





# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

as per ISO 14025 and EN 15804+A2. Owner of the Declaration – Moore Concrete Products Ltd.

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**Precast Concrete Culvert** 

# 1. General information

PROGRAMME OPERATOR	OWNER OF DECLARATION										
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DECLARATION NUMBER	MANUFACTURER ADDRESS										
EPDIE-22-89	Moore Concrete Products Ltd Caherty House, 41 Woodside Road, Ballymena Co. Antrim, N. Ireland BT42 4QH										
ECO PLATFORM EPD	DECLARED UNIT										
Yes	1 m³ of precast concrete, mass 2.601 tonne										
APPLICABLE PRODUCT CATEGORY RULES	DECLARED PRODUCT										
1. EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 2. Product Category Rules: Part A Implementation and use of I.S. EN 15804:2012+A1 and + A2, and CEN TR 16970:2016 in Ireland for the development of Environmental Product Declarations (issued 05.03.2022), Version 2.1. 3. Sustainability of construction works - Environmental product declarations - Product Category Rules for concrete and concrete elements, I.S. EN 16757:2017	1 m <sup>3</sup> of precast concrete culvert, mass 2.601 tonne										
DATE OF ISSUE	SCOPE OF EPD										
26th September 2022	Cradle to gate, with options including Modules C and D										
DATE OF EXPIRY	LCA CONSULTANT OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR LCA										
26th September 2027	Ecoreview, Kilkenny, Ireland. +353 (087) 258 9783 www.ecoreview.ie										
TYPE OF EPD: SINGLE OR MULTI PRODUCT	LCA SOFTWARE AND DEVELOPER IF APPLICABLE										
Average product EPD	Ecochain LCA tool version 3.5.13 (2022)										
PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION OR NACE CODE	NAME AND VERSION OF INVENTORY USED										
NACE Code 26.61 Manufacture of Precast Concrete	Ecoinvent version 3.6										
COMPARABILITY											
Environmental Product Declarations from different programmes may 15804:2012+A2:2019. Comparability is further dependent on the spec background data sources. See clause 5.3 of EN 15804:2012+A2:2019											
The CEN Norm /EN 15804 serves as the core PCR											
Independent verification of the declaration according to ISO 14025											
Internally Externally X											
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# 2. Scope and Type of EPD

#### Scope

This is a cradle to gate, with options EPD. The Modules that are declared are shown in the table below.

PRO	ODUCT ST	AGE	CONSTR ON PR STA	OCESS		USE STAGE							END OF L	IFE STAGE		BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARIES
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from the gate to the site	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse – Recovery – Recycling potential
A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	В7	C1	<b>C</b> 2	C3	C4	D
Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Х	Х	Х	Х	X
MDT	MDT	MDT	OP	OP	OP	OP	OP	OP	OP	OP	OP	MDT	MDT	MDT	MDT	MDT

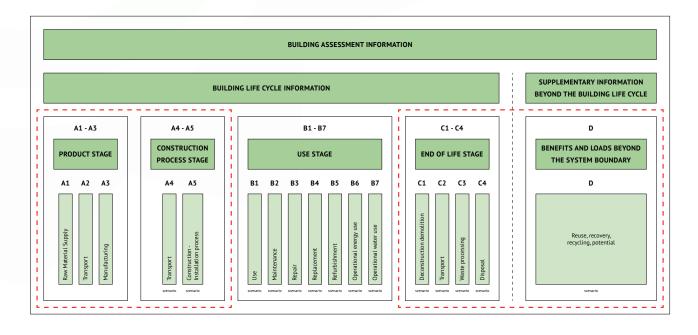
X = Module declared; ND = Module not declared; MDT = Mandatory; OP = Optional.

#### Declared Functional Unit

1 m³ of precast concrete culvert

#### System Boundaries

This LCA covers the Product (A1 - A3), Construction Process (A4 - A5), End of Life (C1 - C4), and benefits and loads beyond the system boundary (D).







