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# 1. GENERAL INFORMATION.

## 1.1. The organisation.

The holder of this Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) is **RLESA**.

Repsol is a global company that seeks people's well-being and takes a proactive role in building a better future through the development of smart energy solutions. It is an integrated and broadly diversified company, spanning from traditional businesses such as exploration, refining, and the sale and distribution of fuels, to others like LPG (a global leader) and new energies (e.g., wind power).

**Repsol Lubricantes, Aviación, Asfaltos y Especialidades, S.A. (RLESA)** is one of the companies in the Repsol group, responsible for developing, producing, and marketing lubricants and specialties, as well as asphalt bitumen and related derivatives.

## 1.2. Scope of the Declaration.

This Environmental Product Declaration describes the environmental information related to the life cycle of the polymer-modified bitumens produced by RLESA in 2022 at its production plants located in Puertollano (Ciudad Real, Spain) and Gajano (Cantabria, Spain).

The primary function of these products is to act as a binder and provide cohesion to bituminous asphalt mixtures, being the main determinant of their properties.

The results presented reflect the environmental performance of the production-weighted average polymer-modified bitumen across the different plants. The scope of this Environmental Product Declaration (hereinafter, "EPD") is cradle-to-gate.

## 1.3. Life-cycle and compliance.

This EPD has been developed and verified in accordance with UNE-EN ISO 14025:2010 and UNE-EN 15804:2012+A2:2020/AC:2021, "Sustainability of construction works — Environmental product declarations — Core rules for the product category of construction products."

**Table 1. PRODUCT CATEGORY RULES**

Descriptive title	Sustainability of construction works — Environmental product declarations — Core rules for the product category of construction products
Reference code & version	UNE-EN 15804:2012+A2:2020/AC:2021
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Program operator	AENOR

This Environmental Product Declaration includes the following life cycle stages:

**Table 2. System boundaries — Information modules considered**

Products stage	A1	Raw material supply	X
	A2	Transport to factory	X
	A3	Manufacturing	X
Construction	A4	Transport to site	MNE
	A5	Installation/construction	MNE
Use stage	B1	Use	MNE
	B2	Maintenance	MNE
	B3	Repair	MNE
	B4	Replacement	MNE
	B5	Refurbishment	MNE
	B6	Operational energy use	MNE
	B7	Operational water use	MNE
End of life	C1	Deconstruction/demolition	MNE
	C2	Transport	MNE
	C3	Waste processing	MNE
	C4	Disposal	MNE
D	Potential for reuse, recovery and/or recycling		MNE

X =Module included in the LCA; NR = Module not relevant; MNE = Module not evaluated

This EPD may not be comparable with those developed under other Programs or in accordance with different reference documents.

Likewise, EPDs may not be comparable if the data sources differ (e.g., databases), if all relevant information modules are not included, or if they are not based on the same scenarios.

Comparison of construction products shall be made for the same function, using the same functional unit and at the building—or at the level of architectural, engineering, or civil works—, that is, including the product's performance over its entire life cycle—as well as the specifications in Clause 6.7.2 of Standard UNE-EN ISO 14025:2010.

## 2. THE PRODUCT.

### 2.1. Identification of the product.

They are mixtures of conventional bitumens with polymers and other compounds (CPC 33500) that improve certain properties. In polymer modification, beyond the materials themselves, the mixing process—shear / time / temperature—has a decisive influence.

These products are governed by UNE-EN 14023:2010, which defines production control for polymer-modified bitumens and thereby the attainment of CE marking.

Polymer-modified bitumens are manufactured so that the addition of polymer yields a microscopically homogeneous structure, ensuring storage stability.

Such binders enable the production of asphalt mixes with enhanced mechanical and functional performance, allowing roads to cope with increased traffic and more demanding service conditions—resulting in greater durability and lower maintenance costs.

