


EPD ECOPlanet – Holcim Romania

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2. Company Information

This cradle-to gate environmental product declaration is for 1000 kg of average ECOPlanet green cement production from the locations fully owned and operated by Holcim in Romania, as follows:

Alesd Cement Plant

Street Viitorului, No.2, Postal code 417022
Chistag Village, Bihor County, Romania

Campulung Cement Plant

Postal code 117805 Valea Mare Pravat
Village, Arges County, Romania

Holcim Romania is the study commissioner and EPD owner.

To respect the principles of sustainable development, the company implemented, maintained and continuously improves an effective integrated management system, in accordance with the applicable reference standards: SR EN ISO 9001:2015, SR EN ISO 14001:2015, SR ISO 45001:2018; BES 6001:2016.

Sustainability strategy

Holcim Romania sustainability strategy is governed by Holcim Group commitment of becoming a NET ZERO company and spearheading the transition towards low-carbon construction, while promoting a circular economy, from alternative fuels to concrete recycling.

ECOPlanet is one of Holcim Romania’s ECO Solutions, developed under ECONCEPT business model, that brings green cities one step closer to reality, fulfilling our ambition to lead in sustainable and innovative building solutions. Further information is publicly available on

<https://econconcept.holcim.ro/sustenabilitate>

3. Product Information

This EPD provides information concerning ECOPlanet green cement produced by Holcim in Romania as detailed in Table 1.



Cement is a hydraulic binder which sets after a few hours when mixed with water, and then hardens in a few days into a solid, strong construction material. It is used to produce concrete, mortars, grouts, and so on. Cement is classified under the UN CPC group and class/subclass as UN CPC 3744 CEMENT.

The geographical scope of this EPD is Romanian.

3.1 Technical Specification of Product

Aspect	Details
Usage	Preparation of concrete, mortar, grout and other mixes for construction and for the manufacture of construction products
Identification	EN 197-1 Blast-furnace cement type CEM III/A 42,5N-LH with low heat of hydration (brand name: ECOPlanet)
Technical and Functional Characteristics	As given by EN 197-1 Cement - Part 1: Composition, specifications, and conformity criteria for common cements
Intended Application	Monolithic elements and structures with thicknesses greater than 0.8 m, located even in aggressive environments; Engineering works (tanks, water towers, silos, treatment plants, energy constructions, etc.); Special constructions for water transport; Works of art (bridges, tunnels, viaducts, retaining walls); Hydro-technical constructions (dams and related works); Precast elements located in aggressive environments; Precast products (sewer pipes, gutters, rings, chimneys).

Table 1: Technical specification and usage

3.2 Content declaration

Material	Contribution (%)
Clinker	35 - 64%
Blast-furnace slag	36 - 65%
Minor additional constituents	< 5%

Table 2: Cement composition

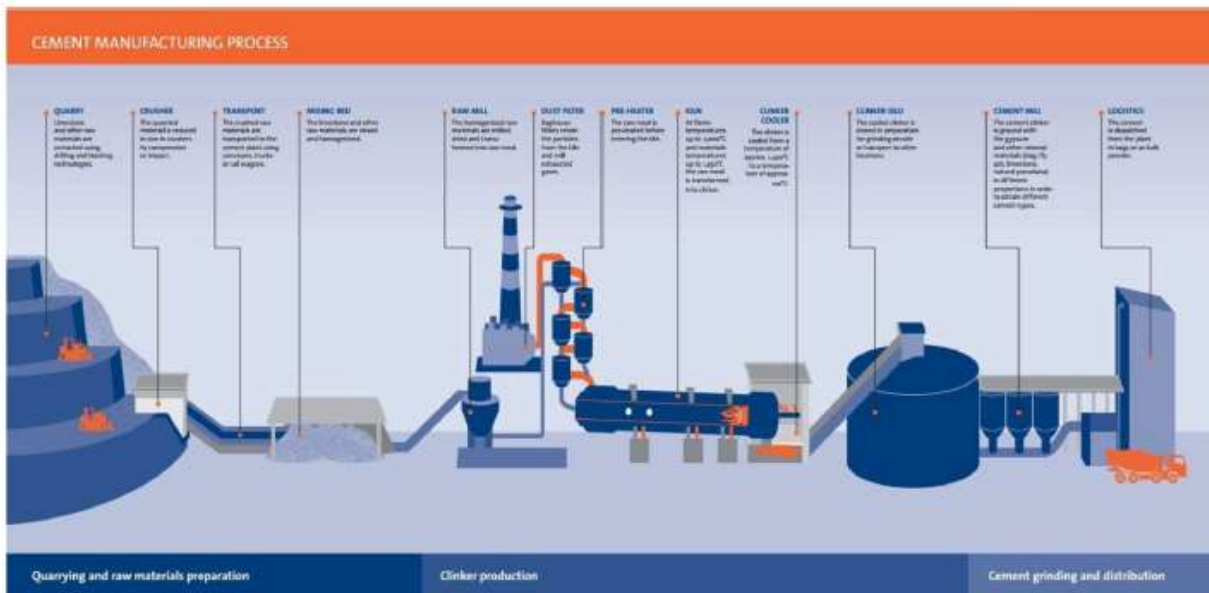
The product composition for the product is provided in the Tables below. The cement does not meet the criteria for PBT (Persistent, Bio-accumulative and Toxic) or vPvV (very Persistent and very Bio-accumulative) in accordance with Annex XIII of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH). Furthermore, cement/cementitious binders are a mixture, and it is exempted from REACH registration.

