

# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

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**Kingspan Insulation B.V.**

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## General Information

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#### This declaration is based on the product category rules:

Factory-made thermal and/or acoustic insulation products made of vegetable fibres, 01/08/2021  
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### HemKor Jute Blend

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#### Declared product / declared unit

HemKor™ Jute Blend  
1m², 40 mm thickness, RD = 0,90 m²·K/W

#### Scope:

The insulation material HemKor™ Jute Blend is produced by Kingspan Insulation at the manufacturing facility in Nördlingen, Germany.

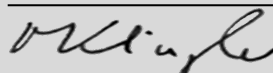
HemKor™ Jute Blend is a thermal insulation product that comprises of hemp fibres and fibers from recycled jute bags. It also contains polymer supporting fibre based on PET and soda as improvement of the reaction to fire of the insulation.

The owner of the declaration shall be liable for the underlying information and evidence; the IBU shall not be liable with respect to manufacturer information, life cycle assessment data and evidences.

The EPD was created according to the specifications of EN 15804+A2. In the following, the standard will be simplified as *EN 15804*.

#### Verification

The standard EN 15804 serves as the core PCR		
Independent verification of the declaration and data according to ISO 14025:2011		
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## Product

### Product description/Product definition

HemKor™ Jute Blend is a thermal insulation product that comprises of hemp fibres and fibers from recycled jute bags. It also contains polymer supporting fibre based on PET and soda as improvement of the reaction to fire of the insulation.

The Kingspan HemKor™ Jute Blend can be produced in all thicknesses between 30 and 220mm and is available in the standard width 1200mm and standard lengths 580 / 615 / 840 mm (other lengths on request).

The Kingspan HemKor™ Jute Blend has a  $\lambda$ D-value of 0,043 W/m·K and a density of 39-45 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

For the placing of the product on the market in the European Union/European Free Trade Association /EU/EFTA) (with the exception of Switzerland) the Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011 (CPR) applies. The product needs a declaration of performance taking into consideration ETA no. ETA-23/0832 of 13 November 2023 ("HemKor Jute Blend" and "HemKor Pure") and the CE-marking. For the application and use the respective national provisions apply.

### Application

The product is suitable for timberframe, pitched roof, and partition wall applications and can be used in both renovation and new-build projects.

### Technical Data

#### Constructional data

Name	Value	Unit
Thermal conductivity	0.043	W/(mK)
Growth of mould fungus acc. to EN ISO 846	Level 0	-
Water vapour diffusion resistance factor acc. to EN 12086	1-2	-
Tensile strength parallel acc. to EN 13171	30	kPa

## LCA: Calculation rules

### Declared Unit

The declared unit is 1 m<sup>2</sup> of HemKor™ Jute Blend. The mass reference is provided below.

#### Declared unit and mass reference

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	m <sup>2</sup>
Grammage	1.72	kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Layer thickness	0.04	m
conversion factor to 1kg	0.58	

### System boundary

Type of EPD according to EN 15804: "cradle to gate with options, modules C1–C4, and module D". The following modules are declared: A1–A3, C, D and additional modules: A4 and A5.

The following life cycle stages are considered:

#### Production - Modules A1-A3

The product stage includes:

Performance data of the product in accordance with the declaration of performance with respect to its essential characteristics according to ETA no. ETA-23/0832 of 13 November 2023 ("HemKor Jute Blend" and "HemKor Pure").

#### Base materials/Ancillary materials

The main materials of the product are hemp fibres (between 64-70 %) and fibers from recycled jute bags (between 20-26 %). The product also contains polymer supporting fibre based on PET, and soda as improvement of the reaction to fire of the insulation.

- This product contains substances listed in the candidate list (date: 12.07.2024) exceeding 0.1 percentage by mass: no.

- This article contains other carcinogenic, mutagenic, reprotoxic (CMR) substances in categories 1A or 1B which are not on the candidate list, exceeding 0.1 percentage by mass: no.

- Biocide products were added to this construction product or it has been treated with biocide products (this then concerns a treated product as defined by the (EU) Biocidal Products Regulation No. 528/2012 (BPR): no.

#### Reference service life

The reference service life is not to be declared in this EPD as it does not cover the use stage.

- A1 - Raw material supply: raw material extraction and processing including recycled content.
- A2 - Transport to manufacturer
- A3 -Manufacturing: manufacturing expenses of the products including packaging materials and electricity consumption (0.85 kg CO<sub>2</sub>eq./kWh).

