

# Lowering the environmental impact of buildings



The key role of Environmental Product

Declarations (EPD)

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#### **AGENDA**



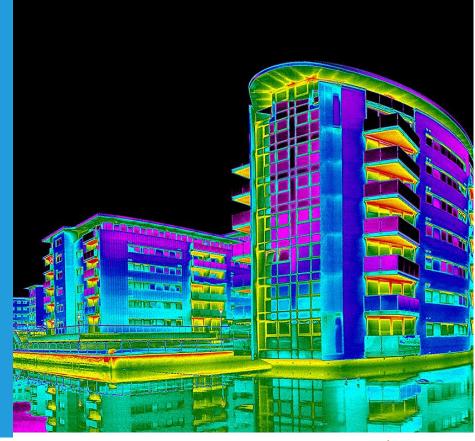
- 1- Why measuring our environmental impact is so important?
- 2- Life cycle assessment (LCA)
- 3- Environmental product declaration (EPD)
- 4- LEED v4 sections and requirements
- 5- Other important product transparency documents
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Because THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR HAS A HUGE IMPACT on the environment...









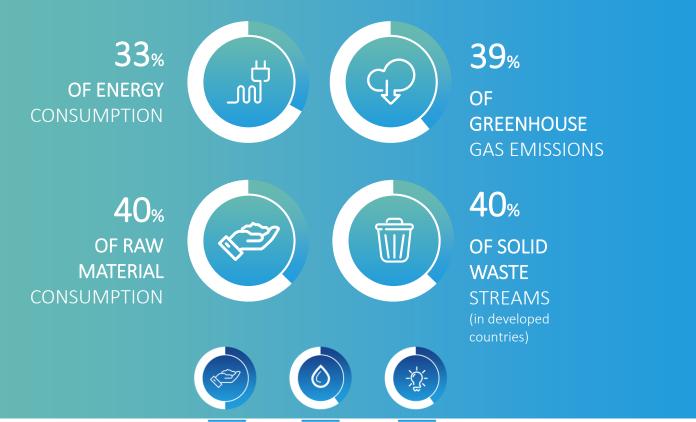






...and on people's health & wellbeing





As per WHO\*
Time spent indoors





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\*World Health Organization









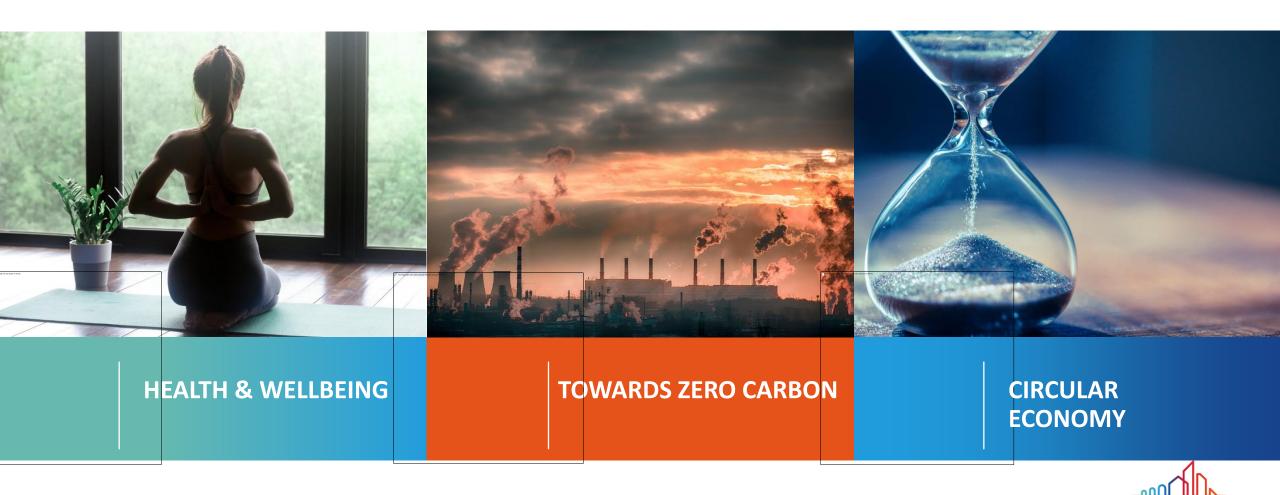




3 major sustainability challenges for the construction markets



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First Step Towards zero carbon buildings

