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Declaration**

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PRODUCT

Swisspearl Plank Connect

DECLARED UNIT / FUNCTIONAL UNIT

1 Productiveness (m2)

DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT


The Plank Connect is a fiber cement façade board using a tongue and groove system for easy application.

VISUAL PRODUCT



MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.swisspearl.com/swisspearl-plank-connect>

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	CEN standard EN15804 serves as the core PCR [1]
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[1] PCR = Product Category Rules	

DETAILED PRODUCT DESCRIPTION (PART 1)

Swisspearl Plank Connect is produced by the use of the Hatschek method: the base materials (binder, fibres, etc) are processed into a homogeneous mixture with water and transferred to the vats of the Hatschek machine.

Rotating sieve cylinders in the vats collect a thin layer of solid material and transfer the layer to a rotating felt for dewatering and further on to the accumulating format roller. The format roller is gradually covered by layers of fiber cement. Once the required thickness of the boards is reached, the fiber cement layer, still moist and mouldable, is unwound and taken from the roll. After the pre-curing period, the fibre-cement boards are dried.

The Plank Connect is dried by use of an autoclave machine. Autoclaves create a high pressure, high-temperature environment that accelerates the chemical reactions between the cement and the fibres. This process turns the wet mixture into a hard, durable material. After the drying process the products are ready to be sanded, cut to customised size, painted, edge-sealed, hydrophobated and finished with quality controls and packing processes.

The Plank Connect has a reference service lifetime of 50 years according to the BBSR.

DETAILED PRODUCT DESCRIPTION (PART 2)

The energy process used in the calculation is listed in the table below.

Global warming potential (GWP) of 1 kWh energy	Process	GWP (kg CO ₂ eq)
Electricity Thailand	Electricity, low voltage {TH} market for electricity, low voltage Cut-off, U	0,787

SCOPE AND TYPE

The product was made in Thailand. The calculations were done for the Dutch and are also applicable for the European market. The end-of-life was also calculated for Europe.

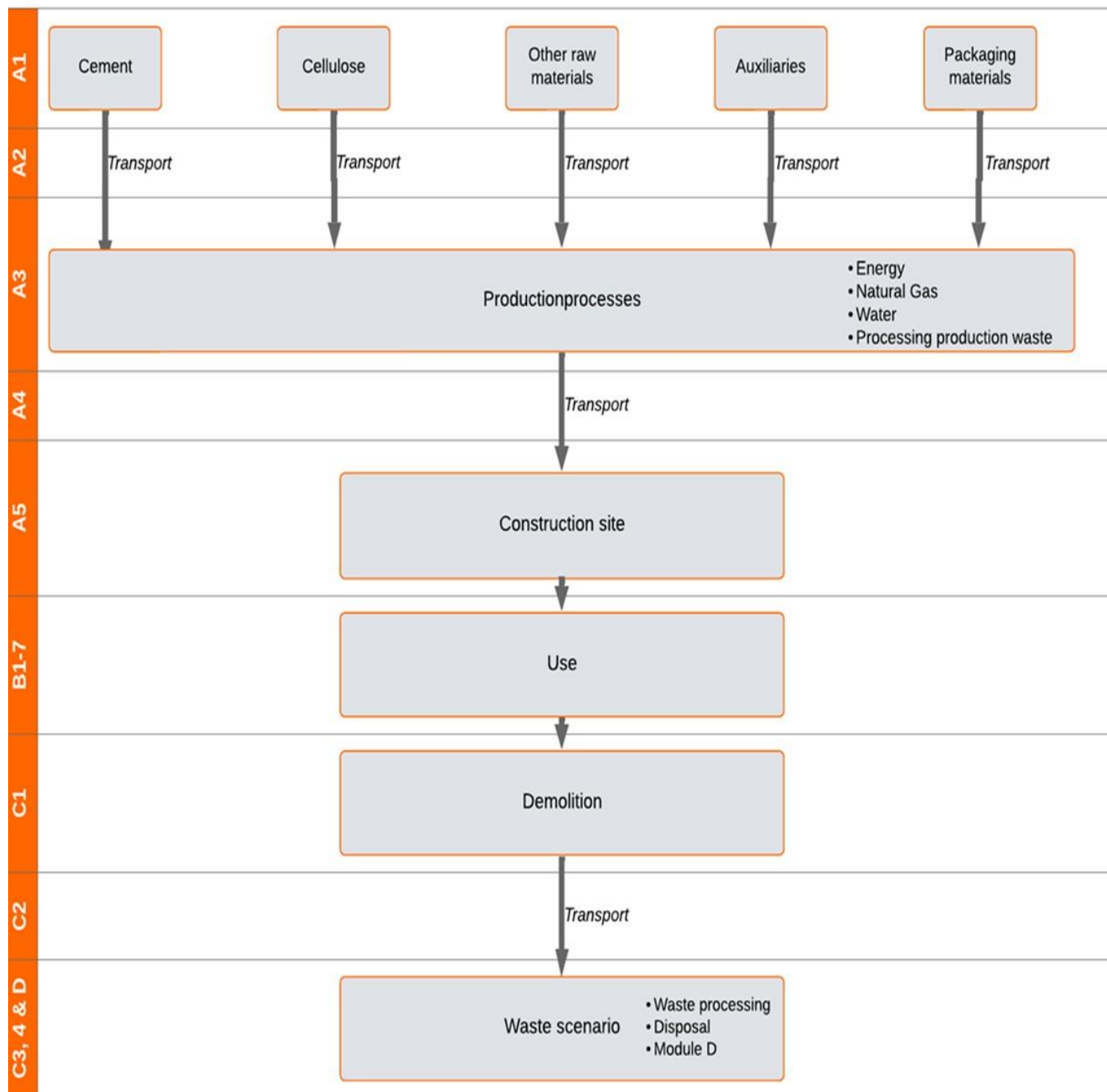
The LCA software used in Simapro with the background database Ecoinvent 3.9.1 allocation, cut-off by classification – unit were used. For some basic processes, the SimaPro file of the National Environmental Database version 3.9 were also use. This EPD is a product specific.

