

# Statement of Verification

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**Environmental Product Declaration** 

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Lapitec Spa

is in accordance with the requirements of:

EN 15804:2012+A1:2013

and

**BRE Global Scheme Document SD207** 

This declaration is for:

1kg of Lapitec Sintered Stone Slab

# **Company Address**

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# **Environmental Product Declaration**

**EPD Number:** 000236

## **General Information**

EPD Programme Operator	Applicable Product Category Rules						
BRE Global Watford, Herts WD25 9XX United Kingdom	BRE Environmental Profiles 2013 Product Category Rules for Type III environmental product declaration of construction products to EN 15804:2012+A1:2013						
Commissioner of LCA study	LCA consultant/Tool						
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Declared/Functional Unit	Applicability/Coverage						
1 kg of Lapitec sintered stone slab	Manufacturer product specific						
EPD Type	Background database						
Cradle to Gate	ecoinvent v3.2						
Demonstration of Verification							
CEN standard EN 15804 serves as the core PCR <sup>a</sup>							
Independent verification of the declaration and data according to EN ISO 14025:2010  □Internal ☑ External							
(Where appropriate <sup>b</sup> )Third party verifier: Nigel Jones							

# a: Product category rules

b: Optional for business-to-business communication; mandatory for business-to-consumer communication (see EN ISO 14025:2010, 9.4)

#### **Comparability**

Environmental product declarations from different programmes may not be comparable if not compliant with EN 15804:2012+A1:2013. Comparability is further dependent on the specific product category rules, system boundaries and allocations, and background data sources. See Clause 5.3 of EN 15804:2012+A1:2013 for further guidance



#### Information modules covered

						Use stage						End-of-life			Benefits and loads beyond	
	Produc	t	Const	ruction	Rel	ated to	ed to the building fabric Related to the building Related to			the system boundary						
<b>A</b> 1	A2	А3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	В7	C1 C2 C3 C4			D	
Raw materials supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport to site	Construction – Installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse, Recovery and/or Recycling potential
$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	$\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$	$\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$														

Note: Ticks indicate the Information Modules declared.

## **Manufacturing site(s)**

Lapitec SpA	Click here to enter address.
Via Bassanese 6	
31050 Vedelago TV	
Italy	

## **Construction Product**

## **Product Description**

Lapitec is a non-porous sintered stone slab made with a range of surface textures, in three thicknesses of 12 mm, 20 mm, and 30 mm. Its uses in construction and interior design, as both internal and external cladding, paving and flooring, as well having uses as worktop surfaces and in swimming pools.

#### **Technical Information**

Characteristics of the Lapitec sintered stone slabs covered in this LCA can be seen in the table below. Further technical characteristics of the Lapitec sintered stone slabs can be found in the product specification datasheet (<a href="https://www.lapitec.com/download/Certificates">https://www.lapitec.com/download/Certificates</a>).

Property	Value, Unit
Standard dimensions (length x breadth), EN 14617-16	3365 mm x 1500 mm
Thicknesses, EN 14617-16	12 mm, 20 mm, 30 mm
Density, EN 14617-1	2400 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Mass per m <sup>2</sup> (for 12 mm, 20 mm and 30 mm thicknesses)	28.8 kg/m², 48.0 kg/m², 72.0 kg/m²
Flexural strength, EN 14617-2	54.8 N/mm²
Compressive strength, ASTM C170	483 N/mm²

#### **Main Product Contents**

Composition of the Lapitec sintered stone slabs in terms of solid input content prior to firing can be seen in the table below.

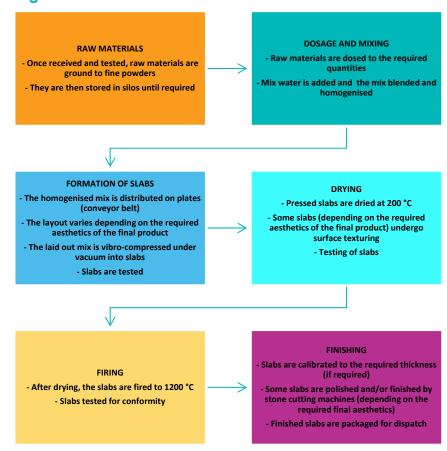


Material/Chemical Input	% mass
Minerals	84
Frit	11
Silica solids (from colloidal silica)	3
Iron oxide	2

### **Manufacturing Process**

Once received and tested, raw materials are ground to a fine powder. When required, the ground raw materials are taken from silos in measured quantities to be mixed. Water is added to the powdered raw materials and a homogenous mixture created. The mixture is pressed into slab shapes and slabs are dried at 200°C prior to entry in the kiln where they are sintered at temperatures up to 1190°C. After cooling, slabs are then polished or textured (depending on the required aesthetics of the final product) and are packaged for dispatch or storage.

#### **Process flow diagram**



# **Life Cycle Assessment Calculation Rules**

## **Declared / Functional unit description**

The declared unit of the Lapitec sintered stone slabs is 1 kg. The weight per m<sup>2</sup> of each slab thickness have been given which the user can apply to obtain results for 1m<sup>2</sup> of slab at each of the three manufactured thicknesses.



## **System boundary**

The system boundary of the EPD is according to the modular approach as defined in EN 15804. This cradle-to-gate EPD includes the product life cycle stages of A1 to A3.

The product stage covered by these modules, includes the provision of all materials, products and energy, as well as waste processing up to the end-of-waste state (i.e. no longer considered a waste material) or disposal of final residues during the product stage.

