SAFETY DATA SHEET
BENTONITE

1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

PRODUCT NAME	BENTONITE
APPLICATION	Viscosifier.
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2 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Name	EC No.	CAS-No.	Content	Classification
BENTONITE	215-108-5	1302-78-9	80 - 95%	-
QUARTZ, CRYSTALLINE SILICA	238-878-4	14808-60-7	2 -15%	Xn;R20.

The Full Text for all R-Phrases are Displayed in Section 16

COMPOSITION COMMENTS

This material is a naturally occurring mineral. The Data Shown is in accordance with the latest EC Directives. This product contains a small quantity of quartz, crystalline silica. Prolonged and repeated exposure to concentrations of crystalline silica exceeding the maximum exposure limit may lead to chronic lung disease such as silicosis.

3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Not regarded as a health or environmental hazard under current legislation.

HUMAN HEALTH

This product contains a small quantity of quartz. IARC Monographs, Vol.68, 1997, concludes that there is sufficient evidence that inhaled crystalline silica in the form of quartz or crystobalite from occupational sources causes cancer in humans. IARC classification Group 1.

4 FIRST-AID MEASURES

INHALATION

Move the exposed person to fresh air at once. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

INGESTION

First aid is not normally required. Rinse mouth thoroughly. Drink plenty of water.

SKIN CONTACT

Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

EYE CONTACT

Promptly wash eyes with plenty of water while lifting the eye lids. Continue to rinse for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

5 FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

The product is non-combustible. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.

UNUSUAL FIRE & EXPLOSION HAZARDS

No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES IN FIRE

Self contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS

Wear protective clothing as described in Section 8 of this safety data sheet.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS

Do not allow to enter drains, sewers or watercourses.

SPILL CLEAN UP METHODS

Shovel into dry containers. Cover and move the containers. Flush the area with water. May be slippery when wet.

7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

USAGE PRECAUTIONS

Avoid handling which leads to dust formation. Provide good ventilation. Mechanical ventilation or local exhaust ventilation may be required
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STORAGE PRECAUTIONS

Store at moderate temperatures in dry, well ventilated area.

8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Name	Std	LT - ppm	LT - mg/m3	ST - ppm	ST - mg/m3
QUARTZ, CRYSTALLINE SILICA	WEL		0.3 mg/m3 resp. dust		
BENTONITE			4 mg/m3 resp. dust		

INGREDIENT COMMENTS

WEL = Workplace Exposure Limits * OSHA PELs for Mineral Dusts containing crystalline silica are 10 mg/m3 / (%SiO2+2) for quartz and 1/2 the calculated quartz value for cristobalite and tridymite. NUI = Nuisance Dust. WEL TWA 4mg/m3 respirable dust, 10mg/m3 total dust.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

ENGINEERING MEASURES

Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation.

RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT

Respiratory protection must be used if air contamination exceeds acceptable level. Dust filter P3 (for especially fine dust/powder).

HAND PROTECTION

No specific hand protection noted, but gloves may still be advisable. For prolonged or repeated skin contact use suitable protective gloves
. Rubber or plastic.

EYE PROTECTION

Wear dust resistant safety goggles where there is danger of eye contact.

OTHER PROTECTION

Wear appropriate clothing to prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact. Provide eyewash station.

9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE	Powder, dust		
COLOUR	Cream to Grey		
ODOUR	Odourless		
SOLUBILITY	Insoluble in water		
RELATIVE DENSITY	2.3 - 2.6 20	BULK DENSITY	769 - 833 kg/m3
pH-VALUE, CONC. SOLUTION	9 - 10		

10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY

Stable under normal temperature conditions.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID

Avoid wet and humid conditions.

MATERIALS TO AVOID

No incompatible materials noted.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

No specific hazardous decomposition products noted.

11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

INHALATION

Dust may irritate respiratory system or lungs. Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation.

INGESTION

May cause discomfort if swallowed.

SKIN CONTACT

Powder may irritate skin.

EYE CONTACT

Particles in the eyes may cause irritation and smarting.

HEALTH WARNINGS

This product contains small quantities of quartz. Prolonged inhalation of high concentrations may damage respiratory system. Because of quantity and composition, the health hazard is small.

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ECOTOXICITY

Not regarded as dangerous for the environment. Contact M-I Swaco's QHSE Department for ecological information.

13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

DISPOSAL METHODS

Recover and reclaim or recycle, if practical. Dispose of waste and residues in accordance with local authority requirements.

14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

GENERAL	The product is not covered by international regulation on the transport of dangerous goods (IMDG, IATA, ADR/RID).

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

RISK PHRASES

NC	Not classified.

SAFETY PHRASES

NC	Not classified.

UK REGULATORY REFERENCES

The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1988. Chemicals (Hazard Information & Packaging) Regulations. IARC Monographs, Vol.68, 1997.

EU DIRECTIVES

Dangerous Substance Directive 67/548/EEC. Dangerous Preparations Directive 1999/45/EEC.

GUIDANCE NOTES

Workplace Exposure Limits EH40.

16 OTHER INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

HMIS Health - 1 HMIS Flammability - 1 HMIS Physical Hazard - 0 E - Safety glasses, Gloves, Dust Respirator

INFORMATION SOURCES

Material Safety Data Sheet, Misc. manufacturers. Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, Tenth Revised Edition, United Nations.

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RISK PHRASES IN FULL

R20	Harmful by inhalation.

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