GARAMITE-1958

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product name : GARAMITE-1958

Manufacturer or supplier's details

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Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Rheology Additive

Restrictions on use : Refer to Section 15 for any restrictions that may apply

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS Classification

Combustible dust :

GHS label elements

Signal word : Warning

Hazard statements : May form combustible dust concentrations in air.

Other hazards

Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

Chemical nature : Organophilic phyllosilicates

Hazardous components

No hazardous ingredients

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : Do not leave the victim unattended.

If inhaled : If unconscious, place in recovery position and seek medical advice.
If symptoms persist, call a physician.

In case of skin contact	:	Remove contaminated clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water.
In case of eye contact	:	Flush eyes with water as a precaution. Remove contact lenses. Protect unharmed eye. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist.
If swallowed	:	Keep respiratory tract clear. Do not give milk or alcoholic beverages. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If symptoms persist, call a physician.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	:	No information available.

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	:	Foam Carbon dioxide (CO2) Dry chemical
Unsuitable extinguishing media	:	High volume water jet
Specific hazards during firefighting	:	Handle as an industrial chemical. Keep dust to a minimum to avoid potential formation of explosive air/dust mixture. Will not explode on mechanical impact. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray. Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.
Hazardous combustion products	:	Carbon oxides Nitrogen oxides (NOx) Ammonia
Further information	:	Standard procedure for chemical fires. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Special protective equipment for firefighters	:	Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	:	Avoid dust formation.
Environmental precautions	:	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	:	Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Advice on safe handling	:	For personal protection see section 8. Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area. Dispose of rinse water in accordance with local and national regulations.
Conditions for safe storage	:	Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Electrical installations / working materials must comply with the technological safety standards.
Materials to avoid	:	No materials to be especially mentioned.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Further occupational exposure limits

Description	Value type	Control parameters	Basis
inert or nuisance dust	TWA	50Million particles per cubic foot total dust	OSHA Z-3
	TWA	15 mg/m3 total dust	OSHA Z-3
	TWA	5 mg/m3 respirable fraction	OSHA Z-3
	TWA	15Million particles per cubic foot respirable fraction	OSHA Z-3

Engineering measures : Use with local exhaust ventilation.

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection	:	If large quantities of dust are generated, wear a properly fitted (NIOSH) dust respirator/mask during exposure.
Hand protection		
Material	:	Impervious gloves
Remarks	:	The suitability for a specific workplace should be discussed with the producers of the protective gloves.
Eye protection	:	Eye wash bottle with pure water Tightly fitting safety goggles
Skin and body protection	:	Dust impervious protective suit Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.
Hygiene measures	:	Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state	:	powder
Colour	:	off-white
Odour	:	odourless
Odour Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	4 - 6, Concentration: 1 % (68 °F (20 °C)) Method: Universal pH-value indicator
Melting point/ range	:	Not applicable
Boiling point/boiling range	:	Not applicable
Vapour pressure	:	Not applicable
Flash point	:	Not applicable
Upper explosion limit	:	Not applicable
Lower explosion limit	:	200 g/m3
Evaporation rate	:	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	May form combustible dust concentrations in air.
Dust explosion description number Kst	:	77 m.b_/s
Dust explosion class	:	St1
Minimum Explosible Concentration	:	200 g/m3
Relative vapour density	:	Not applicable
Relative Density/Specific Gravity	:	No data available
Particle size	:	No data available
Density	:	1.6 g/cm3 (68 °F (20 °C))
Bulk density	:	34 - 172 kg/m3 Method: see user defined free text Pour density
Solubility(ies)		
Water solubility	:	insoluble
Solubility in other solvents	:	No data available

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	No bioaccumulation is to be expected.
Ignition temperature	:	554 °F (290 °C) Ignition temperature dust layer 968 °F (520 °C) Ignition temperature dust cloud
Thermal decomposition	:	No data available
Viscosity		
Viscosity, dynamic	:	Not applicable

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	:	No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.
Chemical stability	:	No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	:	No decomposition if stored and applied as directed. Dust may form explosive mixture in air.
Conditions to avoid	:	No data available
Incompatible materials	:	No data available
Hazardous decomposition products	:	No data available

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on likely routes of exposure
Inhalation
Ingestion
Eye contact
Skin contact

Acute toxicity

Product:

Acute oral toxicity : Remarks: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Product:

Remarks: No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Product:

Remarks: No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Product:

Remarks: No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

Product:

Genotoxicity in vitro : Remarks: No data available

Genotoxicity in vivo : Remarks: No data available

Carcinogenicity

Product:

Remarks: No data available

IARC	No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
OSHA	No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.
NTP	No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

Reproductive toxicity

Product:

Effects on fertility : Remarks: No data available

Effects on foetal development : Remarks: No data available

STOT - single exposure

Product:

Remarks: No data available

STOT - repeated exposure

Product:

Remarks: No data available

Repeated dose toxicity

Product:

Remarks: No known chronic health effects.

Remarks: No data available

Aspiration toxicity

Product:

No data available

Experience with human exposure

Product:

Inhalation:

Symptoms: Dust particles may cause irritation of the respiratory tract.

Skin contact:

Symptoms: Contact may cause irritation.

Eye contact:

Symptoms: Contact may cause irritation.

Ingestion:

Symptoms: Ingestion will probably cause irritation of the digestive tract.

Further information

Product:

Remarks: No data available

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Product:

Toxicity to fish : Remarks: No data available

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : Remarks: No data available

Persistence and degradability

Product:

Biodegradability : Remarks: No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

Product:

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: No bioaccumulation is to be expected.

Mobility in soil

Product:

Mobility : Remarks: Bentonite is almost insoluble and thus presents a low mobility in most soils

Other adverse effects

No data available

Product:

Regulation	40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances
Remarks	This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

Additional ecological information : No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

EPA Hazardous Waste Code(s) : Not applicable.

Waste from residues : Do not dispose of waste into sewer.
Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container.
Send to a licensed waste management company.

Contaminated packaging : Empty remaining contents.
Dispose of as unused product.
Do not re-use empty containers.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

IMDG-Code
Not regulated as a dangerous good

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code
Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR
Not regulated as a dangerous good

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

EPCRA - Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 302)
This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

SARA 304 - Emergency Release Notification
This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

US. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) SARA Title III Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 355, Appendix A)
This material does not contain any components with a SARA 302 RQ.

SARA 311/312 Hazards	:	Per the June 13, 2016 Federal Register notice, EPA harmonized the EPCRA 311/312 hazard categories with the 2012 OSHA hazard communication standard for classifying and labeling of chemicals (i.e. GHS). Please refer to Section 2 of the SDS to identify the appropriate hazard categories for reporting purposes.
SARA 302	:	No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.
SARA 313	:	This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

Clean Air Act
This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCMI Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

Non-volatile (Wt) : No data available

Massachusetts Right To Know

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

Pennsylvania Right To Know

Organoclay	-
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New Jersey Right To Know

New Jersey Trade Secret Registry Number for the product (NJ TSRN) : 800963-1119

California Prop. 65

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

Section 5a : No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

Section 4 / 12(b) : No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

DSL : We certify that all of the components of this product are listed on the DSL.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Refer to NFPA 654, Standard for the Prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions from the Manufacturing, Processing, and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids, for safe handling.

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