Upstream processes relating to resource extraction e.g. extraction of clay are included in the system. All energy used in factories and factory support offices is included but energy used in head offices and sales offices etc. are excluded. Maintenance of equipment is also not included.

## Data sources, quality and allocation

The LCA study was carried out using SimaPro v8 software. Manufacturer specific primary data was collected and provided by Lapitec for the Vedelago manufacturing site in Italy, for the 12 months of 2017.

Only sintered stone slabs are made at Lapitec so no allocation of site data was required. An uplift of raw materials was applied to account for production waste.

Secondary data for upstream and downstream processes are provided by the use of ecoinvent v3.2 LCI datasets. Where no exact match datasets were available to represent some raw materials, other ecoinvent v3.2 proxy datasets were used, based on

#### **Cut-off criteria**

No inputs or outputs have been excluded. The inventory process in this LCA includes all data related to raw material and packaging of the products, as well as the associated transport of such materials to the manufacturing site. Energy and water use, direct production waste, non-production waste and wastewater to sewer are included.



#### **LCA Results**

The tables below show the characterised results for the production stage (A1 - A3) of 1kg of Lapitec sintered stone slab. To obtain results per  $m^2$  of Lapitec sintered stone slabs of 12 mm, 20 mm and 30 mm thicknesses, multiply by their weights per  $m^2$ , of 28.8 kg, 48.0 kg and 72.0 kg, respectively.

(MND = module not declared; MNR = module not relevant; INA = indicator not assessed; AGG = aggregated)

Parameters describing environmental impacts											
			GWP	ODP	AP	EP	POCP	ADPE	ADPF		
			kg CO <sub>2</sub> equiv.	kg CFC 11 equiv.	kg SO₂ equiv.	kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>3-</sup> equiv.	kg C₂H₄ equiv.	kg Sb equiv.	MJ, net calorific value.		
Product stage	Raw material supply	A1	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG		
	Transport	A2	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG		
	Manufacturing	А3	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG		
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	1.63	2.24E-07	0.007955	0.00193	0.000770	5.24E-06	25.4		

GWP = Global Warming Potential;

ODP = Ozone Depletion Potential;

AP = Acidification Potential for Soil and Water;

EP = Eutrophication Potential;

POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric Ozone; ADPE = Abiotic Depletion Potential – Elements;

ADPF = Abiotic Depletion Potential – Fossil Fuels;

Parameters describing resource use, primary energy										
			PERE	PERM	PERT	PENRE	PENRM	PENRT		
			MJ	MJ	MJ	MJ	MJ	MJ		
Product stage	Raw material supply	A1	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG		
	Transport	A2	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG		
	Manufacturing	А3	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG		
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	3.72	5.58E-06	3.72	27.6	0	27.6		

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 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 resource



# **LCA Results (continued)**

Parameters describing resource use, secondary materials and fuels, use of water										
			SM	RSF	NRSF	FW				
			kg	MJ net calorific value	MJ net calorific value	m <sup>3</sup>				
Product stage	Raw material supply	A1	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG				
	Transport	A2	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG				
	Manufacturing	А3	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG				
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	0	0	0	0.0233				

SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW = Net use of fresh water

Other environmental information describing waste categories									
			HWD	NHWD	RWD				
			kg	kg	kg				
Product stage	Raw material supply	A1	AGG	AGG	AGG				
	Transport	A2	AGG	AGG	AGG				
	Manufacturing	А3	AGG	AGG	AGG				
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	0.0614	0.167	8.55E-05				

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

Other environmental information describing output flows – at end of life										
			CRU	MFR	MER	EE				
			kg	kg	kg	MJ per energy carrier				
Product stage	Raw material supply	A1	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG				
	Transport	A2	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG				
	Manufacturing	А3	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG				
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	0	0.704	0	0				

CRU = Components for reuse; MFR = Materials for recycling MER = Materials for energy recovery; EE = Exported Energy



# Summary, comments and additional information

### Interpretation of results

The graph in Figure 1 shows that the total GWP value for the production stage of 1kg of Lapitec sintered stone slab is 1.63 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq. Approximately 62% of this value arises from the electricity usage on site, mainly from the upstream combustion of coal linked to a component of the Italian mains electricity mix.

At 9.6%, largely the combustion of fuels required for the transport of raw materials and packaging to site is the second highest contributor to the GWP value. This is closely followed at 9.5% by the upstream production of the iron oxide pigments.

Cumulatively the raw materials are responsible for 23% of the total GWP value with the frit being the highest contributing raw material after the iron oxide pigments

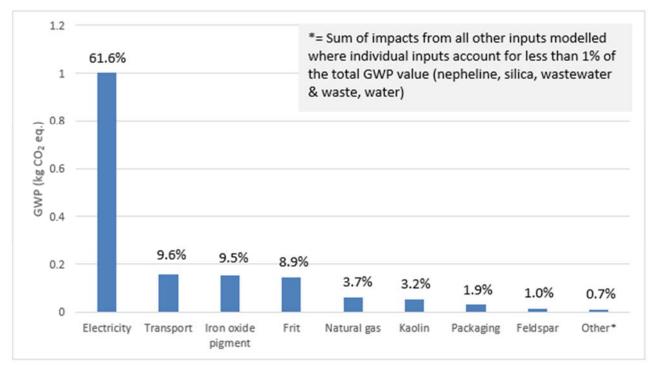


Figure 1: GWP (kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq.) per kg of Lapitec sintered stone slab production (modules A1-A3)

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