

# Heidelberg Materials

# CEM I 52,5 R ULTRA CEM 52,5

Environmen Declaration for Portland

Environmental Product for Portland Cement

Environmental Product Declaration in accordance with ISO 14025:2006 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021

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Name and location of production site(s): Heidelberg Materials Devnya JSC,

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## INTRODUCTION

As part of Heidelberg Materials, a symbol of competence and quality in integrated building materials manufacturing for over 145 years, our company has a strong local presence in Bulgaria. Our operations span nearly 50 countries worldwide and include the following entities in Bulgaria:

- 1. Heidelberg Materials Devnya Cement Plant
- 2. Heidelberg Materials Vulkan Grinding Center
- 3. Damyanitza Terminal
- 4. Heidelberger Beton Ready-Mix Plant
- 5. Quarries

Drawing upon 77 years of industry expertise and fueled by our commitment to sustainable growth, the local subsidiaries that constitute Heidelberg Materials (HM) in Bulgaria are established leaders in the local market. Our core activity involves transforming raw materials into essential products such as cement and concrete. These products meet the global demand for safe, resilient, and eco-friendly solutions for housing and infrastructure projects.

Our state-of-the-art Heidelberg Materials Devnya cement plant boasts cutting-edge cement production technology, earning it prestigious awards in categories such as "Investor of the Year," "Industrial Building of the Year," and "Greenest Company."

#### **Enabling New Levels of Sustainable** Construction

At Heidelberg Materials, we prioritize sustainability, circularity, and technological innovation across all aspects of our operations. Our commitment extends to offering customers innovative, low-carbon footprint construction products. Under our new global



brand, evoBuild and evoZero we provide products characterized by sustainability credentials:

- **Low-Carbon Products:** These meet stringent CO<sub>2</sub> thresholds.
- Circular Products: They contain a specific recycled aggregates content.

Adhering to our Sustainability Policy and Integrated Management System, we actively reduce the carbon footprint of our production activities. Additionally, we implement various projects to achieve carbonneutral production without compromising quality. Our corporate clients benefit from our mobile laboratory services, which offer professional advice and on-site assistance during large construction projects. The mobile laboratory travels extensively across the country, aiding in product recipe optimization.





# **Towards a Carbon-Neutral Future**

Heidelberg Materials Devnya and Heidelberg Materials Vulkan operate throughout the built environment value chain, aiming for a carbon-neutral future. Our roadmap includes:

- Net CO, Emissions Reduction: Reduce our Scope 1 CO2 emissions to 400 kg per ton of cementitious material.
- Low-Carbon Cementitious Products: We develop these products and collaborate on carbon capture R&D projects at the cement plant.
- Alternative Fuels: Over the past 6 years, we've successfully incorporated alternative fuels, driving down the CO<sub>2</sub> footprint of our products and operations.

Our goal is to deliver carbon-neutral concrete by 2050.

# **Project ANRAV: Pioneering Carbon Capture**

In July 2022, Heidelberg Materials Devnya achieved a significant milestone. It became the first company in Eastern Europe to secure funding from the European Union's Innovation Fund for carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS). Project ANRAV, in partnership with another Bulgarian company, aims to capture 0.8 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> per year. This groundbreaking initiative will reduce industrial carbon emissions in the country by approximately 8% over a 10-year period, positioning us as a carbonneutral company and contributing to the country's overall carbon reduction efforts.

# ANRAV





## Introduction to **Environmental Product Declarations** (EPDs)

The release of our cement Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) marks a significant milestone for Heidelberg Materials in Bulgaria. These EPDs aim to provide comprehensive information about the environmental performance of our cements. By doing so, they play a crucial role in shaping how the construction industry assesses the environmental impact of buildings and infrastructure projects - both now and in the future.

Our EPDs go beyond mere documentation. They establish a robust, science-based framework for driving environmental improvements across the sites Heidelberg Materials Bulgaria and throughout the supply chain. As a result, our customers, who aspire to be leaders in sustainable infrastructure and construction, gain added value from these transparent and data-driven declarations.