# 3. Detailed product description

This average product EPD is for Moore Concrete's precast concrete culvert. The results presented in this EPD are the results for a weighted average of the concrete mixes and steel reinforcement of the culvert products manufactured by Moore Concrete in 2021. The raw materials are cements, GGBS, aggregates, admixtures, reinforcing steel and lifting accessories. In addition, consumables include steel and timber for formwork, release agents and curing agents, plastic and concrete spacers. The products are manufactured in accordance with the following standards: EN 13369 'Common rules for precast concrete products'; EN 14844 'Precast Concrete Products. Box culverts'.

The precast units are delivered to site on flat-bed trucks. No product packaging is used in the delivery to the customer, other than re-useable wood skids, as and when needed.

Full details on the culvert products can be found at: <a href="https://www.moore-concrete.com/civil/box-culverts/">https://www.moore-concrete.com/civil/box-culverts/</a>



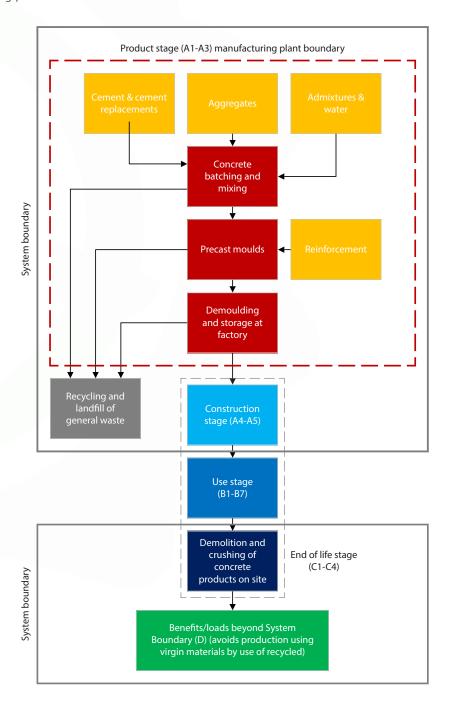


#### 3.1 Manufacturing Process Description

The precast products are manufactured from cement and cement replacements, aggregates, water and a variety of admixtures. The concrete mix ingredients are batch-weighed, mixed and dropped into a hopper that is transported across the factory hall so that the fresh concrete is then placed into the selected formwork/mould.

The moulds are prepared with a mould oil, reinforcing bars and spacers before the mix is poured. Once the fresh concrete is placed in the moulds, the surface is sprayed with a curing agent to assist curing. The moulds are left in place on the factory floor to allow the concrete to cure. Demoulding of the precast concrete elements takes place once the correct strength has been achieved. Units are finished in the factory and transported to a storage area.

The manufacturing process flowchart is shown below:







#### 4.A. LCA results

Core Environmental impact per 1 m<sup>3</sup> of precast concrete culvert

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	В7	<b>C</b> 1	C2	C3	C4	D
					A1-A3														
GWP-total	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	5.71E+02	8.29E+00	7.76E+00	5.87E+02	3.55E+01	5.87E-01	ND	1.45E+01	8.17E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-9.99E+01						
GWP-fossil	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	5.78E+02	8.28E+00	1.64E+00	5.88E+02	3.55E+01	5.88E-01	ND	1.45E+01	8.17E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.00E+02						
GWP-biogenic	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	-7.51E+00	4.45E-03	6.11E+00	-1.40E+00	2.04E-02	-1.40E-03	ND	4.03E-03	4.39E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.25E-01						
GWP-luluc	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	2.48E-01	2.95E-03	8.54E-03	2.60E-01	1.31E-02	2.60E-04	ND	1.14E-03	2.91E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-2.80E-02						
ODP	[kg CFC-11 eq.]	3.45E-05	1.88E-06	1.63E-07	3.66E-05	7.99E-06	3.66E-08	ND	3.13E-06	1.86E-06	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-5.24E-06						
AP	[mol H+ eq.]	2.81E+00	2.38E-02	3.94E-02	2.88E+00	1.66E-01	2.88E-03	ND	1.52E-01	2.35E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-5.17E-01						
EP-freshwater <sup>[1]</sup>	[kg P eq.]	1.73E-02	6.61E-05	1.19E-04	1.75E-02	3.09E-04	1.75E-05	ND	5.28E-05	6.52E-05	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-4.46E-03						
EP-marine	[kg N eq.]	6.09E-01	4.71E-03	1.72E-02	6.31E-01	3.27E-02	6.31E-04	ND	6.69E-02	4.64E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.18E-01						
EP-terrestrial	[mol N eq.]	6.98E+00	5.27E-02	1.93E-01	7.23E+00	3.67E-01	7.23E-03	ND	7.34E-01	5.19E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.40E+00						
POCP	[kg NMVOC eq.]	2.24E+00	2.02E-02	4.74E-02	2.31E+00	1.22E-01	2.31E-03	ND	2.02E-01	1.99E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-5.84E-01						
ADP-minerals&metals <sup>[2]</sup>	[kg Sb eq.]	7.22E-03	2.29E-04	2.43E-05	7.47E-03	9.02E-04	7.47E-06	ND	2.22E-05	2.25E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-4.52E-04						
ADP-fossils <sup>[2]</sup>	[MJ] ncv	5.12E+03	1.25E+02	1.96E+01	5.27E+03	5.35E+02	5.27E+00	ND	1.99E+02	1.23E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-9.92E+02						
WDP <sup>[2]</sup>	m³ world eq. deprived	2.29E+02	3.54E-01	1.77E-01	2.29E+02	1.73E+00	2.29E-01	ND	2.67E-01	3.49E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-2.29E+01						

