

## **Channel Cladding**

This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) discloses potential environmental outcomes compliant with ISO 14025 for business to business communication.

The declared product Channel Cladding Paneling was made by Modinex Group in Australia in 2016 for sale with a replacement warranty for interior applications in commercial residential and industrial sectors.

Modinex has over 30 years' experience supplying architectural timber in Australia.

The company provides stylish, practical and durable timber solutions for Australian homes and commercial buildings.

They offer an extensive range of Western Red Cedar for interior and exterior cladding, panelling, screening, architraves and trims.

Their unique architectural timber innovations deliver modern profile designs.

Insulating Cedar cladding keeps buildings cooler in summer and warmer in winter.

Modinex's reputation is for innovative product design, uncompromising quality control and commitment to sustainability.

A modern air extraction and filtration system ensures workplace health and collects all dust and shavings for sale as coproducts.

Only sustainably sourced timber is used.

Replenishment of forests coherent with demand ensures timber supply for the future.

All their timber is certified sustainably sourced to reduce greenhouse emissions.

Forests absorb carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from the atmosphere and emit oxygen.

Long after its use in buildings harvested timber banks that  $CO_2$  securely away.

Seedlings planted to replace harvested trees continue to drawdown carbon from air.

Reliance on renewable resources now is a vital and timely key to a sustainable future.

The https://www.modinex.com.au/ site offers more information.





Figure 1 Modinex Channel Cladding Paneling



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#### 1. Details of This Declaration

Program GreenTag Global Pty Ltd hereafter called Global GreenTag noted at

Operator www.globalgreentag.com

EPD Number CED:CC05:2023:EP

Date issue 16th January 2023

Validity 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Reference PCR Compliant with PCR WC: 2018

Time Made in and sold from 2014 or 2015 for 60 years use

**Geography** Made in Australia. Uses are assumed as for Australasia.

Application Commercial, Residential and Industrial building exteriors

Declared Unit Modinex Group Channel Cladding Paneling /kg cradle to gate

#### 2. Product Characterisation

Definition Channel Cladding Paneling by Modinex Group used for commercial, residential and

industrial building applications

Standard ISO 16598:2015 Timber structures -- Structural classification for sawn timber

#### 3. Verification of this Declaration

This EPD was approved on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019 according to requirements of ISO14025 8.1.3b.

Role	Name	Position	Signature
PCR Review Chair	Murray Jones	Ecquate Pty Ltd CEO	Not bared a
LCA & EPD Developer	Delwyn Jones	The Evah Institute CEO	Delyn Gones
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party LCI Verifier	Shloka Ashar	Sustainability Studio Director	
Internal EPD Audit	David Baggs	Global GreenTag CEO & Program Director	



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#### 4. Green Star® Certified Credits

Products are relevant to the Green Building Council of Australia's (GBCA) Green Star® scheme. If required this EPD is evidence the declared product meets the following Green Star® credits. It may be used as evidence in Green Star® submissions for those credits. The product is certified by GBCA recognised Global GreenTag GreenRate to meet the following credits of Green Star®:

- Interiors V1.2: Sustainable Products, Indoor Pollutants
- Design and As Built V1.2: Sustainable Product, Indoor Pollutants
- Performance V1.1: Refurbishment Materials

#### **GBCA** Disclaimer

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#### 5. Packaging, Installation, Use & Disposal

Packaging Strapping on reused pallets.

Service life Residential and commercial builds vary but 60-year life is assumed typical.

Health Safety & Environment

Apart from compliance to occupational and workplace health safety and environmental laws no additional personal protection is considered essential.

**Residual Scrap** 

Mill off-cuts are sold as coproduct. At installation 5% scrap assumed to fuel use.

Cleaning Maintenance Recycling The recommended cleaning and maintenance raise no ecosystem or human health concerns. Care and maintenance guides are on company websites. Sawdust recyclate is used to fuel saw milling new product.

Re-use

This study assumes 60% product is serviceable for reuse over 40 more years.

Disposal

It assumes 30% is recycled. Incineration is rare in Australia so none is modelled.