3.3 Manufacturing Process

The main steps in the cement manufacturing process are as follows, and illustrated in Figure 1:

- Quarrying and raw material preparation
- Clinker production
- Cement grinding and distribution.

Figure 1: Process flow diagram



Quarrying

Natural raw materials used for the clinker manufacture are calcareous materials like limestone or marl, and argillaceous materials like clay. These materials are extracted using drilling and blasting techniques.

Crusher

The quarried material is then reduced in size by compression and / or impact in various mechanical crushers. Crushed rock is reduced in size from 120 cm to between 1.2 and 8 ca. Drying of raw material may also be necessary for efficient crushing and pre-blending.

Conveyor

Raw material is then transported from the quarry to the plant using conveyors.

Mixing bed

The crushed limestone and clay are homogenized by stacking and reclaiming in a long layered stockpile. This material is then ready for milling and drying in the kiln.

Raw Mill

The raw materials are milled and dried in a vertical roller mill in Campulung Plant and in a horizontal ball mill in the Alesd Plant. In the case of the vertical roller mill, heavy rollers are held over a rotating table, and in the horizontal ball mill, balls are rolled over until the coarse material is milled fine enough to be carried by air to a homogenizing silo.

Preheater

Cyclone preheaters enable the raw material of cement production to be preheated before entry into the kiln. This increases the energy efficiency of the kiln as the material is about 20-40% calcined at the point of entry into the kiln. Additionally, calciners are integrated in both plants kiln systems, further increasing the efficiency of the process.

Kiln

The kiln is designed to maximise the efficiency of heat transfer from fuel burning to the raw material. In the preheater tower the raw materials are heated rapidly to a temperature of about 1000°C, where the limestone forms burnt lime. In the rotating kiln, the temperature reaches up to 2000°C. At this high temperature, minerals fuse together to form predominantly calcium silicate crystals – cement clinker.

Cement mill

Finish milling is done in ball mills and consist of grinding together of cement clinker, with around 5% of natural or synthetic gypsum. Other cementitious materials such as slag and fly ash are also incorporated in the final cement powder.

No packaging is associated with ECOPlanet. The product is delivered only in bulk, with cement trucks.

3.4 Additional Information

More information about cement's environmental stewardship and occupational health and safety aspects are detailed within the SDS made publicly available on Holcim Romania portal <https://www.holcim.ro/ro/produse-si-servicii/produse> . All SDS have been developed by Holcim Romania in compliance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2020/878 amending the annex II of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) and according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the Classification, Labelling and Packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP).

4. LCA Information

4.1 Goal of Study

The goal of this study was to generate an environmental profile of ECOPlanet cement produced and delivered from the locations fully owned and operated by Holcim Romania, to better understand the associated lifecycle environmental impacts and to allow a Type III EPD to be generated and made public via the International EPD System.

4.2 Declared Unit

The declared unit of the EPD is 1000 kg of ECOPlanet cement produced and delivered from the locations fully owned and operated by Holcim Romania. This EPD is established for the weighted average product of these manufacturing plants. The average is based on the mass of cement produced at each plant.

4.3 System Boundary

System boundaries determine the unit processes to be included in the LCA study and which data as “input” and/or “output” to/from the system can be omitted.

This EPD covers the cradle to gate stage (A1 to A3), because other life cycle stages are dependent on scenarios and are better developed for specific building or construction works.

System boundaries are according to the modular approach and the cradle to gate stage is divided into the upstream (A1) and core (A2 and A3) phases, as outlined in Figure 2. Life cycle stage that are not covered by the EPD are indicated as MND (Module Not Declared).

