



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

According to OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 2012

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### Product Identifier

Product name: BENAQUA® 4000

### Other means of identification

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Product Use Description: Rheological additive

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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### **Emergency Telephone Number**

For Chemical Emergency ONLY (spill, leak, fire, exposure or accident), call CHEMTREC at: 1-800-424-9300 or 1-703-527-3887

For ALL other inquiries about this product, call Elementis Specialties at: 1-609-443-2000 (USA) or +(49)-221-2923-2000 (EU)

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### **Classification**

### **OSHA Regulatory Status**

This chemical is not considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Not a dangerous substance or mixture according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

### Label Elements

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

The product contains no substances which at their given concentration, are considered to be hazardous to health

**Appearance:** Powder

**Physical state:** Solid

**Odor:** Odourless

### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

**Other Information**

May form combustible dust concentrations in air

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

The product contains no substances which at their given concentration, are considered to be hazardous to health

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES****FIRST AID MEASURES**

<b>General Advice</b>	Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.
<b>Skin contact:</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water. If a person feels unwell or symptoms of skin irritation appear, consult a physician.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	Rinse immediately carefully and thoroughly with eye-bath or water. If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist.
<b>Ingestion</b>	If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this SDS or label. Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
<b>Protection of first-aiders:</b>	Low hazard for usual industrial or commercial handling.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects:** Difficulty in breathing.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

**Notes to physician** Treat symptomatically.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES****Suitable extinguishing media**

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Dry powder  
Dry sand  
Alcohol-resistant foam

**Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

None

**Special exposure hazards arising from the substance or preparation itself, combustion products, resulting gases**

None in particular

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:**

Excess dust dispersed in air represents an explosion hazard in the presence of electrical sparks and static discharges

**Hazardous combustion products:**

Carbon monoxide  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

**Explosion data****Explosive properties:**

Dust may form explosive mixture in air.

**Reactivity Hazard:**

None known

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures****Personal precautions**

Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Use personal protective equipment.

**Other Information:**

See Section 12 for additional information.

**Environmental precautions****Environmental precautions:**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up****Clean-up methods:**

Do not create a powder cloud by using a brush or compressed air. Take up mechanically and collect in suitable container for disposal. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Prevent product from entering drains. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Precautions for Safe Handling****Handling:**

Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge. Remove all sources of ignition. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid breathing mists, dusts, or vapors. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities****Storage conditions**

Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

**Additional Storage:**

Not required under normal use

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****Control parameters****Exposure Guidelines**

This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

**TLV/PEL:** Particles (insoluble or poorly soluble)  
Not Otherwise Specified [PNOS]

**OSHA TWA** 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (total dust)  
5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable fraction)  
**ACGIH TWA** 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (inhalable particles)  
3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable particles)

#### Appropriate engineering controls

**Engineering Measures** Maintain adequate ventilation to keep hazardous ingredients below their PELs or TLVs Use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator whenever exposure limits exceeded

#### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

**Eye protection** Safety glasses.

**Skin and body protection** Choose body protection in relation to its type, to the concentration and amount of dangerous substances, and to the specific work-place

**Respiratory protection:** Effective dust mask.

**Hand protection** Protective gloves, Neoprene gloves

**Hygiene measures** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice

## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

**Physical state:** Solid  
**Appearance:** Powder  
**Odor:** Odourless  
**Color:** Off-white  
**Odor Threshold** No data available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks / • Method</u>
pH	No data available	
Melting point/range:	No data available	
Freezing point:	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No data available	
Flash Point	Not applicable	
Evaporation rate	No data available	
Explosion limits:	No data available	
Vapor pressure	No data available	
Vapor density	No data available	
Density:	1.63 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Water solubility	Water insoluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No data available	
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available	
Autoignition temperature	No data available	
Decomposition temperature	No data available	
Viscosity:	No data available	
<b>Explosive properties:</b>	Dust may form explosive mixture in air.	
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available	

#### Other Information

**Bulk Density** No data available

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use

### Chemical Stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

None known

### Conditions to Avoid

Heat, flames and sparks

### Incompatible Materials:

Oxidizing agents

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

No decomposition if stored normally

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Inhalation:** No data available.

**Eye contact:** No data available.

**Skin contact:** No data available.

**Ingestion** No data available.

Product Information No data available

### Component Information

### Information on Toxicological Effects

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Corrosivity** None.

**Sensitization** No sensitizing effects known

**Mutagenic effects** No information available.

**Carcinogenic effects:** No classification data on the carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the IARC, NTP or OSHA

**Reproductive Toxicity:** No information available

**Developmental Toxicity** No information available.

### Chronic Toxicity

**Chronic toxicity:** No data is available on the product itself

**Other Adverse Effects:** No information available.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Product Information** No data available

**Ecotoxicity**

The environmental impact of this product has not been fully investigated.

**Persistence and degradability:**

No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential:**

No data available

**Mobility:**

No information available

**General Note:**

Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste treatment methods**

**Waste from residues / unused products** Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container. Dispose of in accordance with Local and National regulations

**Contaminated packaging** Empty containers should be taken for local recycling, recovery or waste disposal

**RCRA Hazardous Waste:**

**RCRA:** Not listed

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**U.S. Department of Transportation Ground (49 CFR):** Not regulated

**International Air Transportation (ICAO/IATA):** Not regulated

**International Maritime Organization (IMO/IMDG):** Not regulated

**Surface Shipments in Europe (ADR/RID):** Not regulated

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**International Inventories**

<b>USA (TSCA):</b>	In Compliance
<b>EU (EINECS):</b>	In Compliance
<b>REACH</b>	In Compliance
<b>CANADA (DSL)</b>	In Compliance
<b>CANADA (NDSL):</b>	Not applicable
<b>JAPAN (ENCS):</b>	In Compliance
<b>PHILIPPINES (PICCS):</b>	In Compliance
<b>KOREA (KECL):</b>	In Compliance
<b>China (IECSC)</b>	In Compliance

**AUSTRALIA (AICS):** In Compliance  
**NEW ZEALAND (NZIoC):** In Compliance  
**TAIWAN (NECSI):** In Compliance

### Legend

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory  
**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances  
**REACH** - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals  
**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List  
**ENCS** - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances  
**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances  
**IECSC** - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals  
**NECSI** - Taiwan Inventory of Chemicals

### Federal Regulations

#### SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

#### SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

None

#### CWA (Clean Water Act)

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

#### CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material

#### TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification

This product does not contain chemicals that are required to be notified under the TSCA 12(b) Export Notification.

### State Regulations (RTK)

#### California Proposition 65

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth, or any other reproductive defects

#### Canada

**WHMIS hazard class:** Non-controlled

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

### HMIS:

**Health:** 1  
**Flammability:** 1  
**Physical Hazard:** 0

**This Material Safety Data Sheet contains changes from the previous version in Sections:** 1 - 16

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**Key/Legend:** N/A: Not applicable  
N/D: Not determined  
ppm: Parts per million  
X: Listed

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**End of Safety Data Sheet**