



# BENTONITE 325#

## ALPHA CHEMICALS PTY LTD

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### SECTION 1 Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking

#### Product Identifier

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| Product name                  | BENTONITE 325#   |
| Chemical Name                 | bentonite  |
| Synonyms                      | earth bentonite; natural clay; Panther Creek bentonite Southern Bentonite Tixoton Truben; Colclay Volclay HPM-20 Volclay 325 Volclay Premium Gel; sodium montmorillonite; sodium bentonite (CAS RN: 85049-30-5); bentonite calcined (CAS RN: 90989-60-9); bentonite, acid (CAS RN: 70131-50-9); Bentonite HPM20; filter clay; bentonite, calcium (CAS RN: 97862-66-3); bentonite, acid leached, calcined (CAS RN: 59-6); Wilkinite; Albagel Premium USP 4444 Bentonite 2073 Bentonite magma; Aus-Ben(B); Panther Creek 200; bentonite, ammonium (CAS RN: 84776-12-5); Bentonite Trugel 100 Hi-Jel Imvite I.G.B.A. MagBond; Aus-Ben; Volclay Bentonite Grades; Hibond; MDO 108-87 Bentonite; Trugel 100; Bentonite CE-300; Australian red |
| Chemical formula              | $\text{Na}_{0.33}\{(\text{Al}_{1.67}\text{Mg}_{0.33})(\text{OH})_2[\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10}]\} \cdot x \text{nH}_2\text{O} / \text{Na}_{0.33}\{(\text{Al}_{1.67}\text{Mg}_{0.33})(\text{OH})_2[\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10}]\} \cdot \text{nH}_2\text{O} / \text{Mg}(0.008-0.823)\text{Al}(0.002-0.2473)\text{SiO}(2.018-3.837)\text{O}_2\text{Si}$  |
| Other means of identification | Not Available  |
| CAS number                    | 1302-78-9  |

#### Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

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| Relevant identified uses | Oil well drilling fluids; cement slurries for oil-well casings; bonding agent in foundry sands and pelletizing of iron ores; sealant for canal walls; thickener in lubricating greases and fireproofing compositions; cosmetics; decolourising agent; filler in ceramics, refractories porcelain enamels, paper coatings; asphalt modifier; polishes and abrasives; food additive; catalyst support. Ingredient of welding fluxes. |
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#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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| Registered company name | ALPHA CHEMICALS PTY LTD                         |
| Address                 | 4 ALLEN PLACE WETHERILL PARK NSW 2099 Australia |
| Telephone               | 61 (0)2 9982 4622                               |
| Fax                     | Not Available                                   |
| Website                 | ~   |
| Email                   | shane@alphachem.com.au                          |

#### Emergency telephone number

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Association / Organisation        | ALPHA CHEMICALS PTY LTD |
| Emergency telephone numbers       | 61 (0)418 237 771       |
| Other emergency telephone numbers | Not Available           |

### SECTION 2 Hazards identification

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

**HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL. NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.** According to the WHS Regulations and the ADG Code.

#### ChemWatch Hazard Ratings

|              | Min | Max |
|--------------|-----|-----|
| Flammability | 0   |     |
| Toxicity     | 1   |     |
| Body Contact | 2   |     |
| Reactivity   | 0   |     |
| Chronic      | 0   |     |

0 = Minimum  
1 = Low  
2 = Moderate  
3 = High  
4 = Extreme

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| Poisons Schedule   | Not Applicable   |
| Classification [1] | Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure Category 3 (respiratory tract irritation), Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2, Eye Irritation Category 2A |
| Legend:            | 1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI                          |

**Label elements**

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| <b>Hazard pictogram(s)</b> |  |
| <b>Signal word</b>         | <b>Warning</b>  |

**Hazard statement(s)**

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| <b>H335</b> | May cause respiratory irritation. |
| <b>H315</b> | Causes skin irritation.           |
| <b>H319</b> | Causes serious eye irritation.    |

