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# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ISO 14025:2006 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 for

## INTERIOR MORTAR

by Readymix Industries (Israel) Ltd.

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## PROGRAMME INFORMATION

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Product Category Rules (PCR):

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An Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) is an ISO Type III Environmental Declaration based on ISO 14025 standard. An EPD transparently reports the environmental performance of products or services from a lifecycle perspective. The preparation of an EPD includes different stages, from acquiring raw materials to the end of life of the final product/service. EPDs are based on international standards and consider the entire value chain. Additionally, EPD is a third-party verified document. This EPD includes several sections described below.

### 1. General and Program Information

The first part of an EPD has information about the name of the manufacturer and product/service and other general information such as the validity and expiration dates of the document, the name of the program operator, geographical scope, etc. The second page states the standards followed and gives information about the program operator, third-party verifier, etc. The followed Product Category Rule (PCR) is indicated on the second page.

### 2. Company and Product/Service Information

Information about the company and the investigated product is given in this section. It summarizes the characteristics of the product provided by the manufacturer. It also includes information about the product such as product composition and packaging.

### 3. LCA Information

LCA information is one of the most important parts of the EPD as it describes the functional/declared unit, time representativeness of the study, database(s) and LCA software, along with system boundaries. The table presented in this part has columns for each stage in the life cycle. The considered stages are marked 'X' whereas the ones that are not considered are labeled as 'ND' (Not Relevant). Not all EPDs consider the full life cycle assessment for a product's entire life stages. The 'System Boundary' page is also the place where one can find detailed information about the stages and the assumptions made.

### 4. LCA Results

The results of the Life Cycle Assessment analysis are presented in table format. The first column in each table indicates the name of the impact category and their measurement units are presented in the second column. These tables show an amount at each life cycle stage to see the impact of different indicators on different stages. Each impact can be understood as what is released through the production of the declared unit of the material—in this case, 1 m<sup>3</sup> of interior mortar. The benefits of reuse/recycling of the declared product is reflected in this section.

The first impact in the table is global warming potential (GWP), which shows how much CO<sub>2</sub> is released at each stage. Other impacts include eutrophication potential, acidification potential, ozone layer depletion, land use related impacts, etc. The second table provides results for resource use and the third table is about the waste produced during the production. The fourth and final table shows the results for the GWP-GHG indicator, which is almost equivalent to the GWP-Total indicator mentioned previously. The only difference is that this indicator excludes the biogenic carbon content by following a certain methodology.

## ABOUT THE COMPANY

The Readymix Group is Israel's leading producer and supplier of raw materials for the Construction Industry. Over the decades, the Group has built its reputation on providing building solutions based on products and services representing consistent high quality, excellence, and reliability. Readymix Industries (Israel) is a story of development, success, and contribution to the country's industry. In the early '60s, the British company RMC began to expand worldwide and established Readymix Industries (Israel) Ltd. in 1962. The hands that had cast the first concrete cube in the company's plant in December 1962, are the same hands that have brought the company this far. In 2005, RMC was acquired by Cemex.

Cemex is a leading vertically integrated heavy building materials company focused on four core businesses— Cement, Ready-Mix Concrete, Aggregates, and Urbanization Solutions. The Group is active in several fields and specializes in ready-mixed concrete, aggregates, infrastructure products, landscape products, chemical admixtures for concrete and white cement.

The Readymix Group's Concrete Division is the leading producer of ready-mixed concrete and mortar in Israel. With a national network of plants from Kiryat Shmona in the north to Eilat in the south, the Group can ensure transfer and efficient supply to its customers. Readymix has supplied concrete for many of Israel's most prominent construction projects, including power stations, bridges, airports and many other important projects, such as Ben Gurion 2000 Airport, the Ayalon Highway, the Ashkelon and Herzliya marinas, the CrossIsrael Highway, the Haifa national soccer stadium and a desalination plant.



## ABOUT THE PRODUCT

Interior mortar is Readymix’s innovative and advanced ready mortar, which has improved strength and adhesion features, and has strong durability over time.

<b>INTERIOR MORTAR</b>	
<b>Product Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be applied within 48 hours from arriving to the site</li> <li>• Easy to use, has low depreciation, and high breathability</li> </ul>
<b>Uses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable for residential, industrial and office buildings</li> <li>• Suitable on concrete, ytong block, pumice block</li> <li>• Suitable for pumping to high floors</li> </ul>
<b>Features and Technical Data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consist of cement, aggregates, water, various additives</li> <li>• Contains polymer fibers to reduce fracture</li> <li>• Bending resistance, after 35 days- 1.2 MPa</li> <li>• Pressure resistance, after 35 days- 4 MPa</li> <li>• Adhesiveness, after 35 days- 0.15 MPa</li> <li>• Free drying shrinkage- 0.5 mm/m</li> <li>• Controlled drying shrinkage- no ring cracks</li> </ul>

The product mainly consists of two materials: cement and aggregates. Minor additives such as fibers are used with small quantities along with water. The percentage breakdown for the wet weight composition is shown below. The product weights 1446 kg for 1 m<sup>3</sup> for wet and 1656 kg for 1 m<sup>3</sup> for dry weight.