#### 6. Whole of life Performance

Health Protection

The product does not contain levels of carcinogenic, toxic or hazardous substances that warrant ecological or human health concern cradle to grave. It passed the Ecospecifier Cautionary Assessment Process (ESCAP) and no issues or red-light concerns existed for product human or ecological toxicity.

**Effluent** 

The LCI results and ESCAP raised no re-light concerns in emissions to water1.

Waste

Cradle to grave waste to landfill was <0.01% hazardous in fuel supply chains.

**Environmental Protection** 

Continuous improvement under the maker's certified ISO14001 EMS aims to avoid toxics, waste and pollution plus reduce their material and energy use.

**Environmental Health Effects** 

Installed products are certified as having VOC's compliant with Green Star® IEQ VOC credits for indoor environment<sup>2</sup> quality credits. No other potential in-use impacts on environment or health are known.

<sup>1</sup> According with national standards in ANZECC Guideline For Fresh & Marine Water Quality (2000)

<sup>2</sup> in accordance with national standards and practice



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#### 7. Life Cycle Scope and Boundary

In Figure 2 the letter x marks declared phases  $A_1$  to  $A_3$  cradle to gate where summary results are declared over the actual cradle to gate scope. Beyond that modules not declared are marked MND.

It also marks the phases A1 to D3 where summary results are declared considering modelling of actual supply and scenarios cradle to grave.

The cradle to grave scope includes all known operations in:

- Production including supply manufacture with transport cradle to gate then upstream;
- Construction with transport to site, installation and commissioning;
- □Use and operation including maintenance, repair, replacement, refurbishment with transport, and
- End-of-life from deconstruction, demolition, reuse, recycling and disposal with transport.

Model	A	ctual		Pos	sible	S	cena	rios									Po	oten	tial
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Module	A1	A2	АЗ	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D1,	D2	D3
nothernon Cradle	Resources	Transport	Manufacture	Transport	Construction	Use	Maintain	Repair	Replace	Refurbish	Energy Use	WaterUse	Demolish	Transport	Process Scrap	Disposal	Reuse	Recovery	Recycling
to Gate	X	X	X	MND	MND	QW W	MND	MND	MND	MND	MIND	MIND	MND	MND	MND	MIND	MND	MND	MND
Grave	x	X	x	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X	х	X	X	X	X	X	x	X	X

#### 8. Base Material Origin and Detail

Table 2 lists key components by function, type, key operation, source and % mass amount.

#### 1. Table 2 Base Material

Function	Component	Production	Origin	% mass
Panelling	Hemlock	Forest, Fell, Float, Saw, Plane, Seal	Canada	>98 <99
Coating	Sealant	Forestry, Extract, Refine, Stain	Global	>1 < 2



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#### 9. Life Cycle Inventory Results

Table 3 lists material resource types and gross used per kg cradle to gate.

Table 3 Material Use /kg Declared Unit

Total Input of	Unit	A1 to A3
Finite Material	kg	1.03
Recycled Material	kg	0.01
Renewable Material	kg	4.25
Primary Water	litre	3.01
Recycled Water	litre	0.01

Table 4 lists the energy resource types and gross used per kg cradle to gate.

Table 4 Energy Use MJ/kg Declared Unit

Energy Source	Unit	A1 to A3
Fossil Fuel <sup>3</sup>	MJ	8.4
Nuclear Energy	MJ	2.0E-03
Hydrogen Energy	MJ	2.7E-05
Recovered Energy	MJ	-6.8E-04
Biomass Fuel	MJ	15.8
Hydro Power	MJ	0.02
Geothermal Energy	MJ	1.9E-05
Solar Energy	MJ	0.05
Wave/Tidal Energy	MJ	1.0E-03
Biomass Feedstock	MJ	17.9
Recoverable Feedstock	MJ	19.4
Gross Fuel + Feedstock	MJ	43.7



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#### 10. Life Cycle Impact Potential Results

Table 5 shows product Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) results cradle to gate.