CEMENT PLANT



**CEMENT** GRINDING FACILITY



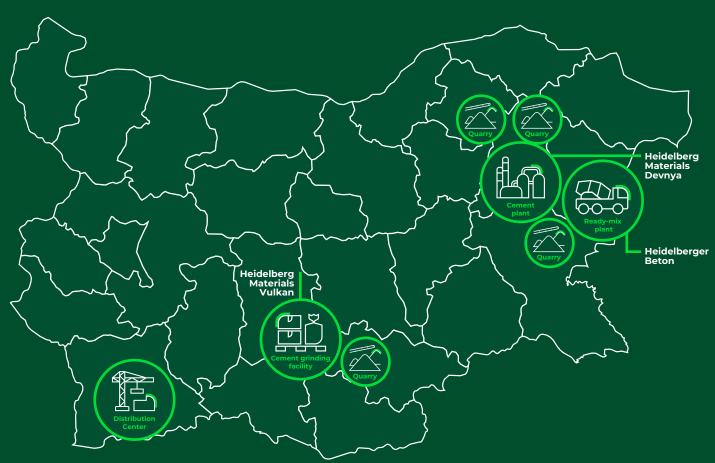
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READY MIX PLANT



**QUARRIES** 



# **PRODUCT INFORMATION**

Product name: ULTRA CEM 52,5 Product identification: CEM I 52,5 R Compressive Strength 28 days (MPa): ≥ 52,5

Product description: Cement plays a crucial role in construction and civil engineering as a fundamental material. It serves as a hydraulic binder- a fine powder which, when mixed with water, becomes a paste capable of bonding, curing and increasing its strength in both air and water environments. Cement serves as the main ingredient for making concrete, mortar, grouts and various types of plasters.

The production of cement involves grinding cement clinker along with other primary or minor constituents. Upon adding water to cement, a cement paste forms, which subsequently sets and hardens through hydration reactions. The specified product is a type of cement conforming to the composition of Portland Mixed Cement CEM I 52,5 R. It is manufactured by Heidelberg Materials Bulgaria at the Devnya plant.

This product-specific Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) pertains to cement types CEM I 52,5 R, meeting the requirements outlined in EN 197-1.

For marketing this product within the European Union and the European Free Trade Association (EU/EFTA, excluding Switzerland), Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011 (Construction Product Regulation, CPR) applies. The product necessitates a Declaration of Performance, considering EN 197-1, as well as the CE marking. Additionally, the application and use of the product must adhere to the relevant national provisions.

#### **Applications:**

Cement finds diverse applications, primarily serving as a binder for both concrete and mortar. Its use in concrete is governed by EN 206 and national application to EN 206. According to this standard, cement conforming to EN 197-1 demonstrates general suitability. This type of cement has a broad range of applications, particularly in construction projects, ready-mixed concrete production, and the manufacturing of concrete products.

Technical Data: The declared cement corresponds to the 52.5 standard compressive strength class with high early strength development in accordance with EN 197-1.

The product's performance data, aligned with its Essential Characteristics as per EN 197-1, is documented in the Declaration of Performance.

Product Information and Certifications: The technical characteristics and composition of the product are shown in the tables below. For more information, you can visit the Heidelberg Materials company website.

Technical cha	racteristics according to EN 197-1	CEM I 52,5 R
Mechanical	Compressive Strength 2 days (MPa)	≥ 30
properties	Compressive Strength 28 days (MPa)	≥ 52.5
	Sulfate content (SO3, % w/w)	≤ 4.0
Chemical	Loss of ignition (% w/w)	≤ 5
properties	Insoluble residue (% w/w)	≤ 5
	Chloride content (Cl, % w/w)	≤ 0.1
Physical	Initial setting time (min)	≥ 45
properties	Soundness (mm)	≤10

Composition % by mass*	
Clinker	95-100
Minor additional constituents	0-5

Gypsum/Anhydrite/Residual Gypsum, added to cement as setting regulators is not included in the mentioned composition

#### **Delivery Options:**

- · Bulk (Silo truck, Railway, Vessels)
- · Big bags 1,5 tons

# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) INFORMATION



Functional unit / Declared unit: The declared unit for this study is one metric ton (1,000kg).

Reference Service Life: The reference service life is not relevant in this case due to the cradle-to-gate boundary conditions.

**Time Representativeness:** The data used in this study cover the reporting year 2023.

Database(s) and LCA Software Used: The study utilized the GCCA Industry EPD Tool for Cement and Concrete along with the SAP 7700.1.7 and Ecoinvent (v 3.5.) databases.

Goal and scope: This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) evaluates the environmental impacts of producing one metric ton of CEM I 52.5 R cement from cradle to gate (phases A1 to A3).

Data Quality: ISO 14044 was applied in terms of data collection and quality requirements. The data concerning the modules A3 (product manufacturing) and A2 (transportation) were provided by Heidelberg materials Devnya and involved all input and output materials to the plant, the consumed utilities (energy, water) and the distances and means of transport for each input stream. The background data for the module Al ex. electricity generation, raw materials and fuels production were recovered from SAP 7700.1.7 and Ecoinvent (v 3.5.) Regarding electricity mix, guarantees of origin in combination with the latest (2023) national residual electricity mix as published in Association of Issuing Bodies and administers the central electronic registry for Guarantees of Origin were utilized, resulting

in an energy mix with global warming potential impact equal to GWP-GHG 0,437kg CO2 eq/KWh.