PRODUCT STAGE			CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE		USE STAGE							END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARIES
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport gate to 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	X	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	X	X	X	X	X

X = Modules Assessed

ND = Not Declared





REPRESENTATIVENESS

The product is only produced at one production site in Thailand. This EPD is representative for 1 m2 of Plank Connect.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT per functional unit or declared unit (core indicators A2)

	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-total	kg CO2 eq.	3,53E+00	2,30E-01	3,08E+00	6,84E+00	2,19E+00	4,65E-01	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1,75E-01	7,62E-02	1,34E+00	2,05E-02	-4,06E-02
GWP-fossil	kg CO2 eq.	4,84E+00	2,29E-01	3,08E+00	8,15E+00	2,18E+00	4,58E-01	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1,75E-01	7,59E-02	1,45E-02	7,07E-03	-4,06E-02
GWP-biogenic	kg CO2 eq.	-1,31E+00	0,00E+00	-5,43E-03	-1,32E+00	0,00E+00	6,64E-03	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,33E+00	1,34E-02	0,00E+00
GWP-luluc	kg CO2 eq.	1,85E-03	4,01E-04	4,85E-03	7,10E-03	2,73E-03	2,29E-04	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1,97E-05	2,71E-04	3,27E-06	1,19E-05	-4,82E-05
ODP	kg CFC11 eq.	4,61E-08	3,68E-09	1,41E-07	1,91E-07	3,40E-08	5,95E-09	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	2,78E-09	1,35E-09	3,26E-10	1,21E-10	-4,29E-10
AP	mol H+ eq.	2,55E-02	4,82E-03	9,21E-03	3,96E-02	5,57E-02	1,29E-03	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1,62E-03	3,63E-04	9,14E-05	4,56E-05	-2,79E-04
EP-fresh water	kg PO4 eq.	9,58E-05	1,39E-06	1,49E-04	2,46E-04	1,09E-05	7,47E-06	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	6,32E-07	7,55E-07	2,87E-07	8,72E-08	-1,37E-06
EP-marine	kg N eq.	4,42E-03	1,25E-03	1,73E-03	7,40E-03	1,41E-02	2,67E-04	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	7,51E-04	1,38E-04	3,87E-05	1,88E-05	-8,35E-05
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq.	4,95E-02	1,38E-02	1,91E-02	8,24E-02	1,56E-01	2,96E-03	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	8,17E-03	1,47E-03	4,24E-04	2,01E-04	-9,61E-04
POCP	kg NMVOC eq.	1,50E-02	3,85E-03	7,67E-03	2,65E-02	4,27E-02	9,34E-04	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	2,42E-03	5,03E-04	1,26E-04	6,32E-05	-2,87E-04
ADP-minerals & metals	kg Sb eq.	6,43E-05	3,95E-07	1,24E-05	7,72E-05	2,92E-06	2,34E-06	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	6,11E-08	2,38E-07	5,87E-08	1,48E-08	-1,98E-07
ADP-fossil	MJ, net calorific value	3,52E+01	2,97E+00	4,19E+01	8,01E+01	2,75E+01	2,56E+00	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	2,29E+00	1,09E+00	1,98E-01	9,53E-02	-5,01E-01
WDP	m3 world eq. Deprived	1,16E+00	1,04E-02	7,15E-01	1,89E+00	7,91E-02	5,75E-02	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	4,94E-03	5,94E-03	1,09E-03	-2,83E-03	-2,41E-02

