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Product

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CEN Standard EN 15804 serves as core PCR
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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 m² of stone wool with a thermal resistance (R) of 1 Km²/W. 1 m² PAROC Natura Lana at R=1 is at a weight of 1 kg.

Declared unit with option:
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Functional unit:
1 m² of stone wool with thermal resistance (R) of 1 m²K/W with a reference service life of minimum 60 years. Impact exclude any lamination.

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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:
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Comparability:
EPD of construction products may not be comparable if they not comply with EN 15804 and seen in a building context.

Approved

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Product

Product description:

The thermal insulation and air tightness of a building's envelope is the basis for good indoor air quality, living comfort and energy efficiency. Reduction of energy use in buildings is also the best way to reduce a building's CO_2 emissions. Thermal insulation's energy and CO_2 balances become positive after less than half a year's use.

PAROC® stone wool insulation in naturally non-combustible and durable. It is made of natural stone (~2%) and air (~98%). As stone wools thermal performance is based on static air, insulation products keeps their energy saving abilities and dimensions in different temperature and moisture conditions during the life-cycle of a building.

The general insulation slab PAROC Natura Lana is manufactured in Finland using low carbon melting technology, based on an electric melter with renewable electricity. The insulation slab is used in many different building applications where insulation don't have mechanical load.

Markets:

Mainly Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia.

Reference service life:

The reference service lifetime of PAROC products is equal to the reference service life of the building. For the purpose of this EPD the reference service life is considered to be minimum 60 years, which is usually the assumption about the lifetime of the building where this is installed.

Product content:

Materials	%
Mineral Wool	96-99%
Binder (phenol-formaldehyde-urea-copolymer)	0-6%
Dustbinding (mineral oil)	0,1-0,5%

Technical data:

Name	Value	Unit
Thermal conductivity EN 12939 and EN 12667	0,036	W/(mK)
Thickness Class EN 823 EN 12431	T2	
Fire Class EN 13501-1:2007+ A1:2009/	A1	
Length and width EN 822	L± 2,5 W ± 1,5	mm
Compressive Strength EN 827	NDP	
Dimension Stability at spec. temperature and humidity EN 1604	DS(70,-)	
Tensile strength perpendicular to faces /EN1607/	NDP	
Water vapour diffusion resistance factor /EN12086/	1	
Point Load /EN12430/	NDP	

LCA: Calculation Rules

Functional unit:
1 m² stone wool with a thermal resistance (R) of 1 Km^2W^{-1}.

The calculation of the weight per square meter is done as follows:

m^2-weight = density [kg/m^3] x insulation thickness [m] (in order to meet a specific thermal resistance) = m^2-weight insulation = density [kg/m^3[x R [m^2K/W] x λ [W/m K] = [kg/m^2].

The specific product, referred to in the declared unit, is 1 m^2 of PAROC Natura Lana (27,8 kg/m3, 100 mm in thickness).

Data quality:

The stone wool production data is line specific from PAROC low carbon melting technology production line in Parainen, Finland. Foreground data refer to the year 2018.

For life cycle modeling the GaBi 9 Software System for Life Cycle Assessment, developed by Sphera Solutions, Inc. (formerly known as thinkstep AG), is used (/GaBi 9 2020/). All relevant background datasets are taken from the GaBi 9 software database. To ensure comparability of results in the LCA, the basic data of GaBi database were used for energy, transportation and auxiliary materials.

The datasets are complete and conform to the system boundaries and the criteria for the exclusion of inputs and outputs.

Background data refer to the years 2018 until 2021 (/GaBi 9 2020/) with a country specific scope as far as available, e.g. for raw material extraction and production, transportation, and energy supply.

All relevant processes (foreground and background) have been considered when modelling stone wool production. Furthermore, the LCA for Parainen involves a production connected with a low carbon melting technology, based on an electric melter with renewable electricity. The process data and the used background data are consistent. The data quality can be qualified as good.

Allocation:

The allocation is made in accordance with the provisions of EN 15804.

Incoming energy, water and waste production in-house is allocated equally among all products through mass allocation. Effects of primary production of recycled materials allocated to the main product in which the material was used. The recycling process and transportation of the material is allocated to this analysis.

System boundary:
Table below identifies the modules included in this study.

According to EN 15804 any declared benefits and loads from net flows leaching the product system not allocated as co-products and have passed the end-of-waste state shall be included in the module D. Module D includes reuse, recovery and/or recycling potentials.

The production stage (A1-A3) covers the following steps:

- Raw materials production (e.g. dolomite, diabase)
- Components production (e.g. resin)
- Transports of raw materials and pre-products to manufacturing plants
- Production of packaging materials
- Waste management, water treatment, end-of-life of residues

With the exception of Modules A1 to A3 (describing the manufacturing of stone wool) all other modules are calculated on the basis of assumptions or scenarios.