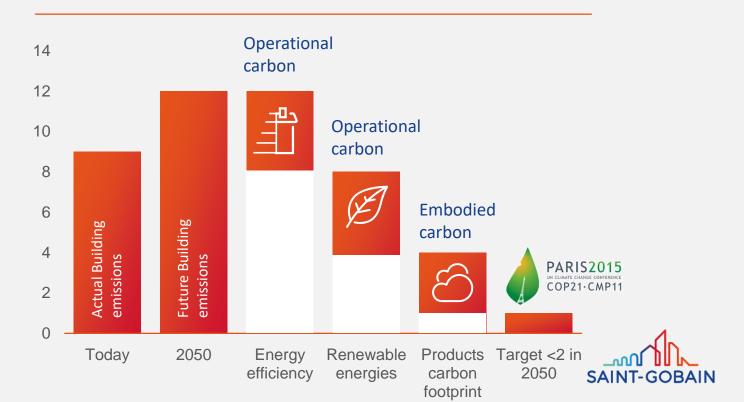




- Zero or positive energy new constructions
- Deep energy renovations of existing buildings
- Renewable energies
- Low carbon materials & systems

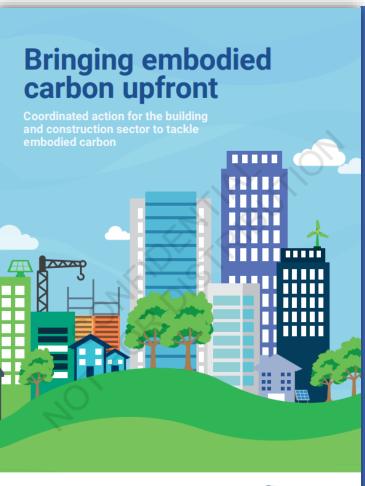
## NEED TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSION AT ALL STAGES

2050 OUTLOOK (IEA figures)



New zero embodied carbon target for new buildings in 2050





**VISION: FOCUS ON EMBODIED CARBON** 

2030

2050

Less embodied carbon, at least, with significant upfront carbon reduction, for all new buildings, infrastructure and

renovations.

Zero operational carbon for all new buildings.

Zero embodied carbon for all new buildings, infrastructure

and renovations

Zero operational carbon for all existing buildings.





QUIZ: What does the planet Earth prefer? (level 1)









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Comparing the Global warming potential of different products (in kg co<sub>2</sub> equivalent)





Products	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	Source		
glass wool: 1m² mineral wool with R = 1	0,87	ISOVER do Brazil		
4 x vanilla yogurts – 500 g	1,57	Casino		
6 x meat saussages Knacks (x6) – 210 g	1,9	Casino		
Plasterboard: 1 m² of Placo® BA13 - 12,5mm	1,93	PLACO France		
1 kg of chicken	3	Eco2Initiative		
1 pair of jeans	5,51	Deloitte		
1 kg of beef	18	Eco2Initiative		
Computer + LCD screen	1280	ADEME		
Commuting 10 km per day between residence and work	1300	Eco2Initiative		

Source of Brazilian ISOVER EPD:

https://gryphon4.environdec.com/system/data/files/6/12339/epd964%20SG%20Isover%20Feltro%20Wallfelt%20Pop%204%202016.pdf



Several parameters for several environmental impacts





- Energy efficiency
- Low carbon energies & Renewables
- Low carbon raw materials & recycled content
- Product design