#### Construction Stage - Modules A4- A5

The construction process stage includes:

- A4 - Transport to the construction site
- A5 - Treatment of packaging material (A5)

#### End-of-Life (EoL) Stage - Modules C1-C4

- C1 - Deconstruction: diesel driven excavator
- C2 - Transport of EoL: 25 km distance travelled via truck transport.
- C3 - EoL scenario: 100% thermal treatment with energy recovery.
- C4 is declared with "0" since the product is sent to energy recovery completely

#### Benefits and Loads beyond product system boundary - Module D

Benefits for potential avoided burdens during treatment of packaging materials (from module A5) due to energy substitution of electricity and thermal energy generation under European conditions are declared in module D and affects only the rate of primary material (no secondary materials).

Loads and benefits beyond the product system boundary from EoL treatment of the declared product under European conditions is declared in module D.

**Geographic Representativeness**

Land or region, in which the declared product system is manufactured, used or handled at the end of the product’s lifespan: Germany

**Comparability**

Basically, a comparison or an evaluation of EPD data is only possible if all the data sets to be compared were created according to *EN 15804* and the building context, respectively the product-specific characteristics of performance, are taken into account. *Sphera LCA software (GaBi ts)* content update package (CUP) version 2024.1

**LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information**

**Characteristic product properties of biogenic carbon**

**Information on describing the biogenic carbon content at factory gate**

Name	Value	Unit
Biogenic carbon content in product	0.68	kg C
Biogenic carbon content in accompanying packaging	0.0533	kg C

Note: 1 kg of biogenic carbon is equivalent to 44/12 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Transport to the building site (A4)**

Name	Value	Unit
Litres of fuel	0.00571	l/100km
Transport distance	100	km
Capacity utilisation (including empty runs)	55	%
Gross weight of the product transported	1.72	kg

**Installation into the building (A5)**

Name	Value	Unit
Wood pallets pakaging (to incineration)	0.130	kg
Plastic based packaging (to incineration)	0.0078	kg

**End of life (C1-C4)**

Name	Value	Unit
Collected as mixed construction waste	1.72	kg
Energy recovery	1.72	kg

**Reuse, recovery and/or recycling potentials (D), relevant scenario information**

Benefits for potential avoided burdens during treatment of packaging materials (from module A5) due to energy substitution of electricity and thermal energy generation under European conditions are declared in module D and affects only the rate of primary material (no secondary materials).

Loads and benefits beyond the product system boundary from EoL treatment of the declared product under European conditions is declared in module D.

## LCA: Results

Results provided in this section are presented in relation to 1 m<sup>2</sup> of HemKor Jute Blend (EF version 3.1).

**DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY (X = INCLUDED IN LCA; MND = MODULE OR INDICATOR NOT DECLARED; MNR = MODULE NOT RELEVANT)**

Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage							End of life 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	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
X	X	X	X	X	MND	MND	MNR	MNR	MNR	MND	MND	X	X	X	X	X

### RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT according to EN 15804+A2: 1 m2 HemKor Jute Blend

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-total	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	-6.16E-01	1.79E-02	2.54E-01	1.11E-03	8.95E-03	2.75E+00	0	-6.5E-01
GWP-fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.95E+00	1.76E-02	5.83E-02	1.09E-03	8.78E-03	3.69E-01	0	-6.47E-01
GWP-biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	-2.57E+00	4.21E-05	1.95E-01	4.12E-06	2.1E-05	2.38E+00	0	-2.82E-03
GWP-luluc	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	4.36E-03	2.96E-04	4.51E-06	1.8E-05	1.48E-04	1.72E-05	0	-5.91E-05
ODP	kg CFC11 eq	1.1E-11	2.6E-15	3.37E-14	1.58E-16	1.3E-15	3.07E-13	0	-5.84E-12
AP	mol H <sup>+</sup> eq	4.24E-03	2.84E-05	3.99E-05	5.43E-06	1.42E-05	3.28E-04	0	-6.84E-04
EP-freshwater	kg P eq	1.44E-04	7.53E-08	8.5E-09	4.59E-09	3.76E-08	7.45E-08	0	-1.09E-06
EP-marine	kg N eq	1.95E-03	1.1E-05	1.16E-05	2.62E-06	5.5E-06	1.1E-04	0	-2.08E-04
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq	1.59E-02	1.29E-04	1.7E-04	2.9E-05	6.45E-05	1.61E-03	0	-2.23E-03
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	3.63E-03	2.82E-05	3.21E-05	7.39E-06	1.41E-05	3.02E-04	0	-5.89E-04
ADPE	kg Sb eq	2.14E-06	1.54E-09	3.55E-10	9.36E-11	7.68E-10	3.22E-09	0	-5.67E-08
ADPF	MJ	3.16E+01	2.32E-01	7.26E-02	1.41E-02	1.16E-01	6.65E-01	0	-1.16E+01
WDP	m <sup>3</sup> world eq deprived	7.16E-02	2.73E-04	2.71E-02	1.66E-05	1.36E-04	2.96E-01	0	-7.15E-02