**Precautionary statement(s) Prevention**

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| <b>P271</b> | Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.                            |
| <b>P261</b> | Avoid breathing dust/fumes.  |
| <b>P280</b> | Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. |

**Precautionary statement(s) Response**

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| <b>P321</b>           | Specific treatment (see advice on this label).   |
| <b>P362</b>           | Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.  |
| <b>P305+P351+P338</b> | IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. |
| <b>P312</b>           | Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.   |
| <b>P337+P313</b>      | If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.  |
| <b>P302+P352</b>      | IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap.  |
| <b>P304+P340</b>      | IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.                                 |
| <b>P332+P313</b>      | If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.   |

**Precautionary statement(s) Storage**

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| <b>P405</b>      | Store locked up.   |
| <b>P403+P233</b> | Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. |

**Precautionary statement(s) Disposal**

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| <b>P501</b> | Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation. |
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**SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients**

**Substances**

| CAS No        | %[weight] | Name   |
|---------------|-----------|--|
| 1302-78-9     | >95       | <u>Bentonite 325#</u>                                |
| Not Available |           | a colloidal clay (aluminium silicate) composed       |
| Not Available |           | chiefly of montmorillonite, sodium bentonite form as |
| 1332-58-7     |           | <u>kaolin</u>  |

**Mixtures**

See section above for composition of Substances

**SECTION 4 First aid measures**

**Description of first aid measures**

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| <b>Eye Contact</b>  | <p>If this product comes in contact with the eyes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Wash out immediately with fresh running water.</li> <li>▶ Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.</li> <li>▶ Seek medical attention without delay; if pain persists or recurs seek medical attention.</li> <li>▶ Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.</li> </ul>                                      |
| <b>Skin Contact</b> | <p>If skin contact occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.</li> <li>▶ Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).</li> <li>▶ Seek medical attention in event of irritation.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Inhalation</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.</li> <li>▶ Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.</li> <li>▶ Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.</li> <li>▶ Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.</li> <li>▶ Transport to hospital, or doctor, without delay.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Ingestion</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Immediately give a glass of water.</li> <li>▶ First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.</li> </ul> |
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**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

Treat symptomatically.

**SECTION 5 Firefighting measures**

**Extinguishing media**

- ▶ There is no restriction on the type of extinguisher which may be used.
- ▶ Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding area.

**Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture**

|                             |             |
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| <b>Fire Incompatibility</b> | None known. |
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**Advice for firefighters**

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| <b>Fire Fighting</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>▶ Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves in the event of a fire.</li> <li>▶ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.</li> <li>▶ Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.</li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT</b> approach containers suspected to be hot.</li> <li>▶ Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.</li> <li>▶ If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.</li> <li>▶ Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Fire/Explosion Hazard</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Non combustible.</li> <li>▶ Not considered a significant fire risk, however containers may burn.</li> </ul> <p>May emit poisonous fumes.<br/>May emit corrosive fumes.</p>   |
| <b>HAZCHEM</b>               | Not Applicable  |

**SECTION 6 Accidental release measures**

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

See section 8

**Environmental precautions**

See section 12

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

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| <b>Minor Spills</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Remove all ignition sources.</li> <li>▶ Clean up all spills immediately.</li> <li>▶ Avoid contact with skin and eyes.</li> <li>▶ Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.</li> <li>▶ Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.</li> <li>▶ Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Major Spills</b> | <p>Moderate hazard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>CAUTION:</b> Advise personnel in area.</li> <li>▶ Alert Emergency Services and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>▶ Control personal contact by wearing protective clothing.</li> <li>▶ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.</li> <li>▶ Recover product wherever possible.</li> <li>▶ <b>IF DRY:</b> Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust. Collect residues and place in sealed plastic bags or other containers for disposal.</li> </ul> |