### 2.2. Intended use of the product.

The use of polymers provides notable improvements in bitumen properties. In particular:

- Increase in Ring-and-Ball softening point temperature.
- Lower thermal susceptibility.
- Increase in Penetration Index.
- Increase in plasticity range.
- Higher viscosity.
- Greater elastomeric behavior (elastic recovery).
- Improved low-temperature performance.
- Greater resistance to aging.

The main applications of polymer-modified bitumens are asphalt mixtures subjected to heavy traffic loads. Their use is especially recommended in mixtures for wearing courses and for the manufacture of bituminous emulsions.

### 2.3. Product composition.

The following table shows the main components of the product.

**Table 3. Product composition**

Substance/Component	Content	Units
Bitumen	94-95	%
Polymer	3-6	%
Additives	0,35-0,40	%

None of the raw materials used to produce this product are included on the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) for authorisation or are otherwise regulated.

### 2.4. Product performance.

Those described in the General Technical Specifications for Road and Bridge Works (PG-3), Article 212 — Polymer-Modified Bitumens, corresponding to the types of polymer-modified bitumens used in Spain and meeting the requirements set out in UNE-EN 14023:2010.

### 3. LCA INFORMATION

#### 3.1. Life cycle assessment.

The study “LCA Report for conventional bitumen, polymer-modified bitumen, bitumen with crumb rubber from end-of-life tyres, and bituminous emulsions — REPSOL. V2,” which underpins this EPD, was prepared by ReMa-INGENIERÍA, S.L. using data provided directly by RLESA for its polymer-modified bitumens produced in 2022 at its production plants located in Puertollano (Ciudad Real, Spain) and Gajano (Cantabria, Spain).

The life cycle assessment (LCA) on which this declaration is based was carried out in accordance with UNE-EN ISO 14040:2006 (and UNE-EN ISO 14040:2006/A1:2021), UNE-EN ISO 14044:2006 (and UNE-EN ISO 14044:2006/A1:2018 and UNE-EN ISO 14044:2006/A2:2021), and UNE-EN 15804:2012+A2:2020 (and UNE-EN 15804:2012+A2:2020/AC:2021).

The LCA was performed with the support of SimaPro software version 9.6.0.1 and the Ecoinvent 3.10 (2023) database.

For the asphalt plants in Spain, the electricity supplier is Repsol Comercializadora de Electricidad y Gas, S.L.U., and the 2022 remaining energy mix published by the CNMC has been used (0.00 kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh).

#### 3.2. Declared unit.

The declared unit was defined as: “**1 tonne of polymer modified bitumen**”.

#### 3.3. Reference service life (RSL)

Not applicable.

#### 3.4. Allocation and cut-off criteria.

For the crude oil extraction, transport, and refining stages, the allocation rules described in “THE EUROBITUME LIFE-CYCLE ASSESSMENT 4.0 FOR BITUMEN. March 2025” have been applied.

**General framework:** When a process yields multiple products, environmental impacts are allocated among them in accordance with ISO 14044:2006, 4.3.4.2.

**Refinery:** In atmospheric and vacuum distillation, with multiple co-products, the base criterion is energy allocation (net calorific value) for all inputs and non-product flows. Energy allocation is also used in the background LCI data for the joint production of crude oil and gas. In the refinery model used for the background LCI datasets (e.g., HFO, heavy fuel oil), energy allocation is applied to feedstock inputs and mass allocation to energy consumption.

**Cogeneration (CHP):** For combined production of electricity and steam at the refinery, allocation is based on exergy content.

**Refinery “overhead” and utilities:** General energy use (lighting, crude storage, dewatering/desalting), as well as waste, water use and discharge, are allocated by energy in the base case, and by mass in the sensitivity analysis.

**Waste management in the refinery:** Follows ISO 14044:2006, 4.3.4.3, and applies to the treatment of refinery waste and the end of life of included infrastructure. A cut-off approach (100:0) is used: incoming recycled materials arrive “clean” (without prior burdens), and no credits are granted for scrap/recyclable material leaving at end of life. Given the uncertainty of generic waste-

treatment data, energy recovery credits from incineration are excluded from the ILCD-published datasets.

