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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

LIMESTONE, GROUND (MICRO-WHITE™ CODEX)

SECTION 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY INFORMATION

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Synonyms: Ground Calcium Carbonate

CAS #: 1317-65-3

DOT Hazard Class: Not Regulated

SECTION 2 - COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Wt. % (Approx.)	CAS No.	OSHA PEL*	ACGIH TLV*
Ground Limestone	> 99%	1317-65-3	5 mg/m3 Resp. 15 mg/m3 Total	2 mg/m3 Resp. --
Crystalline Silica, Quartz Resp.	0.1% - 0.75%	14808-60-7	0.1 mg/m3 Resp.	0.025 mg/m3
Water	< 1%			

* Unless otherwise noted, all PEL and TLV values are reported as 8 hour time weighted averages (TWA).

SECTION 3 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW: A white powder that presents little or no health hazard and no unusual hazard if involved in a fire.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

Skin: May cause skin irritation.

Eyes: May cause irritation or burning.

Inhalation: May cause irritation to the respiratory tract.

Ingestion: Not a hazard with normal industrial usage.

CARCINOGENICITY Not Identifiable*

*This product typically contains crystalline silica (quartz) above 0.1% as a naturally occurring impurity.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer has concluded that "crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (Group I)." It also noted that carcinogenicity was not detected in all industrial circumstance studies, and may be dependent on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs. (See IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans, Volume 68 (1997).

Exposure to respirable silica has also been associated with silicosis, scleroderma, and nephrotoxicity. (See Occupational Lung Disorders, Third Edition, Chapter 12 (1994) and American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, Volume 155, pp 761-765 (1997).

SECTION 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

Skin: Immediately wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes.

Eyes: Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, holding eye lids apart.

Inhalation: Remove to the fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

Ingestion: Wash out mouth with water.

On All Of The Above: Consult a physician if symptoms persist.

SECTION 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point: Non Combustible

Flammable Limits: Non Combustible

Extinguishing Media: Use media that is appropriate to treat surrounding fire.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures:

Use fire fighting procedure that is appropriate to treat surrounding fire. All firefighters should use self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting turn-out gear.

Unusual Fire Explosion Hazard: During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gasses may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

Auto Ignition Temperature: Not Applicable

SECTION 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Isolate hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary or unprotected personnel.

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Contain spill, sweep up, collect and place in a disposal container. Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways. Spilled materials may cause slippery conditions when wet. Care should be exercised when walking on spills on floors or concrete pads. Nonneutralizing chemicals required. Material is inert and nonreactive.

SECTION 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing dust. Use normal personal hygiene and housekeeping. Store in cool dry area away from other incompatible materials. Product is slightly hygroscopic and should be stored in a dry area to prevent moisture pick up and caking.

SECTION 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators.

VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS: Ventilate as necessary to eliminate dust from the work area and maintain concentrations below the limit.

SKIN AND EYE PROTECTION: Use rubber or neoprene gloves, chemical goggles and clothing sufficient to protect skin and eyes from dust.

WORK, HYGIENIC PRACTICES:

As required to protect skin and eyes from dust, safety showers and/or eye wash should be available. Do not leave food or smoke in work area. Wash thoroughly and remove or clean any contaminated clothing.

EXPOSURE LIMITS: None Established

SECTION 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Boiling Point: Not Applicable

Vapor Pressure (MM Hg): Not Applicable

Vapor Density (AIR=1): Not Applicable

Specific Gravity (H₂O=1): 2.7

Percent Volatile by Volume (%): Not Applicable

Melting Point: 825°C

Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate=1): Not Applicable

Solubility in Water: 1.4mg/100ml@25°C

pH: (aqueous suspension) 9-10

SECTION 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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CHEMICAL STABILITY: Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur under normal conditions.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: None expected.

KEEP AWAY FROM: Will react with acid to produce carbon dioxide gases.

SECTION 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

EPA Waste Number: Under RCRA (40 CFR 261) ground limestone is a non-hazardous waste. Dispose of waste material in accordance with all local, state and federal requirements.

SECTION 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ground limestone - CAS No. 1317-65-3

Primary Route of Exposure: X Skin; X Eye Contact; X Inhalation; X Ingestion

Acute Health Hazards:

Eye contact may cause mechanical irritation. Calcium carbonate is a severe eye irritant.

Skin contact may aggravate existing dermatitis. Calcium carbonate is a moderate skin irritant.

Inhalation from prolonged and continuous exposure to excessive quantities of dust may aggravate existing asthmatic or respiratory conditions.

Calcium carbonate Oral LD(50) in rates is 6450 mg/kg

Chronic Health Hazards*:

Carcinogenicity*: NTP: No

Mutagenicity: None known

IARC: No

Teratogenicity: None known

OSHA: No

Reproductive Effects: None known

Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials, 7th Edition, pp 667, Sax and Lewis 1989.

* See Section 3 for discussion of crystalline silica.

SECTION 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dispose of in accordance with all federal, state and local regulations.

RCRA WASTE #: Not Listed

SECTION 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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D.O.T. SHIPPING NAME: Limestone, Ground

SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA STATUS: Not listed

TSCA STATUS: Listed

CERCLA REPORTABLE REQUIREMENTS: (RQ) None

SARA TITLE III INFORMATION:

Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance Not listed

Section 313 Toxic Chemicals: Not listed

Section 311/312 Hazard Category: Not considered a hazard.

SECTION 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

HMIS Rating:

Health Hazard	1
Flammability Hazard	0
Reactivity Hazard	0
Max. Personal Protection	E

Reason for Issue: New Product

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