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**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER**

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**1.1 Product identifier**

**Product name** GIB X-BLOCK PLASTERBOARD  
**Synonyms** X BLOCK PLASTERBOARD

**1.2 Uses and uses advised against**

**Uses** INTERNAL WALL LINING • PLASTER BOARD

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the product**

**Supplier name** ETEX AUSTRALIA PTY LTD  
**Address** 31 Military Road, Matraville, NSW, 2036, AUSTRALIA  
**Telephone** 1300 724 505  
**Website** <http://www.siniat.com.au>

**1.4 Emergency telephone numbers**

**Emergency** 13 11 26 (Poisons Information Centre)

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

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**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

**Physical Hazards**

Not classified as a Physical Hazard

**Health Hazards**

Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 2  
Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation: Category 2A  
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure): Category 3 (Respiratory Irritation)  
Carcinogenicity: Category 1B

**Environmental Hazards**

Not classified as an Environmental Hazard

**2.2 GHS Label elements**

**Signal word** DANGER

**Pictograms****Hazard statements**

H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
H350 May cause cancer.

**Prevention statements**

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P264 Wash thoroughly after handling.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection.

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### Response statements

P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P321	Specific treatment is advised - see first aid instructions.
P362 + P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

### Storage statements

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

### Disposal statements

None allocated.

### 2.3 Other hazards

Non-hazardous as supplied.

Please note that when boards are processed (cut or sanded), or compounds are sanded or mixed, respirable crystalline silica dust may be created. Concentration levels are below safe levels (less than 0.1% crystalline silica content), however Etex recommends the use of appropriate dust management measures and equipment as best practice.

## 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content
BARIUM SULPHATE	7727-43-7	231-784-4	>50%
GYPSUM	13397-24-5	603-783-2	>40%
CELLULOSE	9004-34-6	232-674-9	<5%
STARCH	9005-25-8	232-679-6	<3%
QUARTZ (CRYSTALLINE SILICA)	14808-60-7	238-878-4	<1%
GLASS FIBRE	-	-	<1%

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

<b>Eye</b>	If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Exposure is considered unlikely. Due to product form / nature of use, an inhalation hazard is not anticipated.
<b>Skin</b>	If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.
<b>Ingestion</b>	For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.
<b>First aid facilities</b>	Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

### 4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Non flammable. May evolve toxic gases if strongly heated.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

No fire or explosion hazard exists.

**5.4 Hazchem code**

None allocated.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

**6.3 Methods of cleaning up**

Moisten with water to prevent a dust hazard and place in sealable containers for disposal or reuse.

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from incompatible substances and foodstuffs. Ensure containers are adequately labelled and protected from physical damage when not in use. Suppress dust with water if stored in bulk.

**7.3 Specific end uses**

No information provided.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION****8.1 Control parameters****Exposure standards**

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Barium sulphate	SWA [AUS]	--	10	--	--
Barium sulphate (inhalable)	SWA [Proposed]	--	4	--	--
Barium sulphate (respirable)	SWA [Proposed]	--	1.35	--	--
Cellulose (paper fibre) (a)	SWA [AUS]	--	10	--	--
Gypsum (Calcium sulphate)	SWA [AUS]	--	10	--	--
Non-respirable fibres, inspirable dust	SWA [AUS]	--	2	--	--
Quartz (respirable dust)	SWA [AUS]	--	0.05	--	--
Quartz (respirable dust) (Precautionary advice)	WorkSafe VIC	--	0.02	--	--
Starch (a)	SWA [AUS]	--	10	--	--
Synthetic mineral fibres (SMF)	SWA [AUS]	--	0.5 f/ml	--	--

**Biological limits**

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

**8.2 Exposure controls****Engineering controls** Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Wet where possible. Maintain dust levels below the recommended exposure standard.

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**PPE**

- Eye / Face** If cutting or sanding with potential for dust generation, wear dust-proof goggles.
- Hands** Wear leather or cotton gloves.
- Body** Not required under normal conditions of use.
- Respiratory** If cutting or sanding with potential for dust generation, wear a Class P2 (Particulate) respirator.



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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Appearance</b>	PLASTERBOARD SHEET
<b>Odour</b>	LOW ODOUR
<b>Flammability</b>	NON FLAMMABLE
<b>Flash point</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Boiling point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Melting point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>pH</b>	NEUTRAL
<b>Vapour density</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Relative density</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	SLIGHTLY SOLUBLE
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Upper explosion limit</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Lower explosion limit</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Viscosity</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Explosive properties</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Oxidising properties</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Odour threshold</b>	NOT AVAILABLE

**9.2 Other information**

<b>Density</b>	1175 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
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**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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**10.1 Reactivity**

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

**10.2 Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Hazardous polymerisation is not expected to occur.

**10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

**10.5 Incompatible materials**

Incompatible with strong acids (e.g. hydrochloric acid).

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.

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**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Information available for the ingredients:

Ingredient	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
BARIUM SULPHATE	> 5000 mg/kg (rat)	> 2000 mg/kg (rat)	--
CELLULOSE	> 5000 mg/kg (rat)	> 2000 mg/kg (rabbit)	> 5800 mg/m <sup>3</sup> /4 hours (rat)

**Skin** Contact may result in mechanical irritation, redness, rash and dermatitis.

**Eye** Contact may result in mechanical irritation, lacrimation and redness.

**Sensitisation** Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation.

**Mutagenicity** Not classified as a mutagen.

**Carcinogenicity** This product contains crystalline silica which is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1). However, there is sufficient information to conclude that the relative risk of lung cancer is increased in persons with silicosis. Therefore, preventing the onset of silicosis will also reduce the cancer risk.

**Reproductive** Not classified as a reproductive toxin.

**STOT - single exposure** Over exposure may result in irritation of the nose and throat, with coughing.

**STOT - repeated exposure** Dust created when the product is cut, grinded and machined may contain respirable crystalline silica (particles small enough to go into deep parts of the lung when breathed in). Repeated overexposure to crystalline silica for extended periods may result in silicosis.

**Aspiration** This product does not present an aspiration hazard.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

The substance is inert and there is no evidence of significant toxicity.

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Being inorganic, the substance will not biodegrade.

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

The substance is inert and will not be absorbed and accumulate in tissues.

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No information provided.

### 12.5 Other adverse effects

The main component/s of this product are not anticipated to cause any adverse effects to plants or animals.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

**Waste disposal** Reuse where possible. No special precautions are normally required when handling this product.

**Legislation** Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE, IMDG OR IATA

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	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
<b>14.1 UN Number</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
<b>14.2 Proper Shipping Name</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
<b>14.3 Transport hazard class</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
<b>14.4 Packing Group</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.

**14.5 Environmental hazards**

No information provided.

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

<b>Hazchem code</b>	None allocated.
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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

<b>Poison schedule</b>	A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).
<b>Classifications</b>	Safe Work Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Revision 7).
<b>Inventory listings</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA: AIIC (Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals)</b> All components are listed on AIIC, or are exempt.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Additional information****PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:**

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

**HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:**

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

**PRODUCT NAME GIB X-BLOCK PLASTERBOARD****Abbreviations**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
EMS	Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
GTEPG	Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

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