As for the **bitumen plants**, mass allocation has been applied.

### 3.5. Representativeness, quality, and selection of data.

For the study of the upstream stages (extraction, crude oil transport, and refining), data from the document "THE EUROBITUME LIFE-CYCLE ASSESSMENT 4.0 FOR BITUMEN. March 2025" were used.

For the study of the conventional bitumen production process, data from RLESA's bitumen production plants located in Puertollano (Ciudad Real, Spain), Cartagena (Murcia, Spain), Gajano (Cantabria, Spain), and Mangualde (Viseu Dão-Lafões, Portugal) for the year 2022 were used.

For secondary data, the Ecoinvent 3.10 database was employed and modelled with SimaPro 9.6.0.1. All data correspond to a Spain 2022 geographic context. The results presented are representative of conventional bitumens, expressed as a production-weighted average.

The precision and accuracy of the data entered in the databases used (Ecoinvent v3.10) have been assessed by their authors and found to have an acceptable level of uncertainty for the intended purpose of this report. Furthermore, the data collected or calculated by the authors of this study are considered to have a low degree of uncertainty, as they refer to plant information supplied and explained in detail by the company's responsible personnel.

To assess the quality of the primary data for the production of the declared product, the semi-quantitative Data Quality Rating (DQR) criteria proposed by the European Union in its Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) and Organization Environmental Footprint (OEF) Guide have been followed.

The following table shows the Data Quality Rating (DQR) scores used to identify the quality level.

Overall data quality score (DQR)	Overall data quality level
$\leq 1,6$	«Excellent quality»
$1,6 < a \leq 2,0$	«Very good quality»
$2,0 < a \leq 3,0$	«Good quality»
$3 < a \leq 4,0$	«Reasonable quality»
$> 4$	«Insufficient quality»

Overall data quality level based on the obtained Data Quality Rating (DQR) score

Overall data quality was calculated by summing the scores obtained for each quality criterion and dividing by the total number of criteria. Each criterion is scored from 1 to 5, where 1 is the highest quality and 5 the lowest.

Results by criterion:

- Technological representativeness (TeR): Good, score 2.
- Geographical representativeness (GR): Good, score 2.
- Temporal representativeness (TiR): Good, score 2.
- Completeness (C): Excellent, score 1.5.
- Precision/uncertainty (P): Excellent, score 1.5.
- Methodological appropriateness and consistency (M): Reasonable, score 3.

According to these results, the Data Quality Rating (DQR) is 2, which indicates that the quality level of the data used is very good.

### 3.6. Cut-off criteria.

In this cradle-to-gate LCA study, more than 95% of all material and energy inputs and outputs of the system have been included, excluding those data that are unavailable or not quantified. The excluded data are the following:

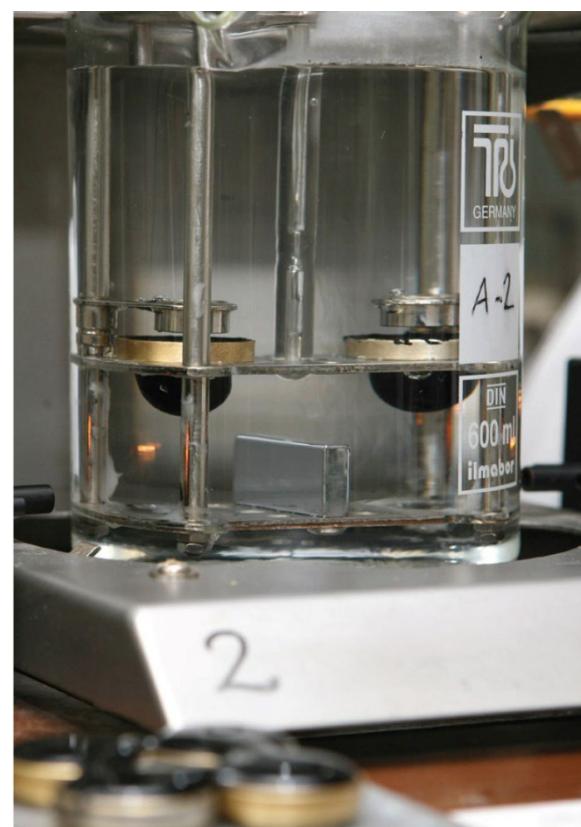
- Channelled atmospheric pollutants generated in combustion stages that are not measured or not covered by the applicable legislation.
- The production of machinery, industrial equipment and facilities, due to the difficulty of inventorying all the assets involved, and because the LCA community considers that their environmental impact per unit of product is low compared to the other processes that are included. Moreover, the databases used do not include these processes, so their inclusion would require additional effort beyond the scope of this study.