<b>Product Composition (% for wet weight)</b>	
Fine aggregates	77%
Water	13%
Cement (mainly CEM II) + CEM I	10%
Fibers and Additives	<0.1%

Since the product is freshly transported, there is no packaging use.

## LCA INFORMATION

<b>Functional Unit / Declared Unit</b>	1 m <sup>3</sup> of Interior Mortar
<b>Time Representativeness</b>	2021
<b>Database(s) and LCA Software Used</b>	Ecoinvent 3.8 and SimaPro 9.3
<b>System Boundaries</b>	Cradle to gate with options, modules C1–C4, module D and with optional modules (A1–A3 + C + D and A4 module)

	Product Stage			Construction Process Stage		Use Stage							End of Life Stage				Benefits and Loads
	Raw Material Supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction Installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational Energy Use	Operational Water Use	Deconstruction / Demolition	Transport	Waste Processing	Disposal	
<b>Module</b>	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
<b>Modules Declared</b>	X	X	X	X	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Geography</b>	IL	IL	IL	IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL
<b>Specific Data Used</b>	>90%	>90%	>90%	>90%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Variation - Products</b>	NR					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Variation - Sites</b>	<10%					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(X = Included in LCA, ND= Not declared, NR= Not relevant)

## LCA INFORMATION

The inventory for the LCA study is based on the 2021 production figures of Readymix Industries (Israel) Ltd. considering the company's production plants throughout Israel. This EPD investigates the environmental performance of interior mortar product of the company based on 1 m<sup>3</sup> declared unit. This EPD's system boundary is cradle to gate with options, modules C1–C4, module D and with optional modules (A1–A3 + C + D and A4 module).

### Allocations

Water consumption, energy consumption, and raw material transportation were weighted according to 2021 production figures. In addition, hazardous and non-hazardous waste amounts were also allocated from the 2021 total waste generation.

### Cut-off Criteria

1% cut-off applied. Data for elementary flows to and from the product system contributing to a minimum of 99% of the declared environmental impacts have been included.

### REACH Regulation

No substances included in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for authorization under the REACH regulations are present in this product either above the threshold for registration with the European Chemicals Agency or above 0.1% (wt/wt).

### Geographical Scope

The geographical scope of this EPD is Israel.

### Data Quality and Modelling

The results of the LCA with the indicators as per EPD requirement are given in the LCA result tables. All energy calculations were obtained using the Cumulative Energy Demand (LHV) methodology, while freshwater use is calculated with selected inventory flows in SimaPro according to the PCR. There are no co-product allocations within the LCA study underlying this EPD. The SimaPro 9.3 LCA software and the Ecoinvent 3.8 LCA database were used to calculate the environmental impacts. The regional energy dataset is used for all energy calculations.

### Variation - Sites

The percentage of raw materials used in the product and the energy requirements do not change from one plant to another. Thus, the variation of sites in terms of GWP-GHG is less than 10 %.

**Raw Material Supply**

Production starts with acquiring the raw materials. Raw material supply stage includes raw material extraction and/or preparation and pre-treatment processes before production. The main materials used in the mortar are cement, fine aggregates such as sand, and some minor additives.



**Transport of Raw Materials**

Transport is relevant for delivery of raw materials and other materials to the plant, and the transport of materials within the plant. Transport distances of the raw materials to different plant provided by the company for each route.

**Manufacturing**

Mortar production starts with gathering the raw materials in needed quantities and mixing them according to product formulation. Then the mix is transferred to special silos. Finally, the product is distributed to the customers.



**Transport to Site**

Transport routes for the final product to sites are provided by the company. Based on the given information, the product shipment distances of the routes are calculated.

**Demolition / Deconstruction**

This stage includes the demolition/deconstruction of the mortar. It is assumed 0.01 kWh/kg energy is used.

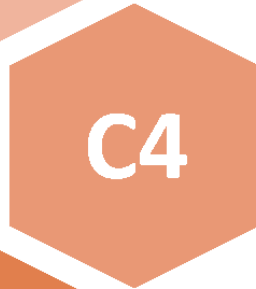
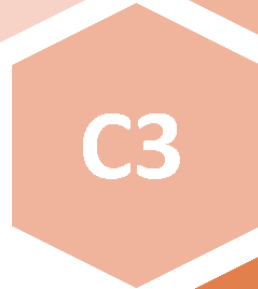


**Transport**

This stage is related with the transportation of construction waste to a waste processing area. The transport distance of the waste material is taken as 40 km.

**Waste Processing**

It is assumed that no waste processing is needed.



**Disposal**

This stage considers the impacts of the disposal of the related product. 48% of the product is assumed to be recycled and the rest is landfilled as inert waste.

**Future Reuse, Recycling or Energy Recovery Potential**

This stage aims to analyze the benefits from the reuse, recycling or energy recovery potential of the investigated product. It is assumed that the recycled mortar is used as a substitute for the fine aggregate content during the cement/concrete production. The substitution rate is taken as 1 % of the recycled mortar.