Table 5 Potential Impact /kg Declared Unit

Impact Potential	Unit	A <sub>1</sub> to A <sub>3</sub>
Global Warming	kg CO <sub>2e100</sub>	-1.18
Photochemical Ozone Creation	kg C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4e</sub>	1.8E-4
Depletion of Stratospheric Ozone	kg R11 <sub>e</sub>	8.4E-12
Acidification of Land and Water	kg SO <sub>2e</sub>	0.004
Eutrophication	kg PO <sub>4</sub> ³- <sub>e</sub>	0.001
Abiotic Depletion of Elements	kg Sb <sub>e</sub>	2.6E-08

Table 6 shows product LCIA results over the full life cycle cradle to grave.

Table 6 Potential Impact/ kg Functional Unit

Evaluation Category	Unit	A1 to D3
Product mass	kg	1.00
Emission of Greenhouse Gas <sup>4</sup>	kg CO <sub>2e100</sub>	-1.17
Depletion of Stratospheric Ozone	kg R11 <sub>e</sub>	5.2E-11
Acidification	kg SO <sub>2e</sub>	0.005
Eutrophication	kg PO <sub>4</sub> ³- <sub>e</sub>	0.002
Damage to Ecosystem Quality	PDF*m <sup>2</sup> *yr	1.1E-04
Damage to Human Health	DALY	9.5E-05
Abiotic Depletion of Fossil Fuels	MJ <sub>surplus</sub>	0.83
Depletion of Mineral Resource	MJ <sub>surplus</sub>	0.02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Stocker et al (eds.) Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis, CH8, IPCC AR5, Cambridge U Press, UK.



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#### 11. Life Cycle Benefit Potential

Manufacturer's qualitative details confirm the product offers positive outcomes cradle to grave. Human and ecosystem benefits arise from reliance on renewables and reclaimed scrap for sale and fuel use.

Climate, water and soil security benefits arise from reliance on renewable and reclaimed biomass.

#### Climate and Water Security Benefits of Renewable Content and Scrap Reuse

Climate Security	Carbon drawn down from air by flora sequestered in biomass in product
	Brakes climate change via carbon banked in standing forests and soils
Resource	Invests in resources for current use and growing stocks for future generations
Security	Produces recoverable feedstock for current and future generations
Water Security	Hectares intensive forest stabilising rain catchment and ground water table levels
	Forest leaf litter mulches retains soil hydration and reduces water stress
Soil Carbon	Carbon sequestered in unburnt tree roots in forest soil also brakes climate change
Security	Carbon banked in standing forest detritus, roots and soil brakes climate change

Biodiversity and habitat security benefits arise from reliance on renewable and reclaimed biomass.

#### Habitat and Biodiversity Security Benefits of Renewable Content and Scrap Reuse

Soil Health and Security	Extensive forest soil for microbe and worm biome nutrition and soil development
	Extensive forest leaf & litter mulching soil reducing temperature stress
Biodiversity	Extensive forest flora for biodiverse wildlife and pollinator forage and shelter
Security	Extensive forest flora for biodiverse bird, bee, pollinator and avian wildlife forage
Habitat	Extensive standing forest habitat for soil retention and soil biota refugia
Security	Extensive standing forest habitat for bird, bee, pollinator and avian wildlife refugia
Ecosystem	Extensive diverse forest range for flora and wild life foraging and grazing
Benefits	CO <sub>2e</sub> sequestered in natural habitat, biomass & soil also braking climate change

Local and global benefits of forest log floated to sawmill reduced land freight and fossil fuel emissions.

#### **Benefits of Avoided Transport**

Ecological	Time free of smog, inhalable dust, volatile organics and carcinogens from vehicles
Health	Climate & Ozone layer reparation without land transport emissions
	Acid rain free safer air-sheds for natural terrestrial, aquatic and urban communities

Human and ecological health benefits flow from reliance on renewable and reclaimed biomass.

#### **Health Benefits of Renewable Content and Scrap Reuse**

Soil Habitat Health	Forest soil microbe and worm biome nutrition enhances soils and CO <sub>2e</sub> drawdown
	Forest leaf & litter forage enhancing soil conditioning and mulching
Land Use &	Sawmills save natural land use by using scrap biomass instead of fossil fuel
Space	Saves natural land use in extensive mainland and island forest corridors
Ecological health	Health and safety benefits with climate security from braking global warming
	Environmental health benefits from avoiding fossil fuel generated dust and pollution



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### 12. Life Cycle Benefit Results

This section shows quantitative Life Cycle Benefit Assessment (LCBA) for product use cradle to grave.