The following scenarios were considered in this study:

- Modules A4: The average distance to building site is 200 km.
- Modules A5: Packaging waste processing, waste generated at the installation is assumed to be 0 %.
- Modules C2-C4: Similar to installation scenario with similar kind of waste. In C2 a transport to waste treatment distance 50 km is assumed.
- Module D: Credits from waste treatment (recycling and incineration with energy recovery) of product parts after use and from installation losses.

Cut-off criteria:

All major raw materials and all the essential energy is included. The production process for raw materials and energy flows that are included with very small amounts (<1%) are not included. This cut-off rule does not apply for hazardous materials and substances.

The declared unit is 1 m^2 stone wool without any lamination.

LCA: System Boundaries

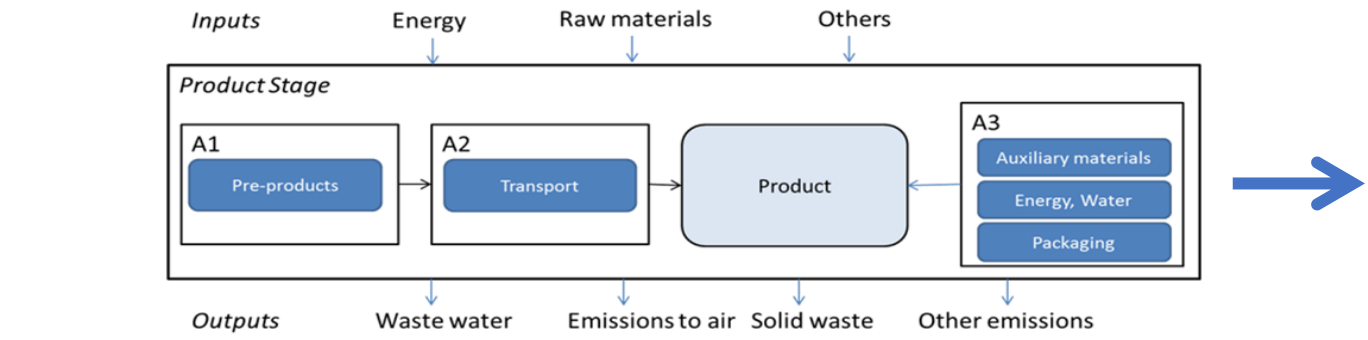

Figure 1. Schematic representation of the LCA system boundaries for the production module (A1-A3)

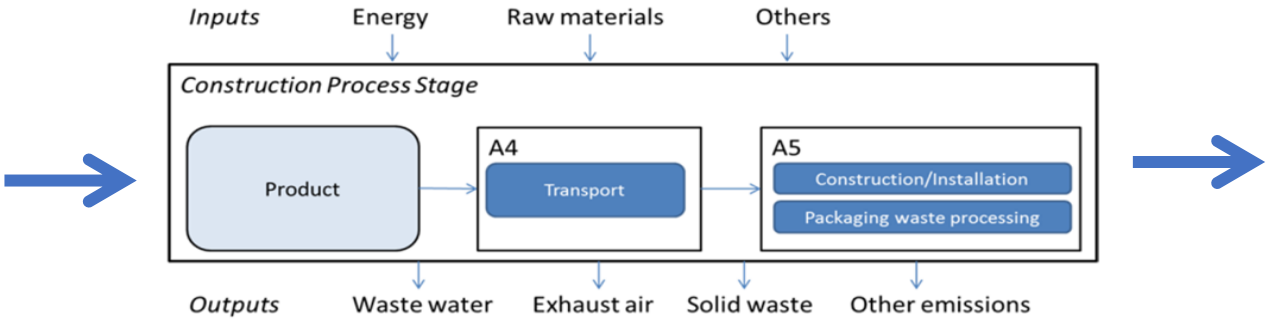

Figure 2. Schematic representation of the LCA system boundaries for the construction process stage (A4-A5)