Life cycle stages	Information modules	Type of EPD			
		a) Cradle to gate with module C1-C4 and module D ¹⁾	b) Cradle to gate with module C1-C4, module D and optional modules ²⁾	c) Cradle to grave and module D	f) Construction service EPD: Cradle to gate with modules A1-A5 and optional modules
A1-A3 Product stage	A1) Raw material supply A2) Transport A3) Manufacturing	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
A4-A5 Construction process stage	A4) Transport A5) Construction installation	—	Optional for goods Mandatory for services (see alternative f) <i>Recommended if a default scenario can be defined</i>	Mandatory	Mandatory
B Use stage	B1) Use B2) Maintenance B3) Repair B4) Replacement B5) Refurbishment B6) Operational energy use B7) Operational water use	—	Optional	Mandatory	Optional
C End of life stage	C1) Deconstruction, demolition C2) Transport C3) Waste processing C4) Disposal	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Optional
D Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary	D) Reuse, recovery, recycling, potential	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	—
<i>Declared or functional unit</i>		Declared unit	Declared unit	Functional unit	Declared unit
<i>Inclusion of reference service life (RSL)</i>		Optional	Mandatory if any module in B is included	Mandatory	—

Figure 2: Modules included in the ECOPlanet cement LCA

4.4 Data sources and quality

The geographical system boundary of the LCA is Romania. All processes are valid for the production sites in Romania. The two cement plants account for 100% of total ECOPlanet cement produced by Holcim in Romania.

All material flows of the processes are based on company and site-specific data gathered for one year of operation, for the period 1st January 2021 – 30th September 2021.

Modelling of the life cycle of Holcim Romania ECOPlanet cement was performed using SimaPro v.9.1 LCA software from PRé.

All relevant background LCI datasets are taken from the EcoInvent database v3.8 (cut-off) released in 2021.

The foreground data has been collected on site and validated based on mass balances. The background data is based on reviewed data from life cycle inventories. As all datasets are validated, the data quality for the entire study can be judged as very good.

4.5 Allocation

The foreground data has been collected on site and validated based on mass balances. The allocation is performed according to the basic rules from EN15804:2012+A2:2019. As no co-products are produced, the flow of materials and energy and the associated release of substances and energy into the environment is therefore related exclusively to the cement produced.

All data is included based on measured data for each plant. To ensure high representativeness for calculation of the ECOPlanet cement this specific data has been weighted based on the production mass of each plant, as follows:

Output of ECOPlanet	Alesd	Campulung
Mass (tonne)	54,670.38	30,890
Total production of ECOPlanet (tonne)	85,560	
Percentage (%)	64%	36%

Table 3: Holcim Romania – ECOPlanet Cement Production

4.6 Cut-off Criteria and assumptions

In the process of building an LCI it is typical to exclude items considered to have a negligible (aka relatively inconsequential or immaterial) contribution to results. To do this in a consistent and robust manner there must be confidence that the exclusion is fair and reasonable. To this end, cut-off criteria were defined in this study, which allow items to be neglected if they meet the criteria. In accordance with EN15804, exclusions could be made if they were expected to be within the below criteria and the total neglected input flows per module do not exceed 5% of energy usage and mass:

- Mass: when using mass as a cut-off criterion, it is appropriate to require the inclusion in the study of all inputs that cumulatively contribute more than a defined percentage to the mass input of the product system being modelled.

- Energy: similarly, an appropriate decision, when using energy as a criterion, is to require the inclusion in the study of those inputs that cumulatively contribute more than a defined percentage of the product system's energy inputs.
- Environmental significance: decisions on cut-off criteria should be made to include inputs that contribute more than an additional defined amount of the estimated quantity of individual data of the product system that are specially selected because of environmental relevance.

The production of the materials that have been excluded from the product system under study are listed in Table 4. These materials are either waste derived or excluded due to their low economic value. While the production of these materials are excluded the material masses are part of the calculation and they are considered as secondary materials.

Material	Considered as
Alternative Raw Material (slag / fly ash)	Secondary Material
Pyrite ash	Secondary Material
By-bass dust	Secondary Material
Fly ash / acidic fly ash (ARSN)	Secondary Material
Granulated blast furnace slag	Secondary Material

Table 4: Secondary materials excluded from the product system

The clinker production process uses non-renewable secondary fuels (Table 6). According to the PCR, secondary fuels are modelled to enter the studied system free of environmental loads. They are displayed as a resource use and all emissions occurring during the production process are allocated to the produced products.