Table 7 lists benefits from Evah 2020 LCBA results /kg.

Table 7 Cradle to Grave Evah 2020 Gross Benefit Potential Results/kg

Benefit Layers	Units	Process Outcome	Result		
Climate Security (CLIMES)					
Climate Brake CO <sub>2e</sub>	kg CO <sub>2e20</sub>	Carbon embodied in product biomass	0.96		
Climate Security	kg CO <sub>2e20</sub>	Carbon drawn down from air by biomass	2.10		
Biomass Security	kgCO <sub>2e100</sub>	Carbon sequestered in product biomass			
Soil Carbon Security	kgCO <sub>2e100</sub>	Carbon bank in tree roots in standing forest soil			
Supply Energy & Resource Viability: Energy & Fuel (SERV)					
Energy Renewal	MJ surplus	36.1% Reliance on renewable energy	18.12		
Energy Recovery	MJ surplus	0.001% Reliance on recovered energy	0.03		
Water Recovery	I Reuse	31.8% Reliance on recovered water	3.9		
Fuel Recovery	MJ surplus	62.8% Reliance on recovered fuel	18.3		
Fuel Renewal	MJ surplus	62.8% Reliance on biofuel	18.0		
Feedstock Resource	MJ surplus	42.9% Reliance on recoverable feedstock	21.6		
Supply Energy & Resource Viability: Renewable & Biomass Matter(SERV)					
Material Biomass	MJ surplus	88.5% Reliance on renewable feedstock	19.2		
Resource Recovery	MJ surplus	62.8% Reliance on recovered resources	18.3		
Forestry Security	MJ	Biota, biome, litter, fibre & soil retained for seed	38.4		
Community Security	MJ	Biomass plant forage for animals and recreation	57.5		
Positive Ecosystem Replenishment Fraction (PERF)					
Habitat Recovery	PRF*m²/yr	Forest landscape area for natural habitat	1.00		
Ecosystem Recovery	PRF*m²/yr	Sustainably managed plantation forest			
Biodiversity Security	m²/yr	Forest leaf & litter forage for biodiverse wildlife	255		
Habitat Security	m²/yr	Extensive forest flora for value added habitat			
Climate Brake <sub>100year</sub>	kg CO <sub>2e100</sub>	Ecosystem retention & regeneration potential	2.19		



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### 13. Supply Chain Modelling

Processes to acquire, refine, transport, fabricate, coat, use, clean, repair, reuse and dispose of metal, masonry, ceramic, timber, glass, plastic and composites are modelled. These include those of:

- Mining, extracting and refining resources to make commodities and packaging;
- Acquiring, cultivating, harvesting, extracting, refining produce and biomass;
- Fuel production to supply power and process energy and freight;
- Chemicals use in processing resources, intermediates and ancillaries;
- Process energy, fuel and freight of resources, intermediates and ancillaries;
- Use, cleaning, recoating, repair, recycling, re-use and landfill, as well as
- Infrastructure process energy transformed and material wear loss e.g. tyres.

A flow chart in Figure 3 shows key product supply chain operations from cradle to fate. While all known operations are included not all are shown.

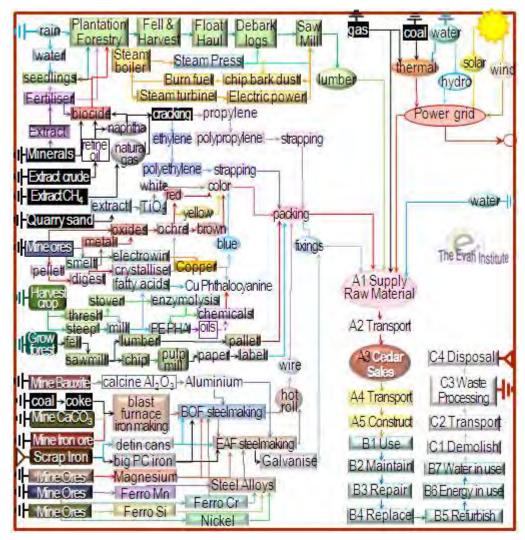


Figure 3 Major Product Operations



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#### 14. Life Cycle Assessment Method

**LCA Author** The Evah Institute as described at <a href="https://www.evah.com.au">www.evah.com.au</a>

Study Period Factory data was collected from 2015 to 2018

LCA Method Compliant with ISO 14040 and ISO 14044 Standards

Scope Cradle to Fate including all supply chain phases and stages depicted in Figure 2.