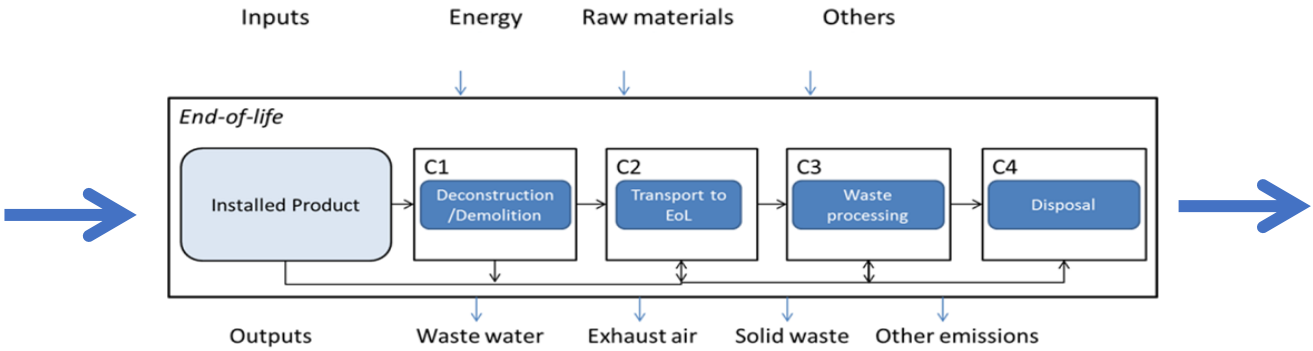

Figure 3. Schematic representation of the LCA system boundaries for the End-of-life stage (C1-C4)

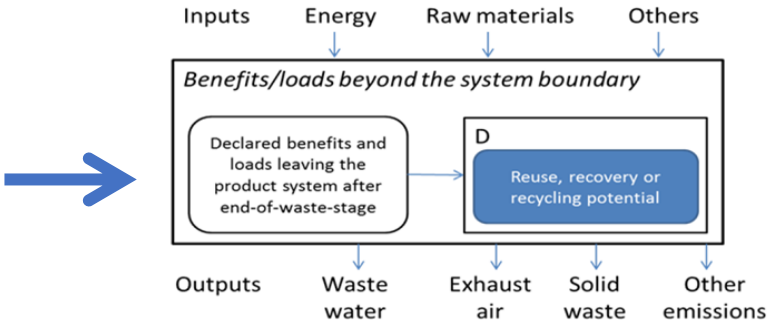

Figure 4. Schematic representation of the LCA system boundaries for the benefits and loads beyond the product system boundary in module D

LCA: Scenarios and Additional Technical Information

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

Transports to the customer are calculated on the basis of a scenario with an average truck trailer with a 27 t payload. For the final stone wool product, a loading ratio of 30 % of weight capacity has been set. The average transport distance to the customer is assumed to be 450 km as a basis for this study.

Transport to the Building Site (A4)

Type	Capacity utilisation (incl. return) %	Type of vehicle	Distance km	Energy use per km	Total energy use
Truck	100% (30% weight capacity)	Truck fleet	450	0,9 liter	418,5 liter (0,46 liter/m^3 stone wool)

Installation in the Building (A5)

Parameter	Parameter expressed by functional unit
Auxiliary materials for the installation	Not applicable
Consumption of other resources	Not applicable
Quantitative description of the type of energy and consumption rate during the installation process	Not applicable
Wastes at the construction site generated from the installation of the product	Installation waste is assumed to be 0% since all material can be used within the building
Material outputs as a result from waste management processes at the installation site. For example, compilation for recycling, for energy recovery and final disposal	Waste management process for packaging materials
Emissions to air, soil and water	Not applicable

End of Life (C1, C2, C3, C4)

Parameter	Parameter expressed by functional unit
Compilation processes district	Not applicable
Recycling systems	Not applicable
Final disposal	Landfilling

Benefits/loads Beyond the System Boundary (D)

Materials that create a benefit in Module D are packaging materials. Benefits from the packaging waste treatment are considered in module D. Energy products of incineration (e.g. steam, electricity, metals) are credited using the European production averages (e.g. European grid mix for power). Credits are reported in module D.

LCA: Results

Life Cycle Impact Assessment results represent the environmental impacts for the life cycle of stone wool from cradle to grave.

The goal is to address all necessary parameters according to EN 15804 for creating EPDs. In a first step the results are calculated based on 1 kg stone wool representing the PAROC average. After that the data is scaled according to the provided density and lambda and fixed to the mass required for one square meter product with the respective R value = 1.

Scaling factors are included in the EPD indicating the factor which to multiply with the indicators in order to get the environmental burden on product level described. The scaling factors solely refer to the stone wool used in these products. Due to this fact, the variation is less than 10% by reason of the density, lambda and binder.

E.g. Lana (thickness 45-50); 1,13 (scaling factor) multiplied with 0,593 (GWP value for A1-A3) equals 0,67 kg CO_2-eq per m2.