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

**SECTION 7 Handling and storage**

**Precautions for safe handling**

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| <b>Safe handling</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.</li> <li>▶ Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.</li> <li>▶ Use in a well-ventilated area.</li> <li>▶ Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.</li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.</b></li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.</b></li> <li>▶ Avoid contact with incompatible materials.</li> <li>▶ <b>When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.</b></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Other information</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Store in original containers.</li> <li>▶ Keep containers securely sealed.</li> <li>▶ Store in a cool, dry area protected from environmental extremes.</li> <li>▶ Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.</li> <li>▶ Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.</li> <li>▶ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.</li> </ul> <p>For major quantities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Consider storage in banded areas - ensure storage areas are isolated from sources of community water (including stormwater, ground water, lakes and streams).</li> </ul> |

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- ▶ Ensure that accidental discharge to air or water is the subject of a contingency disaster management plan; this may require consultation with local authorities.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

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| <b>Suitable container</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Polyethylene or polypropylene container.</li> <li>▶ Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Storage incompatibility</b> | None known   |

**SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection**

**Control parameters**

**Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)**

**INGREDIENT DATA**

| Source                       | Ingredient | Material name | TWA      | STEL          | Peak          | Notes  |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Australia Exposure Standards | kaolin     | Kaolin        | 10 mg/m3 | Not Available | Not Available | (a) This value is for inhalable dust containing no asbestos and < 1% crystalline silica. |

**Emergency Limits**

| Ingredient     | Material name | TEEL-1        | TEEL-2        | TEEL-3        |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| BENTONITE 325# | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available |


| Ingredient     | Original IDLH | Revised IDLH  |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bentonite 325# | Not Available | Not Available |
| kaolin         | Not Available | Not Available |

**Occupational Exposure Banding**

| Ingredient     | Occupational Exposure Band Rating | Occupational Exposure Band Limit |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Bentonite 325# | E                                 | ≤ 0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup>         |

**Notes:** Occupational exposure banding is a process of assigning chemicals into specific categories or bands based on a chemical's potency and the adverse health outcomes associated with exposure. The output of this process is an occupational exposure band (OEB), which corresponds to a range of exposure concentrations that are expected to protect worker health.

**Exposure controls**

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| <b>Appropriate engineering controls</b> | <p>Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection. The basic types of engineering controls are:</p> <p>Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.</p> <p>Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed properly. The design of a ventilation system must match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use.</p> <p>Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.</p> <p>Local exhaust ventilation usually required.</p>   |
| <b>Personal protection</b>              |    |
| <b>Eye and face protection</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Safety glasses with side shields.</li> <li>▶ Chemical goggles.</li> <li>▶ Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Skin protection</b>                  | See Hand protection below   |
| <b>Hands/feet protection</b>            | <p>The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.</p> <p>The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.</p> <p>Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.</p> <p>Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage.</p> <p>Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ polychloroprene.</li> <li>▶ nitrile rubber.</li> <li>▶ butyl rubber.</li> <li>▶ fluorocautchouc.</li> <li>▶ polyvinyl chloride.</li> </ul> <p>Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.</p> |
| <b>Body protection</b>                  | See Other protection below  |

**Other protection**

- ▶ Overalls.
- ▶ P.V.C apron.
- ▶ Barrier cream.
- ▶ Skin cleansing cream.
- ▶ Eye wash unit.

**Respiratory protection**

Particulate. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

| Required Minimum Protection Factor | Half-Face Respirator | Full-Face Respirator | Powered Air Respirator |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| up to 10 x ES                      | P1<br>Air-line*      | -<br>-               | PAPR-P1<br>-           |
| up to 50 x ES                      | Air-line**           | P2                   | PAPR-P2                |
| up to 100 x ES                     | -                    | P3                   | -                      |
|                                    |                      | Air-line*            | -                      |
| 100+ x ES                          | -                    | Air-line**           | PAPR-P3                |

\* - Negative pressure demand \*\* - Continuous flow

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO<sub>2</sub>), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH<sub>3</sub>), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

- ▶ Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- ▶ The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- ▶ Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory protection. These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- ▶ Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- ▶ Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
- ▶ Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

**SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties**

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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| <b>Appearance</b>                                   | Light pink, off white impalpable powder with no distinct odour. Insoluble in water and common organic solvents. Forms colloidal suspension in water, with strongly thixotropic properties. Sodium bentonite has high swelling capacity in water. Particle size (Australian red): 90% is 75 micron. Bulk density (Australian red): 0.75 g/cm <sup>3</sup> . Extremely slippery when wet. |  |                |
| <b>Physical state</b>                               | Divided Solid   | <b>Relative density (Water = 1)</b>            | 2.6 approx     |
| <b>Odour</b>  | Not Available   | <b>Partition coefficient n-octanol / water</b> | Not Available  |
| <b>Odour threshold</b>                              | Not Available   | <b>Auto-ignition temperature (°C)</b>          | Not Applicable |
| <b>pH (as supplied)</b>                             | Not Applicable  | <b>Decomposition temperature</b>               | Not available. |
| <b>Melting point / freezing point (°C)</b>          | 1337  | <b>Viscosity (cSt)</b>                         | Not Applicable |
| <b>Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)</b> | Not Applicable  | <b>Molecular weight (g/mol)</b>                | Not Applicable |
| <b>Flash point (°C)</b>                             | Not Applicable  | <b>Taste</b>                                   | Not Available  |
| <b>Evaporation rate</b>                             | Not Applicable  | <b>Explosive properties</b>                    | Not Available  |
| <b>Flammability</b>                                 | Not Applicable  | <b>Oxidising properties</b>                    | Not Available  |
| <b>Upper Explosive Limit (%)</b>                    | Not Applicable  | <b>Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)</b>        | Not Applicable |
| <b>Lower Explosive Limit (%)</b>                    | Not Applicable  | <b>Volatile Component (%vol)</b>               | Not Applicable |
| <b>Vapour pressure (kPa)</b>                        | Not Applicable  | <b>Gas group</b>                               | Not Available  |
| <b>Solubility in water</b>                          | Immiscible  | <b>pH as a solution (1%)</b>                   | Not Applicable |
| <b>Vapour density (Air = 1)</b>                     | Not Applicable  | <b>VOC g/L</b>                                 | Not Applicable |

**SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity**

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| <b>Reactivity</b>                         | See section 7  |
| <b>Chemical stability</b>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>▶ Product is considered stable.</li> <li>▶ Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b> | See section 7  |
| <b>Conditions to avoid</b>                | See section 7  |
| <b>Incompatible materials</b>             | See section 7  |
| <b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>   | See section 5  |

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**SECTION 11 Toxicological information**

**Information on toxicological effects**

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| <b>Inhaled</b>      | <p>The material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage. Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual. Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.</p> <p>If prior damage to the circulatory or nervous systems has occurred or if kidney damage has been sustained, proper screenings should be conducted on individuals who may be exposed to further risk if handling and use of the material result in excessive exposures.</p> <p>Effects on lungs are significantly enhanced in the presence of respirable particles.</p>  |
| <b>Ingestion</b>    | <p>Although ingestion is not thought to produce harmful effects (as classified under EC Directives), the material may still be damaging to the health of the individual, following ingestion, especially where pre-existing organ (e.g. liver, kidney) damage is evident.</p>  |
| <b>Skin Contact</b> | <p>This material can cause inflammation of the skin on contact in some persons.</p> <p>The material may accentuate any pre-existing dermatitis condition</p> <p>Skin contact is not thought to have harmful health effects (as classified under EC Directives); the material may still produce health damage following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions.</p> <p>Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material</p> <p>Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.</p>   |
| <b>Eye</b>          | <p>This material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.</p>  |
| <b>Chronic</b>      | <p>Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in airways disease, involving difficulty breathing and related whole-body problems. Substance accumulation, in the human body, may occur and may cause some concern following repeated or long-term occupational exposure. Overexposure to the breathable dust may cause coughing, wheezing, difficulty in breathing and impaired lung function. Chronic symptoms may include decreased vital lung capacity and chest infections. Repeated exposures in the workplace to high levels of fine-divided dusts may produce a condition known as pneumoconiosis, which is the lodgement of any inhaled dusts in the lung, irrespective of the effect. This is particularly true when a significant number of particles less than 0.5 microns (1/50000 inch) are present. Lung shadows are seen in the X-ray. Symptoms of pneumoconiosis may include a progressive dry cough, shortness of breath on exertion, increased chest expansion, weakness and weight loss. As the disease progresses, the cough produces stringy phlegm, vital capacity decreases further, and shortness of breath becomes more severe. Other signs or symptoms include changed breath sounds, reduced oxygen uptake during exercise, emphysema and rarely, pneumothorax (air in the lung cavity).</p> <p>Chronic dust inhalation of kaolin, can cause kaolinosis from kaolin deposition in the lungs causing distinct lung markings, abnormal inflation of air sacs, and chronic lung diseases (nodular pneumoconiosis). This condition is made worse by long duration of occupational exposure and pre-existing chest infection. Pre-employment screening is recommended.</p> <p>Chronic dust inhalation has been associated with lung disease. (Source: NIOSHTIC). Symptoms are those of nodular fibrosis and respiratory impairment is characterised by obstruction and restriction of lung function. (Source: Occupational Diseases)</p> |