Phases The LCA covered all known flows in all known stages cradle to end of life fate.

**Assumptions** Use is to typical Australian Facility Management professional practice.

Scenarios

Use, cleaning, maintenance plus disposal and re-use were scenario-based using

Facility Management Association denoted and published typical operations.

The LCA system boundary depicted in Figure 2 includes all operations

A1-A3 production with upstream supply & transport;

System

• A4 package & deliver & A5 construct;

B1 use with cleaning, B2 maintain, B3 repair, B5 refurbish,

C1 demolish, C2 transport and C4 disposal

All significant resource acquisition, water, fuel & energy use, power generation & distribution, freight, refining, intermediates, manufacture, scrap re-use and goods

inwards packaging are included cradle to gate.

Processes

Cradle to Grave scope includes packing and dispatch as well as installation, use, maintenance, landfill waste and emission flows from all supply chain operations

involved to make, pack and install repair and demolish product.

Evah industry databases cover all known domestic and global scope 1 and 2 operations.

They exclude scope 3 burdens from capital facilities, equipment churn, noise and dehydration as well as incidental activities and employee commuting.

The databases exist in top zones of commercial global modelling and calculating engines.

Electricity supply models in active databases are updated annually.

As each project is modelled and new data is available the databases are updated and audited by external Type 1 ecolabel certifiers.

Quality control methods are applied to ensure:

- Coverage of place in time with all information for each dataset noted, checked and updated;
- Consistency to Evah guidelines for all process technology, transport and energy demand;
- Completeness of modeling based on in-house reports, literature and industry reviews;
- Plausibility in 2-way checks of LCI input and output flows of data checked for validity, plus
- Mathematical correctness of all calculations in mass and energy balance cross checks





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#### 15. Data Sources Representativeness and Quality

Primary data used for modelling the state of art of each operation includes all known process for:

- · Technology sequences;
- Energy and water use;
- Landfill and effluent plus

- Reliance on raw and recycled material;
- High and reduced process emissions;
- Freight and distribution systems.

Primary data is sourced from clients, Annual Reports and their publications on corporate locations, logistics, technology use, market share, management systems, standards and commitment to improved environmental performance. Information on operations is also sourced from client:

- Supply chain mills, their technical manuals, corporate annual reports and sector experts, and
- Manufacturing specifications websites and factory site development license applications.

Background data is sourced from the International Energy Agency, IBISWorld, USGS Minerals, Franklin Associates, Boustead 6, Plastics Europe, CML2, Simapro 8, EcoInvent 3 and NREL USLCI model databases. Information on operations is also sourced from:

- · Library, document, NPI and web searches, review papers, building manuals and
- Global Industry Association and Government reports on Best Available Technology (BAT).

For benchmarking, comparison and integrity checks inventory data is developed to represent BAT, business as usual and worst practice options with operations covering industry sector supply and infrastructure in Australia and overseas.

Such technology, performance and license conditions were modelled and evaluated across mining, farming, forestry, freight, infrastructure and manufacturing and building industry sectors since 1995.

As most sources do not provide estimates of accuracy, a pedigree matrix of uncertainty estimates to 95% confidence levels of Geometric Standard Deviation<sup>2</sup> ( $\sigma_g$ ) is used to define quality as in Table 8<sup>5</sup>.