The GCCA EPD tool (version 4.2) was developed by Quantis and verified by Studio Fieschi. The International EPD® System ensures compliance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021 rules. The underlying database for the GCCA EPD tool comes from the SAP 7700.1.7 and Ecoinvent (v 3.5.) databases and cement manufacturing data obtained through the GNR process.

Generic data used in this study include:

- CO<sub>2</sub> emission factors for different transportation modes
- CO<sub>2</sub> emission factors for fuels and raw materials
- Specific emission factor for the energy mix (kg CO<sub>2</sub>/ kWh)

For Heidelberg Materials Devnya JSC Plant, no data was missing. The technical staff provided all necessary raw data, including information from SAP 7700.1.7 and Ecoinvent (v 3.5.) databases, flow meters for water consumption, and continuously recorded emissions data (Dust, NOx, SO2, TOC, NH3). Other emissions were spot measured by independent laboratories, and average values were calculated based on their reports.

Geographical Scope: The study covers a worldwide geographical scope.

Allocations: Wherever possible, allocation has been avoided. The production process was divided into two sub-processes: clinker production and cement

production. Input and output data associated with each sub-process were meticulously recorded. When data couldn't be directly attributed to a specific product, they were assigned based on physical properties (such as mass). Fortunately, no by-products arise during clinker and cement production, eliminating the need for allocations related to by-products.

Water, Wastes, and Emissions Allocation: For water (both consumed and recycled), waste, and emissions allocation, the "clinker to cement ratio" was employed. This ratio allowed the volumes to be allocated appropriately between clinker and cement.

**Exclusions:** The study does not include the following aspects:

- · Capital equipment production
- · Equipment maintenance
- · Human labor and employee transport

**Assumptions:** Regarding road and sea transportation, a 16-32 metric ton EURO4 lorry and a bulk carrier for dry goods were used, respectively. The cement recipe, including material percentage participation, was defined by the pre-verified and automated ERP system (SAP) used by the company.

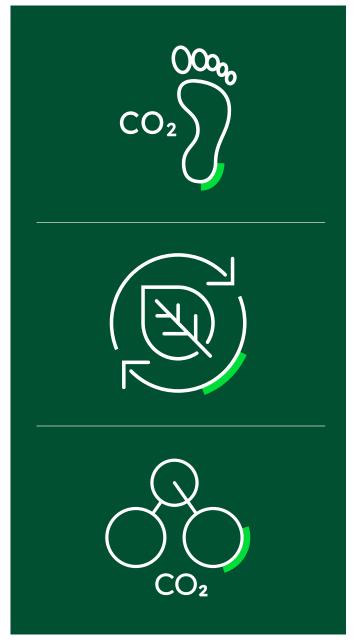
Packaging Consideration: The impact of the packaging process is considered in the final results.

Cut-Off Rules: The cut-off rule was applied for insufficient data or data gaps that account for less than 1% of the total input mass or mass per module. Specifically:

- For unit processes with insufficient input data or data gaps, the cut-off criteria were set at 1% of renewable and non-renewable primary energy usage and 1% of the total mass input.
- The total of neglected input flows for the "cradle-togate" stages should not exceed 5% of energy usage and mass, as per EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021. The LCA model adheres to default cut-off criteria from the SAP 7700.1.7 and Ecoinvent (v 3.5.) databases, and any custom processes developed for this project follow the same guidelines.

Comparability: EPD performance for construction products that do not comply with EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021 may not be directly comparable. Additionally, EPDs from separate programs within the same product category might also lack comparability.

System Boundaries: The scope of this study covers the "cradle-to-gate" product stage (modules A1-A3). The exclusion of modules C1-C4 and D is justified by the fulfillment of three criteria specified in EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021.





## SYSTEM DIAGRAM

The scope of this study is "Gradle to gate" covering the product stage (modules A1-A3), since the product fulfills the three conditions required by EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021, about the exclusion of modules C1-C4 and D.

	Product Stage		Product Stage Construction Use Stage								of-life age		Resource Recovery				
	Raw Materials Supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction and demolition	Transport	Waste processing for reuse, recovery and/or recycling	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery- Recycling-potential
Modules	A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	ві	B2	В3	В4	В5	В6	В7	C1	C2	С3	C4	D
Modules declared	х	x	х	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Geography	EU	EU	ВG														
Specific data used		>90 %															
Variation - products	No	r releva	ant														
Variation - sites	No	or releva	ant														

More information: X = included, ND = Module Not Declared.