GWP-total = Global Warming Potential total; GWP-fossil= Global Warming Potential fossil fuels (GWP-fossil; GWP-biogenic= Global Warming Potential biogenic; GWP-luluc= Global Warming Potential land use change; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance; EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment; EP-marine = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment; EP-terrestrial = Eutrophication potential, Accumulated Exceedance; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; ADP-minerals&fossils = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP-fossils= Abiotic depletion potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption.

The measurement of environmental impacts uses the recommended default LCIA methods for the PEF 3.0 method. These methods include amongst others: USEtox® 2.0, ReCiPe (2016), CML-2001, EDIP 2003, IPCC.

<sup>[1]</sup> To express EP freshwater as kg of PO43- eq, multiply the value for kg P eq. by 3.067

<sup>[2]</sup> 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 experienced with the indicator.





#### 4.B. LCA results

Resource use per 1 m³ of precast concrete culvert

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	В7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	[MJ]	5.90E+02	1.79E+00	2.32E+02	8.24E+02	8.00E+00	8.24E-01	ND	1.08E+00	1.77E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-4.02E+01						
PERM	[MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	ND	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00						
PERT	[MJ]	5.90E+02	1.79E+00	2.32E+02	8.24E+02	8.00E+00	8.24E-01	ND	1.08E+00	1.77E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-4.02E+01						
PENRE	[MJ]	5.45E+03	1.33E+02	2.08E+01	5.61E+03	5.68E+02	5.61E+00	ND	2.12E+02	1.31E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.05E+03						
PENRM	[MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	ND	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00						
PENRT	[MJ]	5.45E+03	1.33E+02	2.08E+01	5.61E+03	5.68E+02	5.61E+00	ND	2.12E+02	1.31E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.05E+03						
SM	[kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	ND	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00						
RSF	[MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	ND	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00						
NRSF	[MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	ND	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00						
FW	[m³]	1.16E+01	1.34E-02	7.59E-03	1.16E+01	6.04E-02	1.16E-02	ND	1.03E-02	1.32E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-6.24E-01						

PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRM = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRM = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRM = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; RSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW = Use of net fresh water.

ND = Module not declared; INA = Indicator not assessed.





