

**OPTIGEL-WH**Version 1.1  
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Product name : OPTIGEL-WH  
Product code : 000000000000116389

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Use of the Substance/Mixture : Rheology Additive

**Section 2: Hazard identification****GHS Classification**

Carcinogenicity : Category 1

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure : Category 2

**GHS label elements**

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H350 May cause cancer.  
H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**

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P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P260 Do not breathe dust.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection/ hearing protection.

**Response:**

P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.

**Storage:**

P405 Store locked up.

**Disposal:**

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

None known.

**Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

Substance / Mixture :  
Chemical nature : Mixture  
Activated phyllosilicate

**Components**

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Quartz (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	14808-60-7	>= 1 -< 3
sodium carbonate	497-19-8	>= 1 -< 3
calcium carbonate	471-34-1	>= 1 -< 3

**Section 4: First-aid measures**

General advice : Move out of dangerous area.  
Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.  
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 : Wash off with soap and plenty of water.  
If skin irritation persists, call a physician.  
Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.

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 : Induce vomiting immediately and call a physician.  
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.

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Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	:	No information available. May cause cancer. May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Notes to physician	:	Treat symptomatically.

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**Section 5: Fire-fighting measures**

Suitable extinguishing media	:	Water spray  Foam Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) Dry chemical
Unsuitable extinguishing media	:	High volume water jet
Hazardous combustion products	:	The product itself does not burn.
Specific extinguishing methods	:	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.

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**Section 6: Accidental release measures**

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	:	Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust.
Environmental precautions	:	Prevent product from entering drains. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. If the product contaminates rivers and lakes or drains inform respective authorities.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	:	Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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**Section 7: Handling and storage**

Advice on protection against fire and explosion	:	Avoid dust formation. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
Advice on safe handling	:	Avoid formation of respirable particles. Do not breathe vapours/dust. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. 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

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Hygiene measures	:	regulations. When using do not eat or drink. When using do not smoke. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.
Conditions for safe storage	:	Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Observe label precautions. Electrical installations / working materials must comply with the technological safety standards.
Further information on storage stability	:	Keep in a dry place. No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.

### Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Quartz (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	14808-60-7	WES-TWA (Respirable dust)	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	NZ OEL
Further information: Confirmed carcinogen				
Quartz (SiO <sub>2</sub> )		TWA (Respirable particulate matter)	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Silica)	ACGIH
calcium carbonate	471-34-1	WES-TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Calcium carbonate)	NZ OEL

#### Personal protective equipment

Filter type : Filter type P  
Respiratory protection : In the case of dust or aerosol formation use respirator with an approved filter.  
Dust safety masks are recommended when the dust concentration is more than 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Hand protection

Remarks : Wear suitable 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.

### Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

Appearance : powder  
Colour : off-white  
Odour : odourless  
Odour Threshold : Not applicable

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pH	:	9.5 - 10.5 (20 °C) Concentration: 2 % Method: DIN 19268 (2% in water)
Melting point/freezing point	:	Not applicable
Boiling point/boiling range	:	Not applicable
Flash point	:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate	:	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	does not ignite
Self-ignition	:	Not applicable
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	Not applicable
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	Not applicable
Vapour pressure	:	Not applicable
Relative vapour density	:	Not applicable
Relative density	:	2.60
Density	:	2.6 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (20 °C, 1,013 hPa)
Solubility(ies)		
Water solubility	:	insoluble
Solubility in other solvents	:	No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	:	Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	:	No data available
Viscosity		
Viscosity, dynamic	:	No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	:	No data available

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**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.
Conditions to avoid	:	No data available

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Incompatible materials	:	None known.
Hazardous decomposition products	:	None known.

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### Section 11: Toxicological information

#### Acute toxicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

#### Product:

Acute oral toxicity : Remarks: No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Not classified due to lack of data.

#### Product:

Remarks : No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Not classified due to lack of data.

#### Product:

Remarks : No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

##### Skin sensitisation

Not classified due to lack of data.

##### Respiratory sensitisation

Not classified due to lack of data.

#### Product:

Remarks : No data available

#### Chronic toxicity

##### Germ cell mutagenicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

##### Carcinogenicity

May cause cancer.

##### Reproductive toxicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

##### STOT - single exposure

Not classified due to lack of data.

##### STOT - repeated exposure

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

##### Repeated dose toxicity

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Remarks : No data available

**Aspiration toxicity**

Not classified due to lack of data.

**Further information****Product:**

Remarks : No data available

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**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 data available

**Mobility in soil**

No data available

**Other adverse effects****Product:**Additional ecological : No data available  
information

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**Section 13: Disposal considerations****Disposal methods**

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.

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**Section 14: Transport information****International Regulations****UNRTDG**

UN number : Not applicable  
Proper shipping name : Not applicable  
Class : Not applicable  
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable  
Packing group : Not applicable  
Labels : Not applicable  
Environmentally hazardous : no

**IATA-DGR**

UN/ID No. : Not applicable  
Proper shipping name : Not applicable  
Class : Not applicable  
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable  
Packing group : Not applicable  
Labels : Not applicable  
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : Not applicable  
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : Not applicable

**IMDG-Code**

UN number : Not applicable  
Proper shipping name : Not applicable  
Class : Not applicable  
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable  
Packing group : Not applicable  
Labels : Not applicable  
EmS Code : Not applicable  
Marine pollutant : Not applicable

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

Not applicable for product as supplied.

**National Regulations****NZS 5433**

UN number : Not applicable  
Proper shipping name : Not applicable  
Class : Not applicable  
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable  
Packing group : Not applicable  
Labels : Not applicable  
Hazchem Code : Not applicable

**Special precautions for user**

Not applicable

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**Section 15: Regulatory information**
**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Tolerable Exposure Limits (TEL)

Not applicable

Environmental Exposure Limits (EEL)

Not applicable

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**Section 16: Other information**

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**Full text of other abbreviations**

ACGIH : USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)  
NZ OEL : New Zealand. Workplace Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants

ACGIH / TWA : 8-hour, time-weighted average  
NZ OEL / WES-TWA : Workplace Exposure Standard - Time Weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ANTT - National Agency for Transport by Land of Brazil; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MERCOSUR - The Agreement for the Facilitation of the Transport of Dangerous Goods; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; Nch - Chilean Norm; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NOM - Official Mexican Norm; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;

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vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative; WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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