**Raw materials** 







**Transportation** 





Several parameters for several environmental impacts

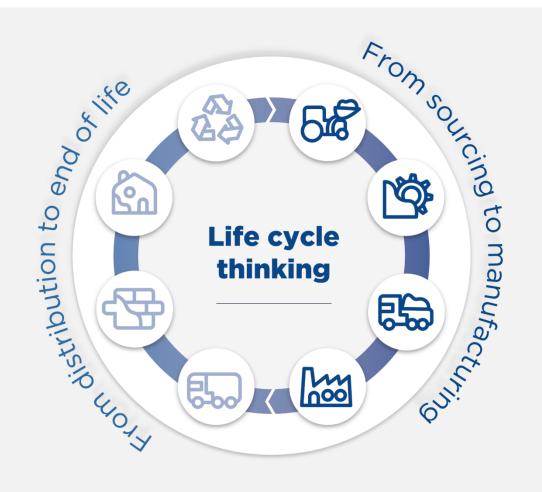












What is an LCA (Life Cycle Assessment)?



Why choosing LCA?



- ✓ More than **400 product eco-labels** exist on the market
- ✓ Consumers get confused and loose trust and confidence in these labels







# LCA is a science based methodology to evaluate the environmental performance of a product throughout all stages of its life cycle

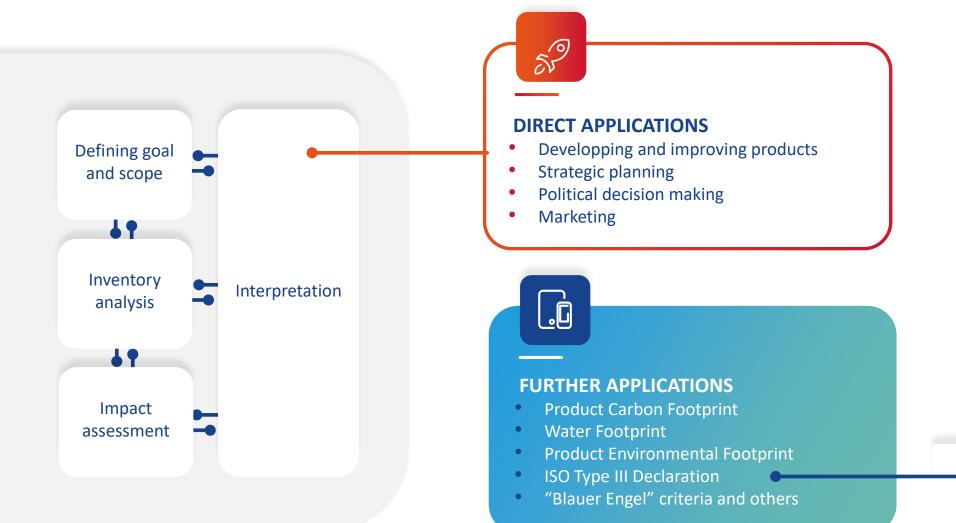
Multi steps (life cycle perspective)

Multi criteria (covers a broad range of environmental issue) Quantitative values



Life Cycle Assessment according to ISO 14040 & ISO 14044





ISO 14025 - ISO 21930 - EN 15804



The full life cycle in Saint-Gobain LCA













#### **Indicators in LCA**

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Eutrophication

kg (PO4)3 eq.

Potential

Unit:

ΕP

#### **NOT ONLY CARBON FOOTPRINT:**



**GWP** 

**Global Warming** Potential

Unit: kg CO2 eq.

ODP



POPC

Ozone depletion Potential

Photochemical Potential

Unit: Unit: kg CFC11 eq. kg (PO4)3 eq. Unit: MJ



Use renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials

Use of renewable primary resources used as raw materials

Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials

Unit: MJ

Unit: MJ



Use of nonrenewable primary energy resources used as raw materials





Unit: MJ



Net use of fresh water

Unit: MJ Unit: m3



Components for re-use



Materials for recycling

Unit: kg



Materials for energy recovery



Unit: kg

Exported energy

Unit: kg

waste

disposed



Hazardous



Unit: kg

Hazardous waste disposed

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Radioactive waste disposed

Unit: kg

Unit: kg

Unit: kg SO2 eq.



ADP-e Abiotic

depletion

resources

for non-fossil

ΑP

Unit:

kg SO2 eq.