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| <b>Bentonite 325#</b> | <b>TOXICITY</b>                             | <b>IRRITATION</b> |
|                       | Oral (rat) LD50: >5000 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup> | Not Available     |
| <b>kaolin</b>         | <b>TOXICITY</b>                             | <b>IRRITATION</b> |
|                       | Not Available                               | Not Available     |

**Legend:** 1. Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2. \* Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances

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| <b>BENTONITE 325#</b> | <p>Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ends. This may be due to a non-allergic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur after exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Main criteria for diagnosing RADS include the absence of previous airways disease in a non-atopic individual, with sudden onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. Other criteria for diagnosis of RADS include a reversible airflow pattern on lung function tests, moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing, and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. On the other hand, industrial bronchitis is a disorder that occurs as a result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particles) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterized by difficulty breathing, cough and mucus production.</p> |
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| <b>BENTONITE 325# &amp; KAOLIN</b> | <p>No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.</p> <p>For bentonite clays:<br/>Bentonite (CAS No. 1302-78-9) consists of a group of clays formed by crystallization of vitreous volcanic ashes that were deposited in water. The expected acute oral toxicity of bentonite in humans is very low. However, when bentonite had been used as a prophylactic paste, larger amounts caused severe eye injury, including abscesses behind the cornea. In animals, large amounts caused decreased growth, muscle weakness and death with marked changes in both calcium and phosphorus metabolism.</p> <p>Bentonite, in animals, caused lung scarring if instilled into the windpipe. Bentonite clay dust is believed to be responsible for asthma in workers in an American processing plant.</p> <p>Swallowing bentonite without adequate liquids may result in intestinal obstruction in humans.</p> <p>Chronically swallowing bentonite has been reported to cause muscle inflammation.</p> |
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|--|---|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Acute Toxicity</b>                    | ✗ | <b>Carcinogenicity</b>          | ✗ |
| <b>Skin Irritation/Corrosion</b>         | ✓ | <b>Reproductivity</b>           | ✗ |
| <b>Serious Eye Damage/Irritation</b>     | ✓ | <b>STOT - Single Exposure</b>   | ✓ |
| <b>Respiratory or Skin sensitisation</b> | ✗ | <b>STOT - Repeated Exposure</b> | ✗ |
| <b>Mutagenicity</b>                      | ✗ | <b>Aspiration Hazard</b>        | ✗ |

**Legend:** ✗ – Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification  
✓ – Data available to make classification