Table 8 Data Quality Parameters and Uncertainty (U)

Correlation	Metric σ <sub>g</sub>	U ±0.01	U ±0.05	U ±0.10	U ±0.20	U ±0.30
Reliability	Reporting	Site Audit	Expert verify	Region	Sector	Academic
	Sample	>66% trend	>25% trend	>10% batch	>5% batch	<1% batch
Completion	Including	>50%	>25%	>10%	>5%	<5%
	Cut-off	0.01%w/w	0.05%w/w	0.1%w/w	0.5%w/w	1%w/w
Temporal	Data Age	<3 years	≤5 years	<10 years	<15 years	>16 years
	Duration	>3 years	<3 years	<2 years	1 year	<1 year
Geography	Focus	Process	Line	Plant	Corporate	Sector
	Range	Continent	Nation	Plant	Line	Process
Technology	Typology	Actual	Comparable	In Class	Convention	In Sector

No data set with >±30% uncertainty is used without notation in the LCA as well as the EPD.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Evah Institute data quality control system accords with UNEP SETAC Global LCI Database Quality 2010 Guidelines



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### **16. Supply Chain Modelling Assumptions**

Australian building sector rules and Evah assumptions applied are defined in Table 9.

**Table 9 Scope Boundaries Assumptions and Metadata** 

Process Model Resource flows Regional data for resource mapping, fuels, energy, electricity and logistics Temporal Project & background data was collated 3 years to declaration approval date. Geography Designated client, site, regional, national, Pacific Rim then global jurisdiction Representation Designated client, their suppliers and energy supply chains back to the cradle Consistency Model all operations by known given operations with closest proximity Technology Typical of global or Pacific Rim supply chain 3 years to declaration approval date. Functional Unit Typical of global or Pacific Rim supply chain 3 years to declaration approval date. Functional Unit Typical of global or Pacific Rim supply chain 3 years to declaration approval date. Functional Unit Typical product with cleaning & disposal used for declared years' service life/m² System Control Primary Sources  Clients and supplier mills, publications, websites, specifications & manuals Other Sources  ELA, USGS Minerals, IBISWorld, Boustead, Government & Industry reports  Data mix Power grid & renewable shares updated to latest IEA & power generator reports Operational Company data for process performance, product share, waste and emissions Logistics Local data is used for power, fuel mix, water supply, logistics share & capacity New Data Entry VilegLCA, Evah Institute; Global Green Tag Researchers at declaration date.  Data Generator  Manufacturers, Evah Institute; GGT; Meta: IBIS, Other pre-publication date  Data Publisher The Evah Institute Pty Ltd to Global GreenTag and designated client only All contributors cited in Evah & Global GreenTag records or websites  Data Flow & Mix System Boundary  Earth's cradle of all resource & emission flows to end of use, fitout or build life System flows  All known from and to air, land, water and community sources & sinks  Natural stocks∆, industry stockplies∆, capital wear ∆, system losses and use Arid Practice  Dry technology adopted; Water use is factored by 0.1 as for e.g. Mining  Transportation  All raw m		
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#### 18. Reviewers Report Conclusions

The independent LCA reviewer's report confirmed that the LCA project report and addition information addressed the EPD. The verifier was not involved in developing the LCA or EPD and has no conflict of interests from their organisational position.

While the report is confidential its conclusions confirmed that documentation according to set ISO Standard requirements was provided including evidence from the:

# The Evah Institute, the LCA developer: a) Recipes of input and output data of unit processes used for LCA calculations b) Datasheets of measures, calculations, estimates and emails with sources as in Table 6 e) References to literature and databases from which data was extracted as noted in Table 6 g) Notes on supply chain processes and scenarios satisfying requirements of this Standard i) Embodied Energy shares as used for sensitivity analyses re ISO 14044:2006, 4.5.3.3 j) Proof percentages or figures in calculations in the end of life scenario k) Notes on proof of % and allocation calculations o) All operations covered Vs criteria and substantiation used to determine system boundaries **Product Manufacturer in:** c) Specifications used to create the manufacturer's product d) Citations, references, specifications or regulations & data showing completeness f) Specification demonstrating that the building product can fulfil the intended use The Certifier Global GreenTag on: I) Notes and calculation of averages of different locations yielding generic data m) Substantiating additional environmental information ISO 14025:2006, 7.2.4 n) Procedures for data collection, questionnaires, instructions, confidentiality deeds Requiring No Evidence: As the EPD is cradle to grave as well as PCR compliant the independent reviewer did not need to: h) Substantiate a few stages as all stages were substantiated p) Substantiate alternatives when no other choices and assumptions were applied q) Demonstrate consistency for few stages as the same rules in Tables 5 and 6 applied to all.



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