GWP-total	=	Global Warming Potential total
GWP-fossil	=	Global Warming Potential fossil fuels
GWP-biogenic	=	Global Warming Potential biogenic total
GWP-luluc	=	Global Warming Potential land use and land use change
ODP	=	Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer
AP	=	Acidification Potential, Accumulated Exceedence
EP-freshwater	=	Eutrophication Potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment
EP-marine	=	Eutrophication Potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment
EP-terrestrial	=	Eutrophication Potential, Accumulated Exceedence
POCP	=	Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants
ADP-minerals & metals	=	Abiotic Depletion Potential for non-fossil resources [1]
ADP-fossil	=	Abiotic Depletion for fossil resources potential [1]
WDP	=	Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption [1]

Disclaimer [1]:

- The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experience with the indicator.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT per functional unit or declared unit (additional indicators A2)

Unit		A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PM	Disease incidence	2,33E-07	1,23E-08	4,14E-08	2,87E-07	8,99E-08	1,07E-08	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	4,52E-08	7,49E-09	2,22E-09	4,92E-09	-5,20E-09
IRP	kBq U235 eq.	4,73E-02	8,28E-04	1,14E-02	5,95E-02	6,71E-03	1,84E-03	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	4,69E-04	4,24E-04	2,26E-04	4,03E-05	-1,11E-03
ETP-fw	CTUe	1,78E+01	1,75E+00	7,66E+00	2,72E+01	1,49E+01	9,42E-01	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1,10E+00	8,02E-01	6,66E-02	6,18E-02	-1,87E-01
HTP-c	CTUh	3,36E-09	1,07E-10	9,29E-10	4,39E-09	9,81E-10	1,43E-10	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	5,36E-11	4,02E-11	4,60E-12	9,10E-12	-3,19E-11
HTP-nc	CTUh	7,07E-08	1,45E-09	2,37E-08	9,59E-08	1,07E-08	3,28E-09	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	3,73E-10	8,73E-10	9,24E-11	2,22E-10	-4,09E-10
SQP	-	1,43E+01	1,04E+00	2,69E+00	1,80E+01	5,88E+00	5,97E-01	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1,54E-01	8,58E-01	2,66E-02	7,07E-02	-6,28E-01

- PM = Potential incidence of disease due to PM emissions
- IRP = Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235 [1]
- ETP-fw = Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for ecosystems [2]
- HTP-c = Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for humans, cancer [2]
- HTP-nc = Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for humans, non-cancer [2]
- SQP = Potential soil quality index [2]

Disclaimer [1]:

- 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 nor due to radioactive waste.

Disclaimer [2]:

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OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE CATEGORIES per functional unit or declared unit (A1 en A2)

	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	kg	9,29E-05	1,64E-05	1,49E-04	2,59E-04	1,44E-04	8,89E-06	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1,54E-05	6,93E-06	1,02E-06	5,77E-07	-2,15E-06
NHWD	kg	8,55E-01	8,05E-02	2,22E-01	1,16E+00	4,11E-01	4,15E-02	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	3,28E-03	7,18E-02	2,97E-02	4,70E-03	-5,65E-03
RWD	kg	3,36E-05	4,63E-07	7,77E-06	4,19E-05	3,66E-06	1,29E-06	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	2,51E-07	2,49E-07	1,91E-07	2,43E-08	-7,09E-07
CRU	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
MFR	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,78E-01	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	9,25E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
MER	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
EEE	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	5,20E-01	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
ETE	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	8,96E-01	0,00E+00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00

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
 EEE = Exported Electrical Energy
 ETE = Exported Thermal Energy

RESOURCE USE per functional unit or declared unit (A1 and A2)

	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	2,16E+00	2,92E-02	2,15E+00	4,34E+00	2,33E-01	1,32E-01	0,00E+00	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	1,30E-02	1,54E-02	1,66E-02	1,63E-03	-3,72E-02
PERM	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
PERT	MJ	2,16E+00	2,92E-02	2,15E+00	4,34E+00	2,33E-01	1,32E-01	0,00E+00	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	1,30E-02	1,54E-02	1,66E-02	1,63E-03	-3,72E-02
PENRE	MJ	3,52E+01	2,98E+00	4,19E+01	8,01E+01	2,75E+01	2,56E+00	0,00E+00	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	2,29E+00	1,09E+00	1,98E-01	9,54E-02	-5,01E-01
PENRM	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
PENRT	MJ	3,52E+01	2,98E+00	4,19E+01	8,01E+01	2,75E+01	2,56E+00	0,00E+00	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	2,29E+00	1,09E+00	1,98E-01	9,54E-02	-5,01E-01
SM	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
RSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
NSRF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
FW	m3	3,02E-02	4,24E-04	1,91E-02	4,97E-02	3,08E-03	1,53E-03	0,00E+00	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	1,80E-04	2,63E-04	5,47E-05	-5,46E-05	-1,34E-02

