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## Material Safety Data Sheet

Product Uni Dry Cote® HiLite Render  
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### 1. Identification of the material and supplier

#### Product Information

Trade name Uni Dry Cote® HiLite Render  
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Use of the Product Render coating of walls.

### 2. Hazards Identification

Classified as hazardous according to the criteria of NOHSC.

The product contains Portland cement. Portland cement is classified as a Hazardous Substance, Non-Dangerous Goods according to the criteria of NOHSC. All other components are classified as Non Hazardous, Non Dangerous Goods.

Risk phrases for Portland cement are

R36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin  
R40 Possible risk of irreversible effects  
R43 May cause sensitization by skin contact  
R48/20 Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation

Safety Phrases for Portland cement

S22 Do not breathe dust  
S24/25 Avoid contact with skin and eyes  
S36/37 Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves

The chemical composition of Portland cement is essentially oxides of various elements, the most prevalent being oxides of calcium Ca, silica Si, aluminium Al, iron Fe, titanium Ti, chromium Cr (mostly as insoluble Cr III but it is possible that water soluble Cr IV could be present at concentrations of less than 10 ppm). Trace amounts of oxides of magnesium Mg, potassium K and phosphorus P may also be present. As cement is a blended product, crystalline silica at levels less than 0.1 % may be present.

Not classified as dangerous goods according to the Australian Code for Transport of Dangerous Goods. **NON DANGEROUS GOODS**



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### 3. Composition/Information on ingredients

Ingredients	CAS Number	Proportion
Portland cement	65997-15-1	22-30 %
Fly Ash	Proprietary	5-12 %
Mineral fillers	Proprietary	55-75 %
Functional additives	Proprietary	<2 %

### 4. First Aid measures

#### 4.1 Health Effects

##### Swallowed

Health effects Is mildly abrasive and corrosive and may cause nausea/stomach cramps/constipation. Unlikely under normal conditions of use.

First Aid: Rinse mouth with milk or water. DO NOT give carbonated (fizzy) drinks. DO NOT induce vomiting. After rinsing the mouth, give plenty of water to drink. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

##### Eyes

Health effects Irritating and corrosive to the eyes. May cause chemical conjunctivitis, redness, watering and damage to the cornea.

First Aid: Flush eyes with tepid running water for at least 15 minutes, removing any foreign bodies. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.

##### Skin Health effects

Irritating and drying to skin – can result in irritant dermatitis from mechanical abrasion. Wet render is irritating and corrosive to skin and may cause skin sensitization (dermatitis). There may be a trace of hexavalent chromium present in Portland cement which may cause allergic dermatitis in some individuals.

First Aid: Wash with tepid soapy water; shower if necessary.

##### Inhaled

Irritating to the nose, throat and respiratory tract causing coughing and sneezing. Repeated inhalation of the dust may cause bronchitis.

First Aid: Remove to fresh air. Keep at rest. Seek medical advice if symptoms persist.

#### 4.2 Chronic Health Effects

Repeated inhalation of dust may cause bronchitis. It may also increase the risk of scleroderma (a disease affecting the connective tissue of the skin, joints, blood vessels and internal organs).

##### Advice to Doctor

Treat symptomatically.

##### Aggravated Medical Conditions Caused by Exposure

Studies have shown that smoking increases the risk of bronchitis. It is recommended that all storage and work areas should be smoke free zones.



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## 5. Fire-fighting measures

Hazchem Code	None allocated
Flammability	Not flammable
Extinguishing media	None required
Hazards from combustion products	None – does not decompose on heating
Special Protective Precautions & Equipment for Fire Fighters	None

## 6. Accidental Release measures

### Emergency Procedures

Avoid generating and breathing dust. If dust is generated, wear a class P1 or P2 particulate respirator (AS/NZS 1715, 1716).

### Containment Procedures

A fine water spray should be used to suppress dust when sweeping.

### Clean-up Procedures

Work areas should be cleaned regularly by wet sweeping or vacuuming. If dust generation cannot be avoided, follow PERSONAL PROTECTION recommendations.

## 7. Handling and storage

### Safe handling advice

Provide good ventilation or extraction.  
Wear personal protective equipment.

Uni Dry Cote® HiLite Render is supplied in 14kg multiply paper sacks. Manual handling of this product is not recommended as this may result in personal injury. If no mechanical aids are available, a sack may be lifted and carried by 2 persons and that each has been trained in how to share the sack weight and move this type of sack.