#### 4.C. LCA results

Output flows and waste categories per 1 m<sup>3</sup> of precast concrete culvert

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL A1-A3	A4	<b>A</b> 5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	В7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	[kg]	1.54E-02	3.28E-04	3.76E-05	1.58E-02	1.32E-03	1.58E-05	ND	5.43E-04	3.23E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-8.44E-03						
NHWD	[kg]	1.42E+02	6.09E+00	5.64E-01	1.49E+02	2.41E+01	1.49E-01	ND	2.36E-01	6.01E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.61E+01						
RWD	[kg]	1.51E-02	8.53E-04	8.56E-05	1.61E-02	3.63E-03	1.61E-05	ND	1.38E-03	8.41E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.97E-03						
CRU	[kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	ND	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00						
MFR	[kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	ND	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00						
MER	[kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	ND	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00						
EEE	[MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	ND	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00						
EET	[MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	ND	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00						

HWD = Hazardous waste disposed; NHWD = Non-hazardous waste disposed; RWD = Radioactive waste disposed; CRU = Components for re-use; MFR = Materials for recycling; MER = Materials for energy recovery; EEE = Exported electrical energy; EET = Exported thermal energy.

CRU, MFR, MER, EEE, EET are not calculated by the EcoChain software.

ND = Module not declared; INA = Indicator not assessed.





## 4.D. LCA results

#### Additional Environmental impact per 1 m<sup>3</sup> of precast concrete culvert

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	А3	TOTAL A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	В7	<b>C</b> 1	C2	C3	C4	D
PM	Disease incidence	3.43E-05	5.26E-07	1.41E-06	3.62E-05	2.16E-06	3.62E-08	ND	4.01E-06	5.19E-07	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-9.62E-06						
IRP <sup>[1]</sup>	kBq U235 eq	1.38E+01	5.47E-01	7.79E-02	1.44E+01	2.34E+00	1.44E-02	ND	8.55E-01	5.40E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.70E+00						
ETP-fw <sup>[2]</sup>	CTUe	1.39E+04	1.01E+02	2.80E+02	1.43E+04	4.25E+02	1.43E+01	ND	1.20E+02	9.95E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-7.09E+03						
HTP-c <sup>[2]</sup>	CTUe	1.80E-06	2.81E-09	8.86E-09	1.81E-06	1.20E-08	1.81E-09	ND	4.20E-09	2.77E-09	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-4.88E-07						
HTP-nc <sup>[2]</sup>	CTUe	2.18E-05	1.06E-07	1.55E-07	2.20E-05	4.40E-07	2.20E-08	ND	1.03E-07	1.05E-07	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-3.39E-06						
SQP <sup>[2]</sup>	dimensionless	3.05E+03	8.76E+01	1.06E+03	4.20E+03	3.52E+02	4.20E+00	ND	2.55E+01	8.64E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-4.51E+02						

PM = Potential incidence of disease due to PM emissions, IRP = Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235, ETP-fw = Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for ecosystems; HTP-c:Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for humans, SQP = Potential soil quality index.

[1] This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuelcycle. 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.

[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 experienced with the indicator.

ND = Module not declared; INA = Indicator not assessed.





#### 5. Calculation rules

The measurement of environmental impacts in this EPD uses the LCIA methodologies recommended for PEF3.0.

The process descriptions and input quantities detailed and used in this study are a true representation of the actual processes and quantities used in the manufacturing and use of the products. The references of all sources, both primary and public sources and literature, have been documented in the LCA report. The 'polluter pays' and 'modularity' principles have been followed.

In addition, to facilitate the reproducibility of this LCA, a full set of data records has been generated which can be accessed via the LCA tool. This data portfolio contains a summary of all the data used in this LCA.

#### Cut-off criteria

The cut-off criteria of section 6.3.6 of EN15804:2012+A2:2019 have been followed, where 99% of the total energy and materials are included, and the total neglected input flows for the modules reported on in the LCA are less than 5% of the energy usage and mass.

#### Data Quality

The dataset is representative for the production processes used in 2021, in the country of production, Northern Ireland. The data Quality Level, according to Table E.1 of EN 15804 +A2, Annex E, is as follows:

- Geographical representativeness: Very Good
- Technical representativeness: Very Good
- Time representativeness: Very Good

#### Allocations

Allocation of energy and electricity types and amounts to the various manufacturing processes has been provided by the manufacturers along with production waste. Allocation of impacts to the products is based on the product composition mass.

Flows related to human activities such as employee transport are excluded. The construction of capital assets such as buildings, manufacture of machines and transportation systems are also excluded since the related flows are assumed to be negligible compared to the manufacture of the building material when compared to these systems over a full lifetime of operation.