**Acidification Potential** 

Abiotic depletion for fossil resources

ADP-f

Unit: MJ

Unit: MJ

Use of materia

secondary

Use of renewable secondary fuels

Unit: MJ

Unit: kg



Use of non-renewable secondary fuels





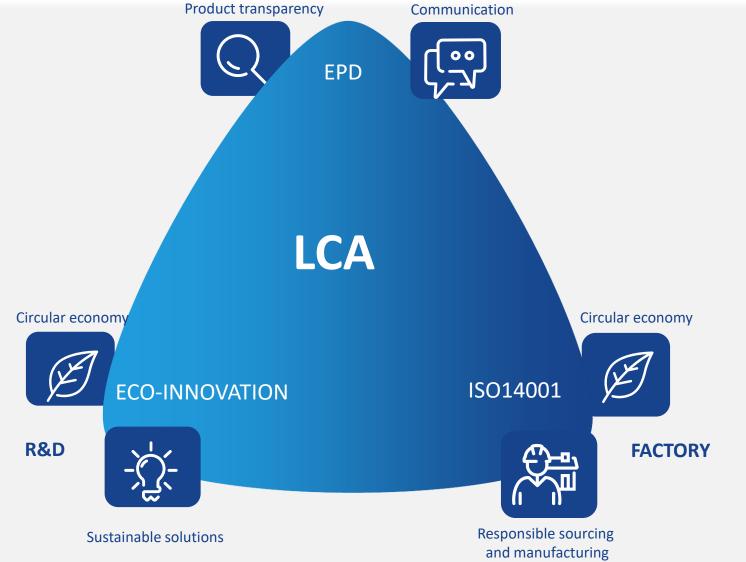
THE USE OF LCA



The connection of LCA with different departments for manufacturers

#### **MARKETING**











THE EPD (environmental product declaration)



**EPD** is only the visible part of an iceberg





**EPD** is a document that includes the **LCA Results.** 

Data quality

3<sup>RD</sup> party verification

Programme operator

**Standards** 

LCI database

LCA scope

Ecoinnovation

LCA methodology

EHS data

Product recipe

Multi-steps / Multi-indicators



**EPD Content – Main sections** 





Main mandatory information (Based on EN 15804):











General information

Product description

LCA calculation information

Life cycle stages description

LCA results as environmental impacts...

**EPD Content – Environmental impacts indicators** 



#### **Environmental impacts indicators based:**



Declared or Functional unit considered for the LCA study



Stages considered : cradle to gate, cradle to grave...

