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| **Company Name:**  Site: | |  | COSHH  Assessment | |
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| Supplier: | Gyproc | | COSHH Number | 27 |
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| Assessment By: | Activity: | | Review Date | Assessment Date |
|  | Plasterboard | |  |  |
|  | Persons/Groups at Risk | |  |  |
|  | Site operatives (Plasterers/labourers) | |  |  |

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| **NAME OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE USED OR CREATED** |
| **Substance: Gyproc Wallboard** |

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| **FLAMMABLE** | | | |  | | **TOXIC** | | | |  | | **IRRITANT** | | | |  | | **OXIDISING** | | | |  | | **HARMFUL** | | | |  | | **CORROSIVE** | | | |
| **YES** | | **NO** | |  | | **YES** | | **NO** | |  | | **YES** | | **NO** | |  | | **YES** | | **NO** | |  | | **YES** | | **NO** | |  | | **YES** | | NO | |
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| **COMPRESSED GAS** | | | |  | | **TOXIC** | | | |  | | **HARMFUL TO THE EINVIRONMENT** | | | |  | |  | | | |  | |  | | | |  | |  | | | |
| **YES** | | **NO** | |  | | **YES** | | **NO** | |  | | **YES** | | **NO** | |  | | **YES** | | **NO** | |  | | **YES** | | **NO** | |  | | **YES** | | NO | |
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| Please add comments into boxes where required. | | Insert ✓ in appropriate boxes | | **YES** | **NO** | |
| Is Manufacturers Safety Data Sheet available? | | |  | ✓ |  | |
| Does the Substance have a Workplace Exposure Limit (WEL)? | | |  | ✓ |  | |
| If the substance has a WEL please state. if un-sure check HSE document – EH40 | | | Refer to SDS | ✓ |  | |
| Can a safer substance be used or can the substance be enclosed or extracted. | | |  |  | ✓ | |
| Will employees be given information and training? | | |  | ✓ |  | |
| Will Personal Protective Equipment be provided for employees? | | |  | | | |
| State the standard of RPE (respirators) | | | FFP3 | ✓ |  | |
| State the standard of Goggles or Spectacles | | | BS EN166 safety glasses | ✓ |  | |
| State the standard of Gloves | | | Nitrile/PVC without knitted backs or knitwrists | ✓ |  | |
| State the standard of Overalls | | |  |  | ✓ | |
| State the standard of Boots | | | BS EN345 | ✓ |  | |
| Other Equipment | | | Attach details if YES |  | ✓ | |
| Will Exposure Monitoring and/or Control Measures be required? | | | Attach details if YES |  | ✓ | |
| Will Health Surveillance be necessary? | | | Attach details if YES |  | ✓ | |
| Does this Substance need to be disposed of by a Waste Disposal Contractor? | | | | ✓ |  | |
| Have all necessary First-aid requirements been provided? | | |  | ✓ |  | |
| Have Storage requirements for the substance been provided/arranged on site? | | |  | ✓ |  | |
| **FIRST AID, FIRE FIGHTING, STORAGE & HANDLING, DISPOSAL AND ACCIDENTAL RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROVIDED ON PAGES 2 & 3** | | | **Number of Sheets attached to this Assessment** | | |  |
| FIRST AID INSTRUCTIONS | | | | | | |
| **Route of Exposure, or**  **Type of Injury** | **First Aid Treatment** | | | | | |
| Skin Contact | Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water. Get medical attention if symptoms are severe or persist after washing. | | | | | |
| Eye Contact | Due to the physical nature of this product, exposure by this route is unlikely. IF IN EYES: Remove any contact lenses and open eyelids wide apart. Rinse with water. Do not rub eye. Get medical attention if symptoms are severe or persist after washing. | | | | | |
| Inhalation | Due to the physical nature of this product, exposure by this route is unlikely. IF INHALED: Move affected person to fresh air and keep warm and at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If in doubt, get medical attention promptly. | | | | | |
| Ingestion | Due to the physical nature of this product, it is unlikely that ingestion will occur. IF SWALLOWED: Give a few small glasses of water or milk to drink. Stop if the affected person feels sick as vomiting may be dangerous. Do not induce vomiting unless under the direction of medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If in doubt, get medical attention promptly. | | | | | |
| General Information | The product is considered a low hazard under normal conditions of use. See Section 11 for additional information on health hazards. The severity of the symptoms described will vary dependent on the concentration and the length of exposure. | | | | | |

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| **FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES** | |
| **Hazard** | **Measures** |
| Fire | Plasterboard has limited combustibility; however  paper facings and packaging may burn.  All standard fire extinguishers are suitable,  using normal fire fighting procedures. |
| Stability | Dry plasterboard is stable if stored correctly. |
| Decomposition Products | N/A |

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| **MANUFACTURERS INFORMATION** | |
| **Manufacturers Name and Address** | British Gypsum  East Leake  Loughborough  Leicestershire  LE12 6HX UK |
| **Manufacturers Health & Safety Data Sheet Reference** | N/A |
| **24 Hour Emergency Telephone Number** | +44 (0) 115 945 6123  8:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday (GMT) |
| **Regulatory Information: Warning Label Phrases** | Physical hazards Not Classified  Health hazards Not Classified  Environmental hazards Not Classified  Human health:  Harmful dust may be released during cutting or grinding process. Dust may irritate the eyes and the respiratory system. Frequent inhalation of dust over a long period of time increases the risk of developing lung diseases. Sharp edges and corners may cause cuts and abrasions.  Hazard statements NC Not Classified  Labelling notes As supplied, this product does not meet the requirements for labelling. |

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| **STORAGE AND HANDLING** | |
| **Hazard** | **Measures** |
| Handling | When manually handling plasterboards,  consideration of the correct manual handling  technique to limit risk, according to the Manual  Handling Operations Regulations 1992.  Plasterboard is supplied shrink wrapped on a  bearer support system. Packs should be  moved using a folk lift truck or hydraulic trolley,  care should be taken to ensure that the  machinery is safely capable such movements  and that the operator is trained and competent.  . |
| Storage | Plasterboard should be stored in dry flat  conditions, if supported on bearers these  should not exceed 450mm maximum centres |

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| DISPOSAL MEASURES | |
| **Hazard** | Measures |
| Pollution of water courses or drains | The product is not expected to be hazardous to the environment. Insoluble in water. Aquatic toxicity is unlikely to occur. However, large or frequent spills may have hazardous effects on the environment. Collect spillage. Avoid discharge to the aquatic environment. Large Spillages: Inform the relevant authorities if environmental pollution occurs (sewers, waterways, soil or air). |

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| ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES | |
| **Hazard** | Measures |
| Spillage | Pick up dry if possible. Wet spillages should be allowed to dry and dispose of as inert waste at a suitably licensed waste disposal facility.  Do not allow to enter water courses or drains. |

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| USAGE/EXPOSURE | |
| **Frequency and Duration of use** |  |
| **Maximum number of people involved in activity** |  |
| **Quantities stored/used** |  |
| **Exposure levels** |  |

**Safe System of Work**

1. Minimise creation of dust by following instructions on handling.
2. PPE such as RPE, gloves and eye protection will be required where airborne dust is generated

**Operatives Acknowledgement**

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