#### 6. Scenarios and additional technical information

#### A4. Transport to site

The transport to market is based on the transport from Moore Concrete in Ballymena Northern Ireland, by a distance of 200 km (road) and 250 km (sea) to a construction site in Great Britain.

Parameter	Value / Description
Road transport	Transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO6 engine
Sea transport	Transport, freight, sea, bulk carrier for dry goods
Distance, road	200 km
Distance, sea	250 km
Capacity utilisation, road freight	46%
Bulk density transported goods	2,350 kg/m³

#### A5. Installation on site

On-site construction losses have been confirmed from Moore Concrete as being approximately 0.1%.

#### C1. De-construction demolition

In the deconstruction/demolition phase C1 it is assumed that the concrete structure is demolished on site, and then crushed on site. It is assumed that 3.6 litres of diesel are used per m<sup>3</sup> of concrete in the demolition [11], and 0.22 litres of diesel per m<sup>3</sup> for crushing, where the crushing utilisation is 300 tonnes per hour [12].

#### C2. Transport

In the transport phase C2, it is assumed that the removed materials travel 50km to the recycling location.

#### C3. Waste processing

The energies for processing the wastes are not included in this analysis. During the demolition, crushing and stockpiling phases, (modules C1 and C3), when the crushed concrete is exposed to air, carbonation (adsorption of  $CO_2$  onto the surfaces of the concrete fragments) may occur. Carbonation is not assessed in this LCA, however it is noted that in the absence of specific guidance on the amount of carbonation that may occur, a value of 5 kg of  $CO_2$  per m<sup>3</sup> can be used should an estimate of carbonation be of interest.

#### C4. Disposal

It is assumed that no disposal of materials occurs, and 100% of materials are recovered and recycled. This is the default scenario for concrete materials in the Product Category Rules PCR for EPD Ireland [5].



#### D. Reuse - Recovery - Recycling potential

The following assumptions are made in Module D:

- 1. 100% of the aggregates replace the production of virgin aggregates.
- 2. 20% of the steel replaces the production of virgin steel. 20% is the amount of virgin steel in the reinforcing steel that is recycled. The remaining 80% is not counted, as this has already been through the recycling process, and has previously replaced virgin steel.

#### Declaration of biogenic carbon content at the production gate

There is no biogenic carbon contained (C) in the products. No product packaging is used in the delivery to the customer, other than re-useable wood skids, as and when needed. The products are delivered to site on flat-bed trucks in most cases.

Wood formwork is a consumable material used in the manufacture of the precast products. This wood is included in the product (A1) phase and is considered an element of the bill of materials for the precast products. Thus a small amount of biogenic  $CO_2$  is evident in the GWP environmental impact of the products. However after use, the wood is burned (as a waste) to create heat in the factory. This process is modelled in the manufacturing (A3) phase, where the biogenic  $CO_2$  is returned to the atmosphere.

Due to inherent uncertainties in the assumptions of the densities of the wood formwork together with the assumptions in the modelling the burning of wood for heat there is a small discrepancy in the net biogenic  $CO_2$  in the A1 - A3 phase. This discrepancy is noted, however it is in the order of 0.2 to 0.6% of the overall precast product  $CO_2$  footprint.

BIOGENIC CARBON PER DELCARED UNIT	Culvert
Biogenic carbon content in product (kg C per m²)	0
Biogenic carbon content in packaging (kg C per m²)	0

#### Additional Technical Information

N/A.

# 7. Mandatory additional information on release of dangerous substances to indoor air, soil and water

None of the substances contained in the product are listed in the "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for authorisation", or they do not exceed the limit for registration with the European Chemicals Agency.

### 8. Other optional additional environmental information

N/A.



#### 9. References

- [1] ISO 14040: Environmental management Life cycle assessment Principles and Framework', International Organization for Standardization, ISO14040:2006.
- [2] ISO 14044: Environmental management Life cycle assessment Requirements and guidelines', International Organization for Standardization, ISO14044:2006.
- [3] ISO 14025: Environmental labels and declarations -- Type III environmental declarations -- Principles and procedures', International Organization for Standardization, ISO14025:2006.
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