GWP = Global warming potential; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential of land and water; EP = Eutrophication potential; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants; ADPE = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADPF = Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential

### RESULTS OF THE LCA - INDICATORS TO DESCRIBE RESOURCE USE according to EN 15804+A2: 1 m2 HemKor Jute Blend

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	1.09E+01	2E-02	1.94E+00	1.22E-03	1E-02	1.42E+01	0	-3.91E+00
PERM	MJ	1.59E+01	0	-1.92E+00	0	0	-1.4E+01	0	0
PERT	MJ	2.68E+01	2E-02	2.01E-02	1.22E-03	1E-02	1.95E-01	0	-3.91E+00
PENRE	MJ	8.33E+00	2.32E-01	3.99E-01	1.41E-02	1.16E-01	2.36E+01	0	-1.16E+01
PENRM	MJ	2.33E+01	0	-3.27E-01	0	0	-2.3E+01	0	0
PENRT	MJ	3.16E+01	2.32E-01	7.26E-02	1.41E-02	1.16E-01	6.65E-01	0	-1.16E+01
SM	kg	3.72E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	8.93E-03	2.23E-05	6.39E-04	1.36E-06	1.11E-05	6.96E-03	0	-3E-03

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 = Use of net fresh water

### RESULTS OF THE LCA - WASTE CATEGORIES AND OUTPUT FLOWS according to EN 15804+A2: 1 m2 HemKor Jute Blend

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	kg	1.26E-08	8.89E-12	4.23E-11	5.42E-13	4.45E-12	4.04E-10	0	-7.91E-09
NHWD	kg	7.98E-02	3.79E-05	8.9E-03	2.31E-06	1.9E-05	3.34E-02	0	-6.05E-03
RWD	kg	7.5E-04	4.23E-07	3.43E-06	2.58E-08	2.11E-07	3.9E-05	0	-8.64E-04
CRU	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MFR	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MER	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EEE	MJ	0	0	3.12E-01	0	0	2.77E+00	0	0
EET	MJ	0	0	5.61E-01	0	0	5E+00	0	0

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

## RESULTS OF THE LCA – additional impact categories according to EN 15804+A2-optional: 1 m2 HemKor Jute Blend

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PM	Disease incidence	6.66E-08	3.12E-10	3.05E-10	6.55E-11	1.56E-10	1.78E-09	0	-5.61E-09
IR	kBq U235 eq	7.51E-02	6.13E-05	5.26E-04	3.74E-06	3.07E-05	6.26E-03	0	-1.42E-01
ETP-fw	CTUe	1.88E+01	1.72E-01	3.71E-02	1.05E-02	8.62E-02	2.56E-01	0	-1.65E+00
HTP-c	CTUh	5.25E-10	3.48E-12	2.89E-12	2.12E-13	1.74E-12	1.82E-11	0	-1.33E-10
HTP-nc	CTUh	4.11E-08	1.56E-10	1.74E-10	9.54E-12	7.81E-11	2.45E-10	0	-3.11E-09
SQP	SQP	1.4E+02	1.14E-01	2.17E-02	6.96E-03	5.71E-02	2.13E-01	0	-2.28E+00

PM = Potential incidence of disease due to PM emissions; IR = Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235; ETP-fw = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for ecosystems; HTP-c = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for humans (cancerogenic); HTP-nc = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for humans (not cancerogenic); SQP = Potential soil quality index

Disclaimer 1 – for the indicator “Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235”. This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low-dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure or radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator.

Disclaimer 2 – for the indicators “abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources”, “abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources”, “water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption”, “potential comparative toxic unit for ecosystems”, “potential comparative toxic unit for humans – cancerogenic”, “Potential comparative toxic unit for humans - not cancerogenic”, “potential soil quality index”. The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high as there is limited experience with the indicator.

This EPD was created using a software tool.

## References

### Standards

#### EN 15804

EN 15804:2012+A2:2019+AC:2021, Sustainability of construction works — Environmental Product Declarations — Core rules for the product category of construction products.

#### ISO 14025

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### Further References

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#### Kingspan LCA tool

LCA-Tool No.: [to be assigned by IBU]

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#### PCR Part B

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