## LCA Results for 1 m<sup>3</sup> of Interior Mortar

Impact Category	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP- Fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	165	1.86	10.3	5.43	0	7.30	-0.082
GWP- Biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	3.14	0.003	-0.029	0.010	0	0.094	-271E-6
GWP- Luluc	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	0.386	0.001	419E-6	0.002	0	0.007	-55.4E-6
GWP- Total	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	168	1.86	10.3	5.44	0	7.40	-0.083
ODP	kg CFC-11 eq	8.10E-6	428E-9	336E-9	1.25E-6	0	2.22E-6	-14.6E-9
AP	mol H+ eq	0.628	0.008	0.056	0.023	0	0.062	-0.001
*EP- Freshwater	kg P eq	0.020	135E-6	0.003	395E-6	0	0.002	-12.3E-6
EP- Marine	kg N eq	0.167	0.002	0.008	0.007	0	0.021	-208E-6
EP- Terrestrial	mol N eq	1.86	0.026	0.087	0.075	0	0.232	-0.002
POCP	kg NMVOC	0.445	0.006	0.023	0.019	0	0.057	-0.001
ADPE	kg Sb eq	0.001	4.24E-6	13.3E-6	12.4E-6	0	23.9E-6	-499E-9
ADPF	MJ	971	28.4	140	83.0	0	172	-1.14
WDP	m <sup>3</sup> depriv.	53.9	0.106	0.618	0.310	0	7.46	-0.317
PM	disease inc.	7.24E-6	165E-9	73.6E-9	482E-9	0	1.21E-6	-9.73E-9
IR	kBq U-235 eq	3.72	0.133	0.024	0.388	0	0.801	-0.006
ETP- FW	CTUe	2303	24.1	65.5	70.3	0	134	-1.18
HTTP- C	CTUh	46.9E-9	621E-12	928E-12	1.81E-9	0	5.36E-9	-61.9E-12
HTTP- NC	CTUh	1.45E-6	24.5E-9	38.3E-9	71.7E-9	0	82.0E-9	-1.18E-9
SQP	Pt	2351	33.3	15.3	97.3	0	425	-6.41
Acronyms	GWP-total: Climate change, GWP-fossil: Climate change- fossil, GWP-biogenic: Climate change- biogenic, GWP-luluc: Climate change - land use and transformation, ODP: Ozone layer depletion, AP: Acidification terrestrial and freshwater, EP-freshwater: Eutrophication freshwater, EP-marine: Eutrophication marine, EP-terrestrial: Eutrophication terrestrial, POCP: Photochemical oxidation, ADPE: Abiotic depletion- elements, ADPF: Abiotic depletion- fossil resources, WDP: Water scarcity, PM: Respiratory inorganics- particulate matter, IR: Ionising radiation, ETP-FW: Ecotoxicity freshwater, HTP-c: Cancer human health effects, HTP-nc: Non-cancer human health effects, SQP: Land use related impacts, soil quality.							
Legend	A1: Raw Material Supply, A2: Transport, A3: Manufacturing, A1-A3: Sum of A1, A2, and A3, A4: Transport to Site, C1: Deconstruction / Demolition, C2: Transport, C3: Waste Processing, C4: Disposal, D: Benefits and Loads Beyond the System Boundary.							
Disclaimer 1	This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure nor due to radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, from radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator.							
Disclaimer 2	The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experience with the indicator.							

LCA RESULTS

Resource use								
Impact Category	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	54.4	0.315	0.630	0.919	0	2.91	-0.033
PERM	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERT	MJ	54.4	0.315	0.630	0.919	0	2.91	-0.033
PENRE	MJ	973	28.4	140	83.0	0	172	-1.14
PENRM	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENRT	MJ	973	28.4	140	83.0	0	172	-1.14
SM	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	6.73	0.006	0.037	0.017	0	0.194	-0.024
Acronyms	PERE: Use of renewable primary energy excluding resources used as raw materials, PERM: Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials, PERT: Total use of renewable primary energy, PENRE: Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding resources used as raw materials, PENRM: Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials, PENRT: Total use of non-renewable primary energy, SM: Secondary material, RSF: Renewable secondary fuels, NRSF: Non-renewable secondary fuels, FW: Net use of fresh water.							
Waste&Output Flows								
Impact Category	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NHWD	kg	21.7	0	0	0	0	0	0
RWD	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRU	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MFR	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MER	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EE (Electrical)	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EE (Thermal)	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acronyms	HWD: Hazardous waste disposed, NHWD: Non-hazardous waste disposed, RWD: Radioactive waste disposed, CRU: Components for reuse, MFR: Material for recycling, MER: Materials for energy recovery, EE (Electrical): Exported energy electrical, EE (Thermal): Exported energy, Thermal.							
Climate Impact According to PCR 2019:14								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
*GHG-GWP	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	164	1.84	10.2	5.38	0	7.23	-0.081
GWP-GHG = Global Warming Potential total excl. biogenic carbon following IPCC AR5 methodology * The indicator includes all greenhouse gases included in GWP-total but excludes biogenic carbon dioxide uptake and emissions and biogenic carbon stored in the product. This indicator is thus equal to the GWP indicator originally defined in EN 15804:2012+A1:2013								

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