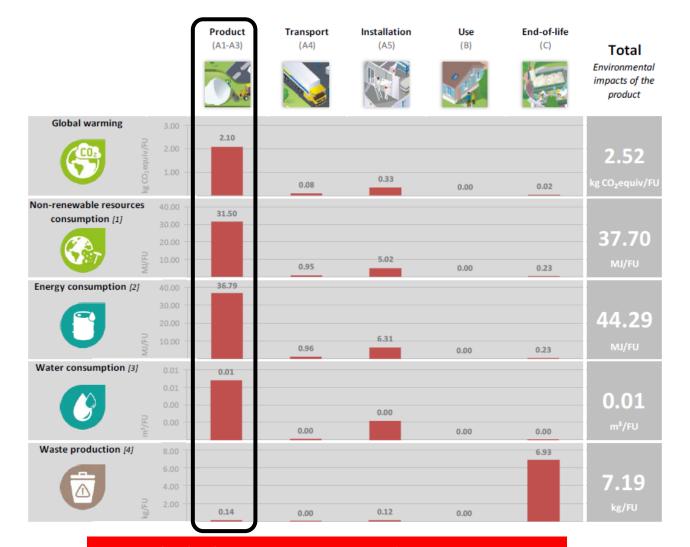


Calculation according to the Scenario information for each stage (A1-A3, A4, A5, B, C, D)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS																
Parameters		Product stage	Construction process stage		Use stage						End-of-life stage				ery.	
		A1/A2/A3	A4 Transport	A5 Installation	B1 Use	B2 Maintenance	B3 Repair	B4 Replacement	B5 Refurbishment	B6 Operational energy use	B7 Operational vater use	C1 Deconstructio n / demolition	C2 Transport	C3 Waste processing	C4 Disposal	D Reuse, recovery, recycling
<b>(39</b>	Global Warming Potential (GWP 100) - kg CO₂equiy/FU	3,64E+00											1,37E-02 g resulting fi ch is assign	rom the emi		MNA
<b>③</b>	Ozone Depletion (ODP) kg CFC 11 equiv/FU	3,16E-07	1,76E-17	1,58E-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,18E-18	3,17E-12	1,11E-09	9,96E-16	MNA
		Destruction of the stratospheric ozone layer which shields the earth from ultraviolet radiation harmful to life.  This destruction of ozone is caused by the breakdown of certain chlorine and/or bromine containing compounds (chlorofluorocarbons or halons), which break down when they reach the stratosphere and then catalytically destroy ozone molecules.														
	Acidification potential (AP) kg SO <sub>2</sub> equit/FU	1,14E-02	4,59E-04	7,41E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,85E-04	5,57E-05	1,89E-05	1,02E-03	MNA
		Acid depositions have negative impacts on natural ecosystems and the man-made environment incl. buildings.  The main sources for emissions of acidifying substances are agriculture and fossil fuel combustion, used for electricity production, heating and transport.														



#### **EPD results for a standard plasterboard**





Average range value for standard plasterboard:

2-3 kg

38 - 50 MJ



LCAs and EPDs, the great evolution









Product n°2

Performance



Where to find third party verified EPDs? <a href="https://www.environdec.com/">https://www.environdec.com/</a>



## THE INTERNATIONAL EPD® SYSTEM

"Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) present transparent, verified and comparable information about the life-cycle environmental impact of products.

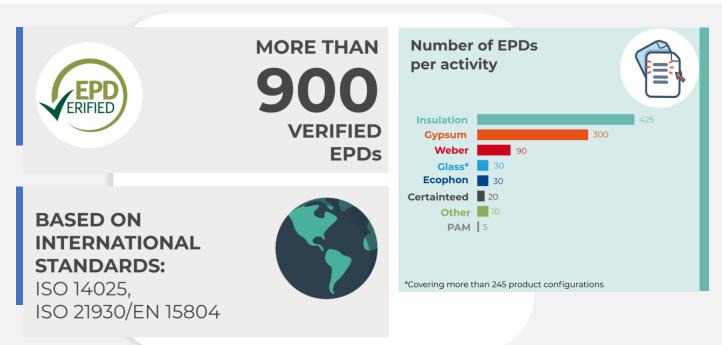
The International EPD® System is a global programme for environmental declarations based on ISO 14025 and EN 15804. Our online database currently contains more than 1100 EPDs for a wide range of product categories by organisations in 45 countries."





**Saint-Gobain EPDs** 





Some of our brands which have EPDs:





















**Saint-Gobain EPDs** 

Countries where products are covered with EPDs







**Eco-innovative products coverred by Saint-Gobain EPDs** 

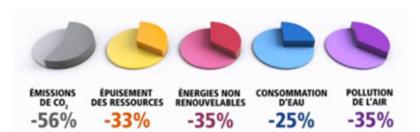




Glasswool insulation with biobased binder



Mortars
with high recycled content
and green binders





Stronger gypsumboard reducing material needs on site



#### **Internal walls covered by Saint-Gobain EPDs**

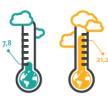




••••••The environmental benefit of using drywall systems instead of brick systems, on 1m² of wall profile



For **1 m**<sup>2</sup> of partitions walls, using drywall systems instead of traditional systems **would save**:







49% reduction in primary energy use (MJ/FU)



80%
reduction in wall system
weight (kg/FU)



36% reduction in fresh water usage (L/FU)

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Two wall profiles commonly used in Brazil, were assessed in this study, as described below:

#### THE PLACO® DRYWALL SYSTEM:

potential (kg CO, equiv/FU)



#### Insulated metal stud drywall

Detalls: Structure composed for STUD M70 and Chanels R70, the Steel thickness is 0,50 mm. Placo® Standard Plasterboard 12,5 mm in the both slide of the structure Glasswool 50 mm, finish by paper tape and pre mix compound and the Acoustic tape.