Fuel	Considered as
Mixed industrial waste	Non-Renewable Secondary fuel
Petroleum sludges	Non-Renewable Secondary fuel
Used / Waste oils	Non-Renewable Secondary fuel
Other biomass	Non-Renewable Secondary fuel
Sewage sludge	Non-Renewable Secondary fuel
Fresh saw dust	Non-Renewable Secondary fuel
Used tyres	Non-Renewable Secondary fuel

Table 5: Secondary fuels excluded from the product system

In addition to the above, during the LCA several assumptions were made, which have been documented below for transparency:

- No waste is produced during the clinker production process.
- There is a difference between the mass of the raw meal consumed and the clinker produced which is due to the water (remaining humidity of raw materials) that evaporates and mainly CO₂ that is released from decarbonation.

4.7 Comparability

EPDs within the same product category but from different programmes may not be comparable. EPDs of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with EN 15804.

5. Environmental Performance

The environmental impacts are declared and reported using the parameters and units shown in the Tables below. Baseline characterisation factors are taken from EF 3.0 methodology (dated November 2019)

The impact categories presented in the following table refer to 1 tonne of ECOPlanet cement produced from the locations fully owned and operated by Holcim in Romania.

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3
Parameters describing environmental impacts					
GWP-total: Global Warming Potential total ¹	kg CO2 eq.	1.26	5.57	398	405
GWP - GHG	kg CO2 eq.	1.25	5.46	395	401
GWP – Fossil: Global Warming Potential fossil fuels	kg CO2 eq.	1.26	5.54	398	405
GWP-biogenic: Global Warming Potential biogenic	kg CO2 eq.	1.52E-03	2.37E-02	-1.95E-02	5.73E-03
GWP-luluc: Global Warming Potential land use and land use change ²	kg CO2 eq.	3.12E-04	5.21E-03	1.85E-02	2.41E-02
ODP: Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer	kg CFC 11 eq.	1.67E-07	9.97E-07	1.56E-05	1.68E-05
AP: Acidification potential	mol H+ eq.	1.14E-02	3.41E-02	5.64E-01	6.09E-01
EP-freshwater: Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment (EP-freshwater)	kg P eq	1.07E-03	1.25E-03	1.25E-01	1.27E-01
EP-marine: Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment	kg N eq.	3.69E-03	1.15E-02	3.12E-01	3.27E-01
EP-terrestrial: Eutrophication potential, Accumulated Exceedance	mol N eq.	3.97E-02	1.24E-01	1.24	1.41
POCP: Formation potential of tropospheric ozone	kg NMVOC eq.	1.06E-02	3.58E-02	8.56E-01	9.03E-01

¹ The total global warming potential (GWP-total) is the sum of

- GWP-fossil
- GWP-biogenic
- GWP-luluc

² It is permitted to omit GWP-luluc as separate information if its contribution is < 5 % of GWP-total over the declared modules excluding module D.

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3
ADP – minerals & metals: Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources ^{3 4}	kg Sb eq.	2.75E-06	1.96E-05	9.05E-05	1.13E-04
ADP-fossil: Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential ³	MJ, net calorific value	20.1	83.4	2360	2460
WDP: Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption	m3 world eq. deprived	2.24	0.555	16.2	19.0
Parameters describing use of resources					
PERE: Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ	2.25	3.99	204	210
PERM: Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ	5.97E-02	6.03E-01	6.89	7.55
PERT: Total renewable primary resources	MJ	2.31	4.60	211	218
PENRE: Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ	20.6	87.0	2730	2840
PENRM: Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ	0	0	0	0
PENRT: Total non-renewable primary resources	MJ	20.6	87.0	2730	2840
SM: Secondary materials	kg	167	0	0	167
RSF: Renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0	0	0.356	0.356
NRSF: Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0	0	0.479	0.479
FW: Use of net freshwater resources	m ³	5.87E-02	1.96E-02	9.63E-01	1.04
Parameters describing waste production					
HWD: Hazardous waste disposed	kg	2.30E-04	7.15E-04	1.77E-02	1.87E-02

³ The abiotic depletion potential is calculated and declared in two different indicators:
— ADP-minerals&metals include all non-renewable, abiotic material resources (i.e. excepting fossil resources);
— ADP-fossil include all fossil resources and includes uranium.

⁴ ultimate reserve model of the ADP-minerals&metals model

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3
NHWD: Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	0.220	4.67	6.34	11.2
RWD: Radioactive waste disposal	kg	1.85E-04	5.31E-04	1.70E-02	1.77E-02
Parameters describing outputs flows					
CRU: Components for reuse	kg	0	0	0	0
MR: Material for recycling	kg	0	0	0.506	0.506
MER: Materials for energy recovery	kg	0	0	0	0
EEE: Exported energy, electrical	MJ	0	0	0	0
EET: Exported energy, thermal	MJ	0	0	0	0

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