### 3.7. Other rules for calculation and hypotheses.

This EPD expresses the average performance of a group of products. The results presented in this document are representative of an “average conventional bitumen” product. These average results were calculated as the mean of the data for the bitumens manufactured in 2022 at the plants in Puertollano (Ciudad Real, Spain), Cartagena (Murcia, Spain), Gajano (Cantabria, Spain), and Mangualde (Viseu Dão-Lafões, Portugal), weighted by the quantities produced at each plant.

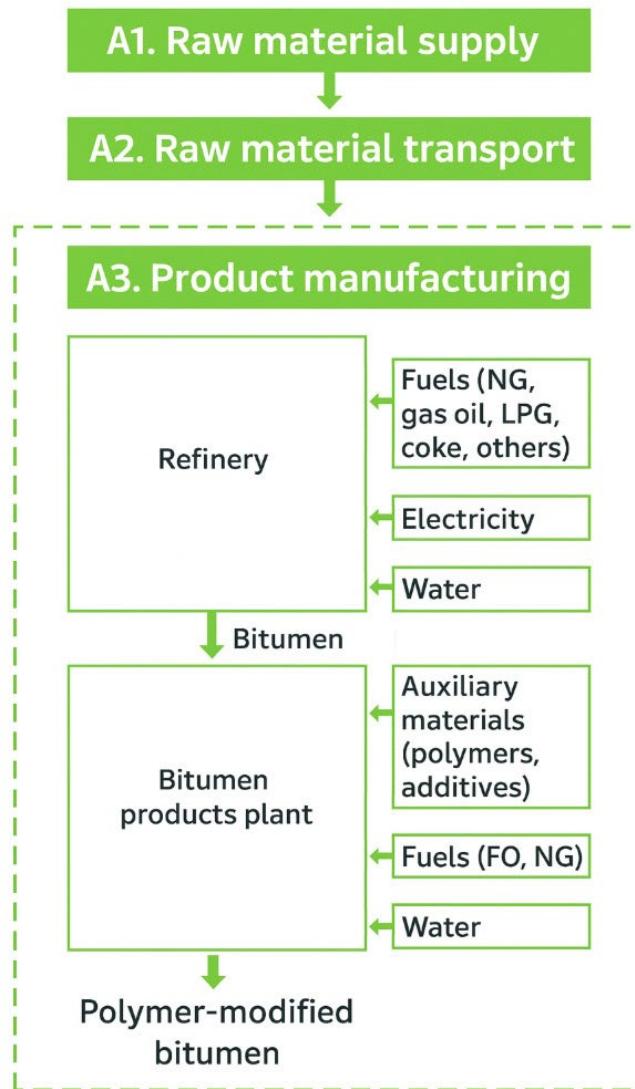
To verify the representativeness of the average results, the coefficient of variation was calculated by dividing the standard deviation by the arithmetic mean of the impact category results for the products from each plant, generally obtaining values below 10%. There are no universal criteria for judging whether a coefficient value is “low” or “high,” although in practice values below 30–40% are often considered low, values between those figures and approximately 80% are considered moderate, and when values exceed 120–140% the dispersion is regarded as quite high.

