#### SAFETY DATA SHEET

# Mine Tailings



# 1. IDENTIFICATION OF MATERIAL SUPPLIER

Product Names: Mine Tailings, Tailings

Other Names: Tails

Uses: Material remaining after mineral extraction.

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Tailings dust contains a small amount of respirable crystalline silica which is classified as hazardous according to criteria of Australian Safety and Compensation Council (ASCC).

Classified as Non-Dangerous Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail

Risk Phrases: R48/20 - Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation

Safety Phrases: S22 - Do not breath dust

# 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients (typical)	CAS Number	Weight
Quartz	14808-60-7	58-68%
Rutile	1317-80-2	14-18%
Kaolinite	1318-74-7	10-14%
Ilmenite	12168-52-4	3-5%
Zircon	14940-68-2	3-5%
Uranium (U)	7440-61-1	30-40ppm
Thorium (Th)	7440-29-1	370-400ppm

# 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Swallowed: First aid is unlikely to be required, but if necessary wash mouth out with water ensuring the

mouthwash is not swallowed. Give one or two glasses of water to drink. Seek medical

attention if a large quantity has been swallowed.

Inhaled: Blow nose to remove particulates from nose. Move to area with fresh air. Seek medical

attention if adverse reaction develops.

Skin: Remove contaminated clothing gently to avoid creating dust. Wash skin. If skin becomes

irritated, seek medical attention. Launder affected clothing before re-use.

Eye: Hold eyelid open and flush with clean water. Continue until grit is removed. Seek medical

attention if irritation or soreness persists.

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Acute

Swallowed: Non-toxic. No known detrimental effect from accident ingestion as may occur during normal

handling. Ingestion of large amounts may cause irritation to the gastro-intestinal system due

to abrasiveness.

Inhaled: Mainly regarded as nuisance dust but may be irritating if inhaled at high concentrations. May

cause coughing and/or sneezing.

Skin: Low hazard.

Eye: Solid and dust can be moderately irritating due to abrasiveness.

**Chronic** 

Radiation: Tailings contains naturally occurring radioactive elements of the uranium and thorium series.

The tailings produced by Keysbrook Leucoxene Pty Ltd contains low concentrations of these impurities, with typical specific activities of approximately 1.5-1.7 Bq/g (thorium-232) and 0.3 to 0.6 Bq/g (uranium-238). Daughter products are present, usually at equilibrium concentrations. The main radiological hazard is internal dust. As a guide, continuous worker exposure to respirable dust levels above 3.5mg/m³ could give rise to annual internal exposures above 1 mSv. External exposure is from gamma radiation. Continuous exposure (2000 hours per year) within 2 metres of bulk tailings could give rise to an annual external

dose above 1 mSv.

Silica: Crystalline silica is a known cause of lung fibrosis (silicosis). It has also been classified as a

numan carcinogen. Tailings contains small amounts of respirable free quartz and

precautions should be taken to avoid inhaling the dust.

FIRST AID FACILITIES Eye Wash Station

**DOCTOR** Treat symptomatically

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Non-flammable, non-combustible

# 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Emergency Procedures: Not relevant

Containment and Clean-up: Wear safety equipment for normal handling. Avoid generating dust. Vacuum up if

possible, otherwise sweep up and recycle. If the spilled product is not suitable for

re-use, dispose of to an approved landfill site and cover with clean fill.

# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling: Dust generation should be minimised when handling. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Storage: Storage areas should be ventilated.

# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

National Exposure Standards: Crystalline silica (quartz) 0.1mg/m³ TWA as respirable dust, 10mg/m³ TWA as

inhalable general nuisance dust.

Biological Limit Values: No information

Engineering Controls: Ventilation requirements will depend on handling methods and the amounts in

use but should be sufficient to maintain dust levels below exposure limits.

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Personal Protective Equipment: Safety glasses or goggles.

Where engineering and handling controls are not sufficient to minimise exposure to total dust and to respirable crystalline silica, personal respiratory protection may be required. The type of respirator depends on dust levels and exposure time. For low level dust a P1 or P2 mask is sufficient. When dust approaches the National Exposure Standards limits then a more efficient cartridge type or

powered respirator should be used.

# 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: Cream coloured free running sand

Odour: Odourless
pH: Neutral
Vapour Pressure: Not applicable

Boiling Point/Range: Not applicable

Melting Point: Rutile 1850°C, Quartz 1700°C, Zircon 2200°C

Solubility: Insoluble
Bulk Density: 1.3-1.4
Flash Point: Not applicable
Flammability Limits: Not applicable

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity: Inert Chemical Stability: Stable

Incompatible Materials: None in normal or expected use Decomposition Products: Decomposition will not occur

# 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Long Term Effects of Inhalation:

Long term inhalation of respirable silica dust at levels over the NES guidelines carries the risk of causing serious and irreversible lung disease such as bronchitis and silicosis.

# 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Very low risk of environmental damage. Insoluble in water and unlikely to contaminate waterways or food chains.

# 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

If not reusable, dispose of at approved landfill site. Disposal must be in accordance with Commonwealth, State and local government regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transport may be regulated in some countries although the product is classified as Non-Dangerous Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. Trucks however should be covered when transporting dry bulk product to prevent dust creation.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Poisons Schedule: None allocated

# 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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