PERE	=	Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy 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 resources excluding non-renewable 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 materials
RSF	=	Use of renewable secondary fuels
NSRF	=	Use of non-renewable secondary fuels
FW	=	Use of net fresh water

BIOGENIC CARBON CONTENT per functional unit or declared unit (A1 and A2)

	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
BBCpr	kg C	3,97E-01	ND	ND	3,97E-01	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
BCCpa	kg C	ND	ND	1,48E-03	1,48E-03	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND

BCCpr	=	Biogenic carbon content in product
BCCpa	=	Biogenic carbon content in packaging

CALCULATION RULES

Primary data at the production location was collected for the base year 2022.

The materials or processes that have been excluded from the study (cut-of rule is well below 1%), are wooden pallets and the waste processing of packaging on incoming materials.

The environmental interventions have been determined using the methods described in the Determination Method. The LCA calculations are performed in accordance with EN 15804:2012+A2:2019. When calculating the energy flows, the fuels and electricity sources used, extraction and transport of the fuels, efficiency of the conversion and distribution of the energy flow are taken into account. The calorific net value (LHV) has also been calculated.

The rules for allocation for multi-input, -output, recycling and reuse processes from the Assessment Method have been followed for all materials. Ecoinvent processes are calculated including the infrastructure processes (capital goods). Ecoinvent processes for landfill are calculated excluding long-term emissions.

SCENARIOS AND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION (PART 1)

This calculation of the production includes everything needed to procure the raw materials needed in the production of these products. This includes extraction, treatment, processing, electricity and heat consumption. Wooden pallets were omitted from the final analysis, since it was assumed, they would be reused and have a minimal impact. The transport for the wooden pallets has been added.

Transport of the raw material was done mostly by truck. Some raw materials were partially transported by ship and train. The waste processing of production waste was also taken into account into the calculation.

Transport	Process
Truck	Transport, freight, lorry, unspecified {GLO} market group for transport, freight, lorry, unspecified Cut-off, U
Ship	Transport, freight, sea, container ship {GLO} market for transport, freight, sea, container ship Cut-off, U
Train	Transport, freight train {GLO} market group for Cut-off, U

SCENARIOS AND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION (PART 2)

Transport to the construction site uses a standard transport as described in the Assessment Method.

The distance to the construction site is calculated from the factory to Utrecht. At the construction site, there is no additional transport included in the model since the fiber cement board have a relatively low weight.

The fiber cement boards are mounted on either a wood or steel construction with the aid of small electrical tools. The estimated energy for the hand tool is very low and is therefore left out of the model. The wood, steel or another construction to install the boards on is not considered, since they can vary significantly and can not be influenced by Swisspearl. Materials for attachment were considered, only if they are added to the product by Swisspearl during production. The Plank Connect is characterized by a tongue and groove system. Waste treatment and transportation of the packaging waste from the construction site to the municipal waste incinerator is included in this module. The distance to the waste treatment facility is assumed to be 50 km.

The standard process from the Assessment Method is used for truck transport. Additionally, according to the Assessment Method there is a loss of 3% of material for pre-fab products on the construction site. This means that extra material must be added to account for the loss of product.

SCENARIOS AND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION (PART 3)

An excavator was modeled to demolish and transport the waste on the demolition site from the fiber cement boards. After being demolished on the building site, the material is transported to waste processing. All the material gets processed before getting recycled or landfilled.

End of life scenario	Percentage	Transport distance (km)	Process
Waste processing	1	50	0270-reC&Breken, per kg steenachtig (o.b.v. SBK Breken steenachtig MRPI) - NMDv3.9
Landfill	0,01	100	Waste cement-fibre slab {RoW} market for waste cement-fibre slab Cut-off, U
Recycling	0,99	0	0271-reD&Module D, grind, per kg NETTO geleverd granulaat/grind (vermeden: Gravel, round {RoW} gravel and sand quarry operation Cut-off, U) - NMDv3.9

DECLARATION OF SVHC

The product does not contain any substances of very high concern (SVHC) at concentrations greater than 0.1% of the product mass, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), as of 20-07-2025

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