Therefore, in light of these results it can be the representativeness is high.



## 4. SYSTEM BOUNDARIES, SCENARIOS AND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION.

As this is a cradle-to-gate study, life cycle modules A1 (raw material supply), A2 (transport to the manufacturing plant), and A3 (manufacturing) have been included.



### 4.1. Pre-manufacturing (upstream processes).

For the study of the upstream stages (extraction, crude oil transport, and refining), data from "THE EUROBITUME LIFE-CYCLE ASSESSMENT 4.0 FOR BITUMEN. March 2025" were used.

#### A1 Raw material supply.

Crude oil extraction data include, among others, the following operations:

- **Production and processing at source** of the crude oil up to the point where it is ready for further processing.

- **Extraction technologies:** a mix of conventional (onshore and offshore drilling) and unconventional (oil sands and in-situ production), selected by country of origin.
- **Energy and auxiliaries** from the background system associated with that production (electricity, thermal energy and process steam, on-site/internal transport, and other energy carriers).

## A2 Transport.

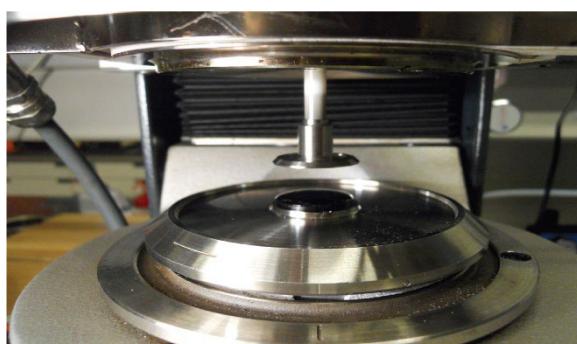
The transport of extracted crude from the oil field to the refinery has been modelled as a combination of pipelines and marine tanker transport.

## REFINERY.

**Atmospheric distillation:** The crude received at the refinery is heated and fed into the atmospheric distillation column, where light fractions (LPG, naphtha, kerosene, gas oils) are separated, along with an atmospheric residue that proceeds to the next stage.

**Vacuum distillation:** The atmospheric residue is distilled under vacuum to avoid thermal cracking and to obtain vacuum gas oils and a **vacuum residue (bitumen)**, which remains at the bottom of the column.

**Storage at the refinery:** Bitumen is stored in heated, insulated tanks; on average at ~170 °C.



## 4.2. Product manufacturing.

### Polymer Modified Bitumen Plant.

Polymer-modified bitumens (PMB) are produced in dedicated plants adapted to the manufacture of these products. The main raw material is penetration-grade bitumen, specific to each PMB type, supplied to the PMB plant either via pipelines to the tank where blending with the different components will take place (as in the Puertollano plant) or by road tanker (as in the Gajano plant).

Once the bitumen reaches the appropriate temperature defined in the product formula previously validated in the laboratory, the polymer is added, together with the appropriate additives to ensure the polymer is incorporated into the bitumen matrix and that the blend is homogeneous and storage-stable. To achieve bitumen-polymer compatibility, high-shear mills are used to ensure uniform mixing of all components. The mixing and shearing time is defined in the product formula, as are the proportions of each component.

After blending, the various PMB grades are stored in heat-traced and insulated tanks until they are loaded into tankers for delivery to hot-mix asphalt plants or for the manufacture of other bituminous products, such as polymer-modified emulsions.

Prior to loading, all bitumens are batch-tested in accordance with the CE-marking requirements specified in UNE-EN 14023:2010. In addition to these initial controls performed at the manufacturing plant, a planned and documented quality-control system is in place to ensure compliance with all product specifications.

## 5. DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETERS DERIVED FROM THE LCA AND LCI.

The estimated impact results are relative and do not indicate the final value for the impact categories, nor do they refer to threshold values, safety margins or risks.