**Reference:** 95/70/600/ST 12,5 mm + Glasswool 75 mm

#### THE TRADITIONAL WALL SYSTEM:



#### Cement plastered 140 mm large brick

**Details:** Ceramic brick block for internal partitionning with 14cm thickness and gypsum plaster levelling (1 cm) in both sides

Reference: Tabique gran formato





#### **Significant synergies**



Improvements of LCA models and tools for product transparency and eco-innovation

# Better knowledge on raw materials and chemical reactions





# In-depth analysis of LCA results and identification of main contributors for existing solutions and alternatives



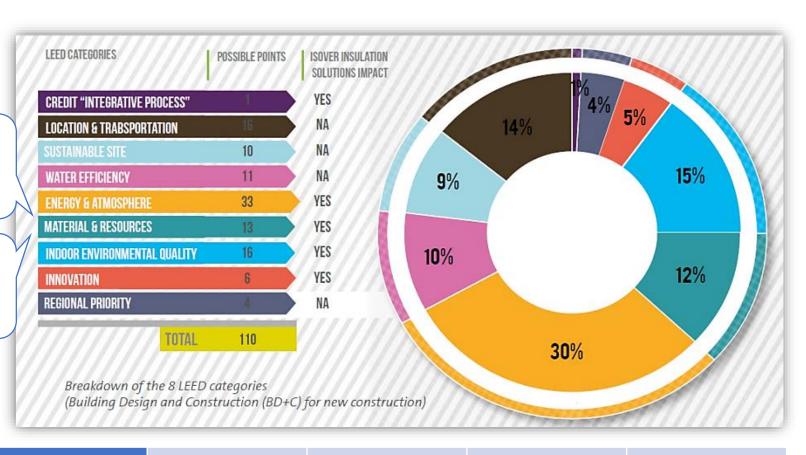


#### 4- LEED v4 section and requirements



Building life-cycle impact reduction: **up to 5 points** 

Building product disclosure and optimization, verified EPDs: up to 2 points



LEED v4Certified:Silver:Gold:points requirements40-4950-5960-79



Platinum:

>80

#### 5- Other important product transparency documents





Out of USA







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Section 1: Summary

#### **Nested Method / Product Threshold**

#### CONTENT INVENTORY

Inventory Reporting Format Threshold level Nested Materials Method ① 100 ppm C Basic Method

Threshold Disclosed Per

C Material

Product

C 1,000 ppm

O Per GHS SDS C Per OSHA MSDS Considered in 2 of 2 Materials

Yes ○ No

Residuals/Impurities Residuals/Impurities

All Substances Above the Threshold Indicated Are:

% weight and role provided for all substances.

All substances screened using Priority Hazard Lists with results disclosed.

Identified C Yes Ex/SC C Yes € No

One or more substances not disclosed by Name (Specific or Generic) and Identifier and/ or one or more Special Condition did not follow guidance.

#### CONTENT IN DESCENDING ORDER OF QUANTITY

Summary of product contents and results from screening individual chemical substances against HPD Priority Hazard Lists and the GreenScreen for Safer Chemicals®. The HPD does not assess whether using or handling this product will expose individuals to its chemical substances or any health risk. Refer to Section 2 for further details.