Product Group	Product	Thickness	Scaling Factor
Natura	Lana	70-220	1,00
	Lana	45-50	1,13

System Boundaries (X = declared module; MND = module not declared)																
Production			Installation		Use Stage							End-of-Life				Next Product System
Raw Material Supply (extraction, processing, recycled material)	Transport to Manufacturer	Manufacturing	Transport to Building Site	Installation into Building	Use / Application	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational Energy Use	Operational Water Use	De-Construction / Demolition	Transport to EoL	Waste Processing for Reuse, Recovery or Recycling	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	X	MND	X	X

Environmental Impact: 1m² PAROC Natura Lana (per 1 kg)

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C2	C4	D
GWP-TOT*	[kg CO_2-eq.]	0,593*	0,0464	0,114	0,00337	0,0136	-0,0544
ODP	[kg CFC11-eq.]	7,22E-009	7,54E-018	2E-017	5,49E-019	7,51E-017	-6,9E-016
AP	[kg SO_2-eq.]	0,00348	0,000124	1,1E-005	8,24E-006	8,75E-005	-6,45E-005
EP	[kg PO_4^{3-}eq.]	0,000792	3,08E-005	2,45E-006	2,03E-006	9,85E-006	-8,2E-006
POCP	[kg ethene-eq.]	0,000196	-4,6E-005	8,15E-007	-2,95E-006	6,58E-006	-6,1E-006
ADPM	[kg Sb-eq.]	1,83E-007	3,81E-009	9E-010	2,78E-010	5,26E-009	-9,42E-009
ADPE	[MJ]	5,99	0,625	0,0181	0,0455	0,194	-0,783

GWP-TOT Global warming potential including emission and uptake of biogenic CO_2; 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.

*A1-3: including 0,01522 kg CO_2-eq. uptake of biogenic carbon dioxide included in product (0 kg CO_2-eq.) and packaging (0,01522 kgCO_2-eq.).

LCA: Results

Resource Use: 1m² PAROC Natura Lana (per 1 kg)

Parameter	Unit	A 1-3	A4	A5	C2	C4	D
RPEE	[MJ]	6,48	-	-	-	-	-
RPEM	[MJ]	0,197	-	-	-	-	-
TPE	[MJ]	6,68	0,0352	0,00377	0,00256	0,0261	-0,184
NRPE	[MJ]	3,11	-	-	-	-	-
NRPM	[MJ]	3,21	-	-	-	-	-
TRPE	[MJ]	6,32	0,627	0,0199	0,0456	0,199	-0,941
SM	[kg]	0	0	0	0	0	0
RSF	[MJ]	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRSF	[MJ]	0	0	0	0	0	0
W	[m³]	0,0173	4,08E-005	0,000264	2,97E-006	5,02E-005	-0,000213

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: 1m² PAROC Natura Lana (per 1 kg)

Parameter	Unit	A 1-3	A4	A5	C2	C4	D
HW	[kg]	1,02E-008	2,9E-008	1,51E-011	2,12E-009	3,04E-009	-3,47E-010
NHW	[kg]	0,296	9,6E-005	0,000549	6,98E-006	1	-0,000411
RW	[kg]	8,36E-006	7,76E-007	6,85E-007	5,65E-008	2,27E-006	-6,27E-005

HW Hazardous waste disposed; NHW Nonhazardous waste disposed; RW Radioactive waste disposed.

End of Life – Output Flow: 1m² PAROC Natura Lana (per 1 kg)

Parameter	Unit	A 1-3	A4	A5	C2	C4	D
CR	[kg]	0	0	0	0	0	0
MR	[kg]	0	0	0	0	0	0
MER	[kg]	0	0	0,0431	0	0	0
EEE	[MJ]	0	0	0,21	0	0	0
ETE	[MJ]	0	0	0,468	0	0	0

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

LCA: Results

Key environmental indicators	Unit	Cradle to gate A1-A3	Transport ****
Global Warming Energy Use (=TPE+TRPE) Dangerous substances	kg $C0_2$-eqv MJ *	0,59 13 -	0,05 - -

*The product contains no substances from the REACH Candidate list of the Norwegian priority list.

****Average transport from production site to customer.

Additional Norwegian Requirements

Greenhouse gas emissions from the use of hydroelectricity in the manufacturing phase

The selection of the background data for the hydroelectricity generation is in line with EN 15804 and contribute to GWP as given below.

Greenhouse gas emissions		
Country	**Amount**	**Unit**
Finland	0,0143	kg CO_2-eqv/kWh

Dangerous substances

☒ The product contains no substances given by the REACH Candidate list or the Norwegian priority list. The product is classified as hazardous waste (Avfallsforskiften, Annex III), see table.

☐ 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 then 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 (Avfallsforskiften, Annex III), see table.

Dangerous substances

None of the following substances have been added to the product: Substances on the REACH Candidate list of substances of very high concern or substances on the Norwegian Priority list as of 03.11.2017 or substances that lead to the product being classified as hazardous waste. The chemical content of the product complies with regulatory levels as given in the Norwegian Product Regulations.

Transport

Average transport distance from production site to customer is: 450 km

Carbon footprint

Carbon footprint has not been worked out for the product.

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