**Table 4. Potential environmental impacts. 1t of polymer-modified bitumen.**

Parameters	Units	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-total	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	6,98E+02	2,08E+01	2,18E+01	7,40E+02	MNE													
GWP-fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	6,95E+02	2,08E+01	2,18E+01	7,38E+02	MNE													
GWP-biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	2,54E+00	4,35E-03	1,23E-05	2,54E+00	MNE													
GWP-luluc	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	3,92E-01	2,08E-03	4,51E-05	3,94E-01	MNE													
ODP	kg CFC11 eq	8,33E-06	4,35E-07	1,85E-10	8,76E-06	MNE													
AP	mol H <sup>+</sup> eq	2,13E+00	9,09E-02	1,89E-02	2,23E+00	MNE													
EP-freshwater	kg P eq	2,23E-03	3,74E-05	2,22E-07	2,27E-03	MNE													
EP-marine	kg N eq	5,13E-01	2,37E-02	9,46E-03	5,46E-01	MNE													
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq	5,60E+00	2,64E-01	1,04E-01	5,97E+00	MNE													
POCP	Kg NMVOC eq	2,85E+00	1,04E-01	2,44E-02	2,98E+00	MNE													
ADP-minerals&metals <sup>2</sup>	kg Sb eq	6,35E-04	4,60E-06	9,25E-09	6,39E-04	MNE													
ADP-fossil <sup>2</sup>	MJ	4,87E+04	2,91E+02	1,19E-01	4,90E+04	MNE													
WDP <sup>2</sup>	m3 depriv.	3,51E+01	2,99E-01	7,19E-01	3,61E+01	MNE													

**GWP - total:** Global warming potential (total); **GWP - fossil:** Global warming potential from fossil sources; **GWP - biogenic:** Biogenic global warming potential; **GWP - LULUC:** Global warming potential from land use and land-use change; **ODP:** Stratospheric ozone depletion potential; **AP:** Acidification potential (accumulated exceedance); **EP - freshwater:** Eutrophication potential (fraction of nutrients reaching the freshwater compartment); **EP - marine:** Eutrophication potential (fraction of nutrients reaching the marine compartment); **EP - terrestrial:** Eutrophication potential (accumulated exceedance); **POCP:** Photochemical ozone formation potential (tropospheric ozone); **ADP - minerals & metals:** Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources (minerals & metals); **ADP - fossil:** Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources; **WDP:** Water deprivation potential (user) — deprivation-weighted water consumption. **NR:** Not relevant

**Table 5. Additional potential environmental impacts — 1 t of polymer-modified bitumen.**

Parameter	Units	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PM	Disease incidence	2,90E-05	2,46E-07	4,48E-08	2,93E-05	MNE													
IRP <sup>1</sup>	kBq U235 eq	1,16E+01	3,99E-02	1,04E-04	1,16E+01	MNE													
ETP-fw <sup>2</sup>	CTUe	2,75E+04	1,71E+01	1,09E-01	2,75E+04	MNE													
HTP-c <sup>2</sup>	CTUh	7,70E-07	2,64E-08	4,36E-11	7,97E-07	MNE													
HTP-nc <sup>2</sup>	CTUh	1,43E-05	2,76E-08	6,26E-11	1,43E-05	MNE													
SQP <sup>2</sup>	-	6,01E+02	1,58E+01	1,02E-01	6,17E+02	MNE													

**PM:** Potential disease incidence due to particulate matter emissions; **IRP:** Ionizing radiation — human health (human exposure efficiency relative to U-235); **ETP-fw:** Ecotoxicity — freshwater (comparative toxic unit for ecosystems); **HTP-c:** Human toxicity — cancer effects (comparative toxic unit for humans); **HTP-nc:** Human toxicity — non-cancer effects (comparative toxic unit for humans); **SQP:** Soil quality potential index. **NR:** Not relevant

**Notice 1:** This impact category primarily addresses the potential effects of low-dose ionizing radiation on human health from the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects from potential nuclear accidents or occupational exposure from the disposal of radioactive waste in underground facilities. Ionizing radiation potential from soil due to radon or from certain construction materials is also not measured by this parameter.