**SECTION 12 Ecological information**

**Toxicity**

| Bentonite 325# | Endpoint  | Test Duration (hr) | Species       | Value         | Source        |
|----------------|---|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                | LC50  | 96                 | Fish          | 19000mg/L     | 4             |
| kaolin         | Endpoint  | Test Duration (hr) | Species       | Value         | Source        |
|                | Not Available   | Not Available      | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available |
| <b>Legend:</b> | Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. EPIWIN Suite V3.12 (QSAR) - Aquatic Toxicity Data (Estimated) 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 5. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 6. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 8. Vendor Data |                    |               |               |               |

Bentonite and kaolin have low toxicity to aquatic species, a large number of which have been tested  
**DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.**

**Persistence and degradability**

| Ingredient | Persistence: Water/Soil               | Persistence: Air                      |
|------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|            | No Data available for all ingredients | No Data available for all ingredients |

**Bioaccumulative potential**

| Ingredient | Bioaccumulation                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
|            | No Data available for all ingredients |

**Mobility in soil**

| Ingredient | Mobility                              |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
|            | No Data available for all ingredients |

**SECTION 13 Disposal considerations**

**Waste treatment methods**

|                                     |  |
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| <b>Product / Packaging disposal</b> | <p>Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.</p> <p>A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Reduction</li> <li>▶ Reuse</li> <li>▶ Recycling</li> <li>▶ Disposal (if all else fails)</li> </ul> <p>This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate. In most instances the supplier of the material should be consulted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.</b></li> <li>▶ It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.</li> <li>▶ In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.</li> <li>▶ Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.</li> <li>▶ Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.</li> <li>▶ Consult State Land Waste Management Authority for disposal.</li> <li>▶ Bury residue in an authorised landfill.</li> <li>▶ Recycle containers if possible, or dispose of in an authorised landfill.</li> </ul> |
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**SECTION 14 Transport information**

**Labels Required**

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Marine Pollutant</b> | NO             |
| <b>HAZCHEM</b>          | Not Applicable |

**Land transport (ADG): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code**

Not Applicable

**SECTION 15 Regulatory information**

**Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

**Bentonite 325# is found on the following regulatory lists**

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

**kaolin is found on the following regulatory lists**

**BENTONITE 325#**

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)  
Chemical Footprint Project - Chemicals of High Concern List

International WHO List of Proposed Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL) Values for  
Manufactured Nanomaterials (MNMS)

**National Inventory Status**

| National Inventory            | Status   |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Australia - AIIC              | Yes  |
| Australia Non-Industrial Use  | No (Bentonite 325#, kaolin)  |
| Canada - DSL                  | Yes  |
| Canada - NDSL                 | No (Bentonite 325#, kaolin)  |
| China - IECSC                 | Yes  |
| Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP | Yes  |
| Japan - ENCS                  | No (Bentonite 325#, kaolin)  |
| Korea - KECI                  | Yes  |
| New Zealand - NZIoC           | Yes  |
| Philippines - PICCS           | Yes  |
| USA - TSCA                    | Yes  |
| Taiwan - TCSI                 | Yes  |
| Mexico - INSQ                 | Yes  |
| Vietnam - NCI                 | Yes  |
| Russia - ARIPS                | Yes  |
| <b>Legend:</b>                | Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory<br>No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory and are not exempt from listing(see specific ingredients in brackets) |

**SECTION 16 Other information**

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Revision Date</b> | 01/10/2015    |
| <b>Initial Date</b>  | Not Available |

**SDS Version Summary**

| Version  | Issue Date | Sections Updated   |
|----------|------------|--|
| 9.1.1.1  | 05/06/2010 | CAS Number, Supplier Information   |
| 10.1.1.1 | 01/10/2015 | Chronic Health, Environmental, Exposure Standard, Supplier Information, Synonyms |

**Other information**

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

**Definitions and abbreviations**

PC—TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average  
 PC—STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit  
 IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer  
 ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
 STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit  
 TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit.  
 IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations  
 OSF: Odour Safety Factor  
 NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level  
 LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level  
 TLV: Threshold Limit Value  
 LOD: Limit Of Detection  
 OTV: Odour Threshold Value  
 BCF: BioConcentration Factors  
 BEI: Biological Exposure Index

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