### Advice on protection against fire and explosion

No special protective measures against fire required.

### Storage

Uni Dry Cote® HiLite Render should be stored in a dry place, in the original multiply paper sacks. Avoid moisture to prevent hardening.

Drivers of trucks transporting Uni Dry Cote® HiLite Render should ensure that the paper sacks are correctly restrained on a pallet.

## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### 8.1 Exposure Limits

Uni Dry Cote® HiLite Render is supplied as a blended dry powder. Prior to application, the powder is mixed with water and mixed to a consistent slurry and is then trowel or spray applied onto masonry surfaces such as brick walls. As Uni Dry Cote® HiLite Render contains Portland cement as a major component, it is classed as a Hazardous, Non-Dangerous product.

When wet, Uni Dry Cote® HiLite Render, particularly in slurry form, can dry the skin and cause alkali burns. Continued exposure to individuals who are allergic to chromium, could cause severe allergic dermatitis.



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For powder Portland cement, keep exposure to dust as low as possible. If inspirable dust levels are kept below 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, health problems such as skin, eye and respiratory irritation will be minimised.

## 8.2 Engineering Controls

Avoid generating dust. All work with Uni Dry Cote® HiLite Render should be carried out in such a way as to minimize exposure to dust and repeated skin contact. Where dust could be generated whilst handling the product, use local mechanical ventilation or extraction in areas where dust could escape into the work environment.

Work areas should be cleaned regularly by wet sweeping or vacuuming. If generating dust cannot be avoided, see personal protection recommendations below.

## 8.3 Ventilation

Where practical, the workplace should be well ventilated with suitable means of dust collection/suppression equipment so as to maintain acceptable airborne dust levels.

Persons with a history of respiratory illness or reduced pulmonary function should avoid work places with high dust levels.

## 8.4 Personal Protection

### Skin

Wear loose comfortable protective clothing and impervious boots. Apply barrier creams to hands or wear cotton or light duty leather gloves (AS/NZS 2161). Wash thoroughly after handling. Wash clothes regularly and keep separate from other clothes.

### Eyes

Safety spectacles with side shields or safety goggles (dust resistant AS/NZS 1336) should be worn if dust is likely to be generated.

### Respiratory

If dust is generated, wear a class P1 or P2 particulate respirator (AS/NZS 1715). Use only respirators which bear the Australian Standards mark and are fitted correctly. Note that persons with facial hair will have difficulty in obtaining a satisfactory face seal. For alternatives, see AS/NZS 1715: Selection and maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

Form	Powder.
Colour	Grey.
Odour	Nil.
pH	Alkaline slurry formed with water.
Density	Approx 1.2 - 1.6 g/cm <sup>3</sup> .
Boiling point	Not applicable.
Freezing/Melting point	>1400 °C.
Vapour density	Not applicable.
Vapour pressure	Not applicable.
Solubility	Essentially insoluble. However, some components are slightly soluble in water forming an alkaline (caustic) product.
Flash point	Not applicable.
Ignition temperature	Not applicable.
Additional Information	Respirable Fraction: approx 5-10 % of particles are below 7 microns in diameter (in the respirable range).



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### 10. Stability and reactivity

Chemical Stability	Chemically stable
Conditions to avoid	Keep in moisture proof containers to prevent hardening.
Incompatible Materials	Will harden in moist conditions.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	None.
Hazardous Reactions	Avoid reaction with hydrogen fluoride (hydrofluoric acid) and other fluorine containing compounds.

### 11. Toxicology information

Health effects from the likely routes of exposure Refer Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES.

### 12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity	No information available. Product may be eco-damaging as it can form an alkaline slurry with water.
Persistence & Degradability	Product would be persistent and have a low degradability.
Mobility	No information available. A low mobility would be expected in a landfill setting.

### 13. Disposable considerations

Disposal Methods & Containers	Follow safety requirements indicated in Section 6. Collect in containers and dispose as trade waste in accordance with local authority guidelines.
Special considerations for landfill or incineration	Avoid generating dust during disposal.

### 14. Transport information

UN Number	None allocated
UN Proper shipping Name	None allocated
Class & Subsidiary Risk	Not applicable
Packaging Group	None allocated
Special Precautions for Use	Avoid generating and breathing dust
Hazchem Code	None allocated

### 15. Regulatory information

Australian Legislation	Hazardous according to criteria of NOHSC
Poison schedule	Not listed

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**16. Other information**

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