## **ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION**

For construction services, the total value of A1-A3 shall be replaced with the total value of A1-A5.



Potential environmental impact - mandatory indicators according to EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021 Results per functional or declared unit

Indicator	Unit	Tot.A1-A3
GWP – total	kg CO₂ eq.	6.56E+02
GWP – fossil	kg CO₂ eq.	6.56E+02
GWP – biogenic	kg CO₂ eq.	2.46E-01
GWP – luluc	kg CO₂ eq.	2.14E-02
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	1.10E-05
АР	mol H+ eq.	3.24E+00
EP-freshwater (I)	kg P eq.	3.31E-02
EP – marine	kg N eq.	2.74E-03
EP – terrestrial	mol N eq.	8.77E+00
POCP	kg NMVOC eq.	1.57E+00
ADP – minerals & metals*(2)	kg Sb eq.	1.19E-04
ADP – fossil* (2)	МЈ	2.36E+03
WDP (2)	m³	2.32E+01
GWP-GHG	kg CO₂ eq.	6.56E+02

**GWP-fossil** = Global Warming Potential fossil fuels; **GWP-biogenic** = Global Warming Potential biogenic; **GWP-luluc** = Global Warming Potential land use and land use change; **ODP** = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone laver: **AP** = Acidification potential. Accumulated Exceedance: **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 Exceedance; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; ADP-minerals & metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP-fossil = Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption

The EN 15804 reference package based on EF 3.1 has been used.

<sup>1.</sup> Eutrophication aquatic freshwater shall be given in both kg PO4-3 eq and kg P eq.

<sup>2.</sup> The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties of these results are high, or as there is limited experienced with the indicator.

<sup>\*</sup> Disclaimer: The estimated impact results are only relative statements, which do not indicate the endpoints of the impact categories, exceeding threshold values, safety mar-

### **USE OF RESOURCES**

Results per functional or declared unit						
Indicator	Unit	Tot.A1-A3				
PERE	МЈ	1.18E+02				
PERM	МЈ	0.00E+00				
PERT	МЈ	1.18E+02				
PENRE	МЈ	2.35E+03				
PENRM	МЈ	1.43E+01				
PENRT	МЈ	2.36E+03				
SM	kg	9.10E+01				
RSF	МЈ	9.19E+02				
NRSF	МЈ	1.35E+03				
NFW	m³	6.02E-01				

Acronyms: 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 nonrenewable 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 re-sources; **SM**= Use of secondary material; **RSF** = Use of renewable secondary fuels; **NRSF** = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; **NFW** = Use of net fresh water.

Indicator	Unit	Tot.A1-A3
HWD	kg	4.80E-07
NHWD	kg	0.00E+00
RWD	kg	0.00E+00

Acronyms: HWD = Hazardous waste disposed; NHWD = Non-hazardous waste disposed; RWD = Radioactive waste disposed.

Indicator	Unit	Tot.A1-A3
CRU	kg	1.25E+00
MFR	kg	1.95E+01
MER	kg	5.02E-02
EEE	МЈ	0.00E+00
EET	МЈ	0.00E+00

ACTONYMS: CRU = Components for re-use; MFR = Materials for recycling; MER = Materials for energy recovery; EEE = Exported electrical energy; EET = Exported thermal energy.

### **EXTRA INDICATORS**

Results per functional or declared unit						
Indicator Unit Tot.A1-A3						
СС	kg CO₂ екв.	4.92E+02				
CWRS	kg CO₂ екв.	2.19E-01				
CWNRS	kg CO₂ екв.	1.38E+02				

Acronyms: CC = Emissions from calcination and removals from carbonation; CWRS = Emissions from combustion of waste from renewable sources used in production processes; CWNRS = Emissions from combustion of waste from non-renewable sources used in production processes.

### INFORMATION ON BIOGENIC CARBON CONTENT

Results per functional or declared unit					
Biogenic carbon content	Unit	Tot.A1-A3			
Biogenic carbon content in product	kg C	0.00E+00			

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Heidelberg Materials Devnya JSC and Heidelberg Materials Vulkan JSC affirm that all their cement products comply with the REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, which pertains to the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and Restriction of Chemicals. Notably, these cement products do not contain any Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) currently listed on the candidate list. It's important to

note that the REACH SVHC list is dynamic and undergoes frequent updates. Consequently, the company remains committed to continuous evaluation, research, and review to meet the requirements of the regulation. For further details on cement product safety handling, refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) available on the company's website at www.heidelbergmaterials.bg

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- Association of Issuing Bodies and administers the central electronic registry for Guarantees of Origin. https://www.aib-net.org/
- LCA Database (Ecoinvent Version 3.5)





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