**Notice 2:** The results for this environmental impact indicator should be used with caution, as uncertainties are high and experience with this parameter is limited.

Table 6. Resource use — 1 t of polymer-modified bitumen.

Parameters	Units	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	3,76E+02	1,19E+00	1,76E-02	3,77E+02	MNE													
PERM	MJ	1,13E+01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,13E+01	MNE													
PERT	MJ	3,88E+02	1,19E+00	1,76E-02	3,89E+02	MNE													
PENRE	MJ	1,18E+04	3,09E+02	1,27E-01	1,21E+04	MNE													
PENRM	MJ	3,85E+04	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	3,85E+04	MNE													
PENRT	MJ	5,03E+04	3,09E+02	1,27E-01	5,06E+04	MNE													
SM	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MNE													
RSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MNE													
NRSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MNE													
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	1,35E+00	1,06E-02	1,67E-02	1,38E+00	MNE													

**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; **PERT:** Total use of renewable primary energy resources; **PENRE:** Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy 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 resources; **SM:** Use of secondary material; **RSF:** Use of renewable secondary fuels; **NRSF:** Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; **FW:** Net use of fresh water resources. **NR:** Not relevant

**Table 7. Output flows and waste categories — 1t of polymer-modified bitumen.**

Paramters	Units	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	kg	8,36E-02	1,92E-03	1,99E-02	1,05E-01	MNE													
NHWD	kg	9,65E+00	7,97E-02	9,92E-04	9,73E+00	MNE													
RWD	kg	4,49E-02	2,66E-05	7,70E-08	4,49E-02	MNE													
CRU	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MNE													
MFR	kg	1,36E+00	0,00E+00	1,20E-01	1,48E+00	MNE													
MER	kg	7,33E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	7,33E-01	MNE													
EE	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	MNE													

**HWD:** Hazardous waste disposed; **NHWD:** Non-hazardous waste disposed; **RWD:** Radioactive waste disposed; **CRU:** Components for reuse; **MFR:** Materials for recycling; **MER:** Materials for energy recovery; **EE:** Exported energy. **NR:** Not relevant

## 6. ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION.

### Biogenic carbon content

The product contains no biogenic carbon and is supplied in bulk; therefore, no biogenic carbon content is declared for either the product or the packaging.

### Recycling of bituminous materials

According to Austroads' *Asphalt Recycling Guide*, in general, **100%** of the materials recovered from deteriorated pavements can be reused—either on the same project where they are generated, in another pavement (the most common practice), or in other construction works.

There are two main routes for reusing asphalt pavement materials:

- **Hot recycling in mixing plants:** The bituminous layers of aged pavements are removed by milling or demolition and transported to an asphalt plant, where the material is stockpiled, characterised, and, if needed, processed to meet specific size and moisture requirements. The treated material is then incorporated into new hot mixes at varying percentages depending on plant capability, and blended with virgin aggregates, new bitumen and/or rejuvenating agents.

The resulting composite bituminous mix is laid and compacted as a conventional mix, achieving comparable performance.

- **Cold recycling (in-place or plant) with bituminous emulsion:** Another route is cold application using a bituminous emulsion as the binder. This technique offers the added advantage of potentially reusing **100%** of the recycled material extracted directly from the pavement, without transporting it to a plant and without heating the material for reapplication—thereby reducing the use of both virgin materials and fuels.

Recycling materials in road construction and rehabilitation is the best approach to lower the consumption of new materials while reducing quarrying. By recycling bituminous layers and making use of the binder they contain, bitumen consumption is decreased. It also reduces landfill volumes—thus lowering the space required for disposal—and cuts the associated management costs.

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