

# LYTAG®

# - Safety Data Sheet -Lightweight Aggregate

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#### Safety Data Sheet According To: Lytag Ltd Lytag Health and Safety Data Sheet December 2006



IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE / MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY / UNDERTAKING

Trade name: Lytag<sup>®</sup>

Product Code: 7830, 7831, 7832

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture:

Lightweight aggregate used as a basic construction material and as a component of other materials such as concrete, mortar, blocks and screeds.

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# 2 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Lytag is manufactured from a by-product of bituminous coal fired power stations. The power station grinds coal into a very fine powder and uses this powder to fire the furnaces. Upon combustion of the coal a fine ash residue is left which takes the form of microscopic spheres. This ash is mixed with water and occasionally other powdered materials such as coal in small quantities and fired using recycled oil.



#### CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

The predominant components are oxides of silicon (SiO2), aluminium (Al2O3) and iron (Fe2O3).

# HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

#### Inhalation

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Respirable dust containing quartz from this product, like many other crushed products if inhaled over an extended time may constitute a health hazard.

#### Eyes

Dust generated from this product may result in irritation if it enters t3he eyes. Eye protection is recommended.

#### Skin

No particular hazard is associated with this product in contact with the skin. However good practice should be followed with regard to personal hygiene, particularly before eating or smoking etc.

#### FIRST AID MEASURES

#### Inhalation

No specific first aid measures can be applied, however if large quantities of dust are inhaled then remove the patient to fresh air.

# Eyes

Irrigate eye(s) immediately with clean water. Seek medical attention.

#### Skin

No specific first aid measures are necessary.

#### Ingestion

There are no known adverse effects. Wash mouth out with water and give water to drink. Do not induce vomiting. In all cases should exposure be excessive or symptoms develop seek medical attention.



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No fire or explosion hazard, as the materials are non-combustible

#### ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS

Where dust is created, normal respiratory personal protective equipment may be necessary. Normally, however, release takes the form of dry aggregate spillage, which requires no precaution

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS**

Lytag is an inert substance and therefore no specific precautions are required to protect the environment

#### SPILLAGE/METHODS FOR CLEANING UP

Dry sweeping should be avoided. Water spray or vacuum systems are recommended.

#### ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### HANDLING

The carriage of Lytag is not subject to dangerous substance conveyance regulations. Vehicle and package labelling is not required. Vehicles should be sheeted during transportation. Good practice should be employed when handling the material to avoid excessive dust generation.

#### STORAGE

Storage should be arranged to avoid scattering of the aggregate as its spherical nature may create a skid hazard.

# 8 EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### EXPOSURE LIMIT VALUES

There are no specific occupational exposure limits but exposure to airborne dust may cause irritation to the eyes and respiratory system. Personal exposure should be controlled to the minimum that is reasonably practical

and in any case keeps total dust exposures below 10mg/m3 and respirable dust below 5mg/m3. Avoid ingestion.

#### EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Inhalation of any dust should be avoided. Suitable dust masks should be worn in enclosed spaces where adequate ventilation is not provided. For other general principles for protection refer to Guidance Note EH44 ; Dustgeneral principles of protection; (HSE) ISBN 0 11 885595 6 from the Health and Safety Executive. No other special protective clothing is required but eye protection is recommended in all circumstances.

#### PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Sintered pulverised fuel ash in the form of hard spherical pellets, brown in colour.

Lytag fines is material less than 4mm in size formed during the production of granular Lytag.

Crushed Lytag is an angular product of varying sizes formed by breaking the spherical pellets into smaller particles.

The lower sizes of both products are of potential respirable dust, which could include quartz.

SPECIFIC GRAVITY	1.3-2.2
SOLUBILITY IN WATER	Negligible
SMELL	Odourless

#### IMPORTANT HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Lytag has a very low solubility however, when mixed with water a pH in the range 7-10 may be expected in the solute.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For most situations Lytag can be considered to be inert.





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# STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

The high temperature manufacturing process of Lytag (~1400°C) creates a material that has a very high stability in most

conditions including heat, cold, watercourses etc.



# TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No known toxicological effects



ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No known toxicological effects



# DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Lytag is chemically inert but should be disposed of in accordance with local legal requirements.



# TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not classified as dangerous under the Classification Packaging and Labelling of Dangerous Substances Regulations.

# 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

RISK PHRASESNoneSAFETY PHRASESNoneLABEL FOR SUPPLYNot RequiredHealth & Safety at Work Act 1974Control of SubstancesHazardous to Health (Regulations)HSE Guidance Note EH44 – Dust General Principles of ProtectionHSE Guidance Note EH40 – Occupational Exposure LimitsManual Handling Regulations



# OTHER INFORMATION

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

This MSDS was first issued in June 2003 and was revised from the original document 'Health and Safety Product information' to meet the requirements for a Material Safety Data Sheet conforming to the requirements of CoSHH.

To the best of our knowledge the information contained herein is accurate. Although certain hazards may be described we cannot predict that these are the only hazards that may exist in the workplace. This MSDS, therefore forms a component only of a risk assessment carried out by, or on behalf of the user

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