

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

### 1.1 Product identifier

**Product name** PHOSPHATE SANDS  
**Synonyms** DUCHESS PHOSPHATE ROCK • DUCHESS ROCK PHOSPHATE • PHOSPHATE FINES • PHOSPHATE SLIMES • SOFT PHOSPHATE ROCK • SOFT ROCK PHOSPHATE • SOUTHERN CROSS PHOSPHATE SANDS

### 1.2 Uses and uses advised against

**Uses** PHOSPHORUS FERTILISER • PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZER

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

**Supplier name** INCITEC PIVOT LIMITED  
**Address** Level 8, 28 Freshwater Place, Southbank, Victoria, 3006, AUSTRALIA  
**Telephone** (03) 8695 4400  
**Fax** (03) 8695 4419  
**Website** <http://www.incitecpivot.com.au>

### 1.4 Emergency telephone numbers

**Emergency** 1800 033 111 (All Hours)

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

### 2.2 Label elements

No signal word, pictograms, hazard or precautionary statements have been allocated.

### 2.3 Other hazards

No information provided.

## 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content
PHOSPHATE ROCK (FLUORAPATITE)	1306-05-4	215-144-1	46%
CHERT	-	-	35%
MUSCOVITE	-	-	9%
KAOLINITE	1318-74-7	215-286-4	4%
GOETHITE (FE(OH)O)	1310-14-1	215-176-6	3%
TRACE MINERALS	-	-	2%

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

**Eye** If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.  
**Inhalation** If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.

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<b>Skin</b>	If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.
<b>Ingestion</b>	For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting.
<b>First aid facilities</b>	None allocated.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

**4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

Treat symptomatically.

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**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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**5.1 Extinguishing media**

Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Non flammable. May evolve toxic gases if strongly heated.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

No fire or explosion hazard exists.

**5.4 Hazchem code**

None allocated.

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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**6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

**6.3 Methods of cleaning up**

Recover spilt fertiliser as soon as possible, and place in suitable containers.

For disposal options, see Section 13.

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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**7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Use safe work practices. Avoid eye or skin contact and dust inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Generally speaking, fertilisers should be stored in a dry covered area away from farm chemicals, e.g. insecticides, fungicides and herbicides. Concrete floors are recommended.

This product (Phosphate Sands) is insoluble so may be stored in a bulk stockpile in the open. Contamination of waterways should be avoided.

Bulk fertilisers pose a risk of engulfment when being removed from the stockpile. Conduct Risk Assessments, and ensure appropriate equipment, procedures and training are in place.

**7.3 Specific end uses**

No information provided.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Kaolin	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Nuisance dust	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--

#### Biological limits

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

**Engineering controls** Avoid inhalation. Maintain dust levels below the recommended exposure standard.

#### PPE

The selection of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be based on a Risk Assessment of the amount of dust likely to be generated, including the quantity of product being handled, the presence and amount of fines and dust; the task being performed, the work environment in which it is being undertaken, and the level of exposure. Normal work clothing may suffice during transfer operations in the field, e.g. when filling fertiliser boxes, and in bulk storage facilities where contact with the product is limited under well ventilated conditions and occupational exposure limits are not exceeded.

- Eye / Face** Where eye contact may occur, wear safety glasses with side shields.
- Hands** Cotton gloves, which can be washed or disposed of if heavily soiled, will suffice under most circumstances. Use impervious PVC or rubber gloves in high risk situations.
- Body** Where skin contact may occur and for individuals with sensitive skin, wear ankle length and long sleeved clothing or overalls.
- Respiratory** Wear a dust mask where exposure to dust is light. Where the dust nuisance is high and ventilation is inadequate, use a properly fitted particulate filter respirator, either full face-piece or half mask plus goggles, that meets Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716 "Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices".

Wash dust from hands and exposed skin. In risk situations, locate an eyewash station nearby. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or reuse. Ensure all PPE conforms to the relevant Australian Standards. Read the labels on the PPE.



## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	OFF-WHITE GRANULAR SAND
<b>Odour</b>	SLIGHT ODOUR
<b>Flammability</b>	NON FLAMMABLE
<b>Flash point</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Boiling point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Melting point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>pH</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Vapour density</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Specific gravity</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	INSOLUBLE
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Upper explosion limit</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Lower explosion limit</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Viscosity</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Explosive properties</b>	NOT AVAILABLE

**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Oxidising properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Odour threshold	NOT AVAILABLE

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**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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**10.1 Reactivity**

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

**10.2 Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Polymerization will not occur.

**10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

**10.5 Incompatible materials**

Compatible with most commonly used materials.

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.

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**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

Acute toxicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Skin	Not classified as a skin irritant. Contact may result in mechanical irritation.
Eye	Not classified as an eye irritant. Contact may result in mechanical irritation.
Sensitisation	Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation.
Mutagenicity	Not classified as a mutagen.
Carcinogenicity	Not classified as a carcinogen.
Reproductive	Not classified as a reproductive toxin.
STOT - single exposure	Not classified as causing organ damage from single exposure.
STOT - repeated exposure	Not classified as causing organ damage from repeated exposure.
Aspiration	Not classified as causing aspiration.

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**12.1 Toxicity**

No information provided.

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No information provided.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No information provided.

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No information provided.

**12.5 Other adverse effects**

Phosphate Sands is a naturally occurring mineral that is rich in phosphorus. Avoid spills and contamination of waterways. Phosphorus fertilisers can stimulate weed and algal growth if lost to static surface waterways. Algae affect water quality and taste.

Phosphate Sands has low solubility compared to other processed phosphorus fertilisers, so has less environmental impact in the event of a spill and loss of containment.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

**Waste disposal** Ideally, the fertiliser should be used for its intended purpose. Beneficial reuse is the preferred disposal option.

If the fertiliser is contaminated with other fertilisers, soil, or other non-harmful substances, and it can be satisfactorily applied, use it for its nutrient value on pasture.

If contaminated with other materials, e.g. fuel, oil or chemicals, the fertiliser waste must be disposed of in accordance with relevant local legislation. Contact the Waste Management Authority for advice.

**Legislation** Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE, IMDG OR IATA

	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
<b>14.1 UN Number</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
<b>14.2 Proper Shipping Name</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
<b>14.3 Transport hazard class</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
<b>14.4 Packing Group</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.

#### 14.5 Environmental hazards

No information provided.

#### 14.6 Special precautions for user

**Hazchem code** None allocated.

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### 15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

**Poison schedule** A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

**Classifications** Safework Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

The classifications and phrases listed below are based on the Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC: 1008(2004)].

**Hazard codes** None allocated.

**Risk phrases** None allocated.

**Safety phrases** None allocated.

**Inventory listings** **AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)**  
All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Additional information** RESPIRATORS: In general the use of respirators should be limited and engineering controls employed to avoid exposure. If respiratory equipment must be worn ensure correct respirator selection and training is undertaken. Remember that some respirators may be extremely uncomfortable when used for long periods. The use of air powered or air supplied respirators should be considered where prolonged or repeated use is necessary.

**PRODUCT NAME PHOSPHATE SANDS****PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:**

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

**HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:**

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

**Abbreviations**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
EMS	Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
GTEPG	Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

**Report status**

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