary production of a recycled material is allocated to the main product for which the material was used. The recycling process and transportation of the material is allocated to this analysis.

LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

The following information describes the scenarios in the different modules of the EPD.

Kemix A is produced at Vihtavuori production plant in Finland where the product components are mixed and the final products packed in plastic cartridges. The cartridges are transported to customers in cardboard boxes via Forcitr's warehouses. Both the storage and final users of Kemix A are mainly located in Finland.

No auxiliary materials or substances are used in the installation (A5-1) stage. The detonation emissions are calculated based on balanced chemical reaction at final stage and in 1 bar.

The key calculating values related to A4, A5-1 and A5-2 stages are presented in tables below.

Transportation from production plant to storage (A2 internal transportation)

Type	Capacity utilization (incl. return) %	Type of vehicle	Distance* km	Fuel consumption	Value
Truck	100 %	EURO 5 truck	250*	l/tkm	0,02

*One-way distance is applied since other cargo are transported on a return trip.

Transport from storage to user (A4)

Type	Capacity utilization (incl. return) %	Type of vehicle	Distance** km	Fuel consumption	Value
Delivery van	50 %	Van	80**	l/tkm	0,013

** Transportation distance is from storage to user, including return trip.

Installation stage of explosive (A5-1)

	Unit	Value
Product	kg	1

No auxiliary materials or substances are needed on installation stage. Kemix A is a ready-to-use product when entering the user site.

Detonation stage of explosive (A5-2)

Emission to air	Unit	Value
Carbon	kg	2,3E-22
Methane	kg	0,00055
Carbon dioxide	kg	0,081
Water	kg	0,503
Nitrogen	kg	0,267
Sodium carbonate	kg	0
Carbon monoxide*	kg	0,036

* Formed in secondary reactions.

LCA: Results

Life cycle stages A1-A5 are included. The environmental impact results and LCI results related to inputs and output are presented per declared unit (1 kg of manufactured, installed and detonated product). Results are calculated according to the EN 15804:2012 requirements. System boundaries (X=included, MND= module not declared, MNR=module not relevant)

Product stage			Assembly stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Beyond the system boundaries
Raw materials	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	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	MND	MND

Environmental impact

Parameter	Unit	A1-3	A4	A5-1	A5-2
GWP	kg CO ₂ -eq.	1,29E+00	2,83E-02	5,79E-02	9,48E-02
ODP	kg CFC11-eq.	5,51E-08	7,88E-18	1,38E-17	0,00E+00
POCP	kg C ₂ H ₄ -eq.	6,97E-04	4,96E-06	3,89E-07	9,75E-04
AP	kg SO ₂ -eq.	1,21E-02	5,76E-05	1,26E-05	0,00E+00
EP	kg PO ₄ ³⁻ -eq.	3,34E-03	1,33E-05	2,51E-06	1,12E-01
ADPM	kg Sb-eq.	1,18E-06	2,57E-09	2,01E-10	0,00E+00
ADPE	MJ	2,07E+01	4,29E-01	2,16E-02	0,00E+00

GWP Global warming potential; ODP Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; POCP Formation potential of tropospheric photochemical oxidants; AP Acidification potential of land and water; EP Eutrophication potential; ADPM Abiotic depletion potential for non fossil resources; ADPE Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources

Resource use

Parameter	Unit	A1-3	A4	A5-1	A5-2
RPEE	MJ	1,59E+00	2,56E-02	3,51E-03	0,00E+00
RPEM	MJ	5,80E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
TPE	MJ	2,17E+00	2,56E-02	3,51E-03	0,00E+00
NRPE	MJ	2,02E+01	4,31E-01	2,43E-02	0,00E+00
NRPM	MJ	1,85E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
TRPE	MJ	2,21E+01	4,31E-01	2,43E-02	0,00E+00
SM	kg	4,62E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
RSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
NRSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
W	m ³	7,99E-03	4,32E-05	1,68E-04	0,00E+00

RPEE Renewable primary energy resources used as energy carrier; RPEM Renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; TPE Total use of renewable primary energy resources; NRPE Non renewable primary energy resources used as energy carrier; NRPM Non renewable primary energy resources used as materials; TRPE Total use of non renewable primary energy resources; SM Use of secondary materials; RSF Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF Use of non renewable secondary fuels; W Use of net fresh water

End of life - Waste

Parameter	Unit	A1-3	A4	A5-1	A5-2
HW	kg	4,43E-08	2,39E-08	3,57E-10	0,00E+00
NHW	kg	5,86E-03	3,63E-05	1,78E-03	0,00E+00
RW	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00

HW Hazardous waste disposed; NHW Non hazardous waste disposed; RW Radioactive waste disposed

End of life - Output flow

Parameter	Unit	A1-3	A4	A5-1	A5-2
CR	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
MR	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
MER	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	4,03E-02	0,00E+00
EEE	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
ETE	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00

CR Components for reuse; MR Materials for recycling; MER Materials for energy recovery; EEE Exported electric energy; ETE Exported thermal energy

Reading example: $9,0 \text{ E-03} = 9,0 \cdot 10^{-3} = 0,009$

Additional Norwegian requirements

Greenhouse gas emission from the use of electricity in the manufacturing phase

Basic grid mix electricity is used in Vihtavuori (Finland) production plant. Basic grid mix electricity is modelled with Gabi Professional database. All the necessary background data is included. Country specific individual characteristics are considered. Data represents year 2016.

Data source	Amount	Unit
Vihtavuori: Gabi Professional database. Electricity grid mix, FIN.	0,174	kg CO ₂ -eq./kWh

Dangerous substances

- The product contains no substances given by the REACH Candidate list or the Norwegian priority list
- The product contains substances given by the REACH Candidate list or the Norwegian priority list that are less than 0,1 % by weight.
- The product contains dangerous substances, more than 0,1% by weight, given by the REACH Candidate List or the Norwegian Priority list, see table.
- The product contains no substances given by the REACH Candidate list or the Norwegian priority list. The product is classified as hazardous waste (Avfallsforskriften, Annex III), see table.

Name	CAS no.	Amount
Ammonium nitrate	6484-52-2	70-85%
Aluminium powder (stabilized)	7429-90-5	5 %
White mineral oil (petroleum)	8042-47-5	5-6%

Indoor environment





No tests have been carried out on the product concerning indoor climate. Not relevant.

Carbon footprint

Carbon footprint has not been worked out for the product.

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