



## Safety Data Sheet

### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier** MICA  
**Other Means of Identification** Potassium Aluminum Silicate (Muscovite)  
**Product Family** Lost Circulation Material  
**Recommended Use** Drilling Fluid Additive.  
**Supplier Identifier** Bri-Chem Supply Ltd., Bay 4, 5510 - 3rd Street SE, Calgary, Alberta, T2H 1J9, Bri-Chem Supply, 403-252-5904, www.brichemsupply.com  
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### SECTION 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

#### Classification

Carcinogenicity - Category 1A; Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) - Category 2

#### Label Elements



Signal Word:

Danger

Hazard Statement(s):

May cause cancer.

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Precautionary Statement(s):

Prevention:

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response:

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice or attention.

Storage:

Store locked up.

Disposal:

Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations.

### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS No.	%	Other Identifiers
Mica	12001-26-2	98-100	
Silica, quartz	14808-60-7	1-2	

### SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

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## First-aid Measures

### Inhalation

Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial resuscitation. If irritation develops or persists, seek medical attention.

### Skin Contact

Wash with soap and water. If adverse symptoms develop, seek medical attention.

### Eye Contact

Immediately rinse the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 15-20 minutes, while holding the eyelid(s) open. If eye irritation develops or persists, seek medical attention.

### Ingestion

Give large quantities of water to induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsing victim. Get medical attention, if adverse symptoms develop.

## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### Extinguishing Media

#### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Dry chemical, carbon dioxide, foam, water.

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Product

Non-flammable.

### Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-fighters

A solid stream of water or foam directed into hot, burning liquid can cause frothing. Firefighters must wear appropriate breathing apparatus and clothing.

## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment, and Emergency Procedures

Use the personal protective equipment recommended in Section 8 of this safety data sheet.

### Environmental Precautions

It is good practice to prevent releases into the environment. Do not allow into any sewer, on the ground or into any waterway.

### Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up

Use appropriate safety equipment. Small spill: sweep up and put into approved DOT containers for disposal or re-use. Large spill: DO NOT allow to enter waterways; sweep or shovel into approved DOT containers for disposal or re-use.

## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for Safe Handling

Avoid ingestion. Practice reasonable caution and personal cleanliness. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. It is good practice to: avoid breathing product; avoid skin and eye contact and wash hands after handling.

### Conditions for Safe Storage

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed and away from incompatible materials.

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

(mica)

ACGIH® = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. TLV® = Threshold Limit Value. 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable)

OSHA = US Occupational Safety and Health Administration. PEL = Permissible Exposure Limits. 20 mppcf (silica, quartz)

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Respirable quartz = 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> divided by the value of "%SiO<sub>2</sub> + 2"

Total quartz = 30 mg/m<sup>3</sup> divided by the value of "%SiO<sub>2</sub> + 2".

### Appropriate Engineering Controls

Provide mechanical ventilation to prevent dust concentrations and to reduce potential exposure.

### Individual Protection Measures

#### Eye/Face Protection

Wear chemical safety goggles.

#### Skin Protection

Chemical-resistant clothing is recommended including glove, apron and goggles.

#### Respiratory Protection

Wear a NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with an appropriate cartridge.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance	Grey - black shiny flakes. Particle Size: Not available
Odour	Odourless
pH	7 - 8
Flash Point	Not available
Evaporation Rate	Not available
Upper/Lower Flammability or Explosive Limit	Not available (upper); Not available (lower)
Relative Density (water = 1)	2.7 - 2.9
Solubility	Insoluble in water; Not available (in other liquids)
Auto-ignition Temperature	Not available
Decomposition Temperature	Not available
<b>Other Information</b>	
Physical State	Solid
Bulk Density	Not available

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical Stability

Normally stable.

### Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

### Incompatible Materials

Strong acids (e.g. hydrochloric acid). Alkalis.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Above 1100° minor quantities of fluorides may evolve.

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Likely Routes of Exposure

Skin contact; eye contact; inhalation.

### Skin Corrosion/Irritation

No irritation expected.

### Serious Eye Damage/Irritation

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Contact may cause mechanical irritation and possible injury. Individuals subject to eye irritation should not be exposed to crystalline silica dust.

#### **STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Single Exposure**

##### **Inhalation**

Irritation of respiratory tract, nose and throat due to dust.

Individuals with respiratory disease, including but not limited to asthma and bronchitis should not be exposed to crystalline silica dust.

##### **Ingestion**

No adverse effects expected for normal, incidental ingestion.

#### **STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Repeated Exposure**

This product has the potential for generation of respirable dust during handling and use. Dust may contain respirable crystalline silica. Overexposure to dust may result in pneumoconiosis, a respiratory disease caused by inhalation of mineral dust, which can lead to fibrotic changes to the lung tissue, or silicosis, a respiratory disease by inhalation of silica dust, which can lead to inflammation and fibrosis of the lung tissue.

Silicosis: Excessive inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust may cause a progressive, disabling, and sometimes fatal lung disease called silicosis. Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, non-specific chest illness, and reduced pulmonary function. This disease is exacerbated by smoking. Individuals with silicosis are predisposed to develop tuberculosis.

Cancer Status: The International Agency for Research on Cancer has determined that crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (Group 1 - carcinogenic to humans).

#### **Carcinogenicity**

(silica quartz): IARC: Group 1 – Carcinogenic to humans. ACGIH®: A2 – Suspected human carcinogen. NTP: Known human carcinogen.

No information was located for: Respiratory and/or Skin Sensitization, Development of Offspring, Sexual Function and Fertility, Germ Cell Mutagenicity, Interactive Effects

## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No ecotoxicity or environmental fate data available. It is good practice to prevent releases into the environment.

## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Disposal Methods**

Dispose of in accordance with federal, provincial and local government regulations. Containers should NOT be re-used. Containers should be disposed of in accordance with government guidelines.

## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Not regulated under Canadian TDG regulations.

**Special Precautions** Not applicable

**Transport in Bulk According to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

Not applicable

## **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

### **Safety, Health and Environmental Regulations**

#### **Canada**

##### **WHMIS 1988 Classification**



Class D2A  
D2A - Very Toxic

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This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the SDS contains all of the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**SDS Prepared By** Bri-Chem Supply Ltd

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