MATERIAL | SUBSTANCE | RESIDUAL OR IMPURITY

GREENSCREEN SCORE | HAZARD TYPE

AIRRENEW ESSENTIALS CORE BOARD [ CALCIUM SULFATE DIHYDRATE LT-UNK STARCH (PRIMARY CASRN IS 9005-25-8) LT-UNK UNDISCLOSED LT-UNK MINERAL WOOL, BIOSOLUBLE AND/OR WITH ALKALINE OXIDE AND ALKALI EARTH OXIDE CONTENT ≤ 18 % BY WEIGHT LT-UNK POLY(METHYLHYDROSILOXANE) NoGS PORTLAND CEMENT LT-P1 | END CAN SODIUM POLYNAPTHALENESULFONATE LT-P1 | PBT POLY(OXY-1,2-ETHANEDIYL), ALPHA-SULFO-OMEGA-HYDROXY-, C8-10-ALKYL ETHERS, AMMONIUM SALTS LT-UNK GLUCOSE BM-3 PROTEIN HYDROLYSATE [USP] NoGS 2-NAPHTHALENESULFONIC ACID, POLYMER WITH FORMALDEHYDE, SODIUM SALT LT-P1 | PBT QUARTZ LT-1 | CAN ] PAPER FACING [ CELLULOSE, MICROCRYSTALLINE NoGS LIMESTON CALCIUM CARBONATE LT-UNK KAOLIN, CALCINED LT-UNK STARCH LT-UNK ACETIC ACID ETHENYL ESTER, POLYMER WITH ETHENOL LT-UNK

Number of Greenscreen BM-4/BM3 contents ... 1

Contents highest concern GreenScreen Benchmark or List translator Score ... LT-1

Nanomaterial ... No.

#### INVENTORY AND SCREENING NOTES:

All materials have been acreened thru the HPD tool. All residuals and impurities have been considered. HPD has been reviewed and certified by a





Self declaration (possibility of Third-party verification)



Standard for content declaration at the state of the art Threshold 0,1% or 0,01%



Hazard identification based on Greenscreen

Not consistent with the European regulatory framework



## 6- Game - Now, lets play!





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#### Table of 4 people minimum

- For each table: define 2 teams made of 2 players each minimum
  - Draws a card on the pile of the colour corresponding to a category of question
  - > Time is limited to 2 minutes per question

If you throw the hidden face, you roll the dice again



- First team to reach the « Finish! » space wins or that have correctly answered to more questions than the other team
- Time: 30 minutes

#### ECOSELLER

#### RULES OF THE EPD GAME

This board game, part of the ECOSELLER training program has been designed by the Central Suscensibility Marketing Team of the Saint-Gobern Gipsum Activity, to help you familiarize yourself with the Environmental Product Declaration (EPD).

#### EQUIPMEN

The game is played on a board game and contains a winding path with 11 pages. There are 1 offerent gapging proces, i hourglass and 1 special dos (1, 1, 5 gives actions for replay). There are 3 payenton codts spin into 6 categories and gapging. Common information only gLCA.

Calculation codes, 5 theps & Tomanic codes, 5 conviconmental codes, 5 feeting results and 5 chapter flows. A Waster categories careful, 5 of the pages and 1 payent flows the EPD of Britishman.

Wienerberger AS, and two printed copies of the EPD of Gyproc Wallboards 22.5mm

#### PREPARATION AND OBTECTIVE

The game master, usually the ECOSSLLER trainer, is in charge of explaining the rules, asking the questions on the cards, leeping the time and explaining the answers when recessor.

Players overte a teams with up to g players each. Each serm-house is applicable playing place. Places an placed on the Stant pages. The cards are stacked in place outside the board game. To determine who goes first, such team rettle the disk. This impliest runnber goes first. The EPO GAME is a simple range game. First beam to reach the "firstlet" species upon.

#### PLAY

The first team rols the dos and moves their pace forward by the number. For example, if your first throw is a three, move to the 3rd apare. If you throw the given object, you roll the dice again.

Depending on the galaxy of the space on which you land, the game meeter disease a card on the pile of the same onlight corresponding to a category of question and read the question to the playing teams, who will have to search the answers in the EPDs.

The game matter is also the time keeper, time is limited to a minutes per question. If the playing beam-gives the right amount, they get cont again. This can be expected for up to three right per time. After the grid roll, the turn ends and the next seam glags. If the playing team gives a wrong amove or timeout, the next team rolls the does and plays.

Moreover, both teams can play in this game since the other playing team is also allowed to play and if they give the right answer before, they get to not the dice and move forward. IMVE PURL



## ANY QUESTIONS?

