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### AVQML DN15-DN20 NF-HF



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<b>EPD author</b>	Danfoss Climate Solutions A/S
<b>EPD type</b>	Cradle-to-gate with options
<b>Declared unit</b>	One product over its Reference Service Life
<b>Products included</b>	AVQML DN20 HF (003L3618)
<b>Product covered by EPD</b>	See Annex 1
<b>Manufacturing Location</b>	Ljubljana, Slovenia
<b>Use Location</b>	European Union
<b>Application</b>	HVAC systems
<b>Mass</b>	0,697 kg without packaging 0,784 kg with packaging
<b>Dimensions (HxWxD)</b>	82 x 49,4 x 111 mm without packaging
<b>Verification</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> External <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal <input type="checkbox"/> None
<b>Produced to</b>	<a href="#">Danfoss Product Category Rules (2022-09)</a>
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This EPD was prepared to the best of knowledge of Danfoss A/S. The life cycle assessment calculations were performed in accordance with ISO 14040 & 14044 and EN15804+A2.

All results were internally reviewed by independent experts. While this declaration has followed the guidance of ISO 14025, it has not been externally verified or registered by an EPD programme and therefore does not fully comply with the ISO 14025 standard.

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## Product Description

This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) follows the Danfoss Product Category Rules (PCR) (2022-09-20). These rules provide a consistent framework for calculating and reporting the environmental performance of Danfoss' products and is aligned with relevant international standards, particularly ISO 14025:2006, EN 15804+A2:2019 and EN 50598-3:2015.

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### What is an EPD?

An EPD is a document used to communicate transparently, the quantified environmental impacts of a product over its lifecycle stages. This quantification is done by performing a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) in line with a consistent set of rules known as a PCR (Product Category Rules).

An EPD provides:

- A product's carbon footprint together with other relevant environmental indicators, including air pollution, water use, energy consumption and waste, over its own life cycle (Modules A-C), as well as the expected benefits of reuse and recycling in reducing the impact of future products (Module D). See Table 1 for module descriptions.
- Environmental data allowing customers to calculate LCAs and produce EPDs for their own products.

### Type of EPD

This EPD is of the type 'cradle-to-gate with options' and includes all relevant modules: production (A1-A3), shipping (A4) and installation (A5); deconstruction (C1), waste collection and transport (C2), treatment (C3) and disposal (C4). It also includes potential net benefits to future products from recycling or reusing post-consumer waste (D). The codes in brackets are the module labels from EN 15804+A2. Modules concerning use, maintenance, repair, replacement, refurbishment (B1-B5) and operational water use (B7) are excluded, following the cut-off rules from EN 15804.

**Table 1:** Modules of the product's life cycle included in the EPD

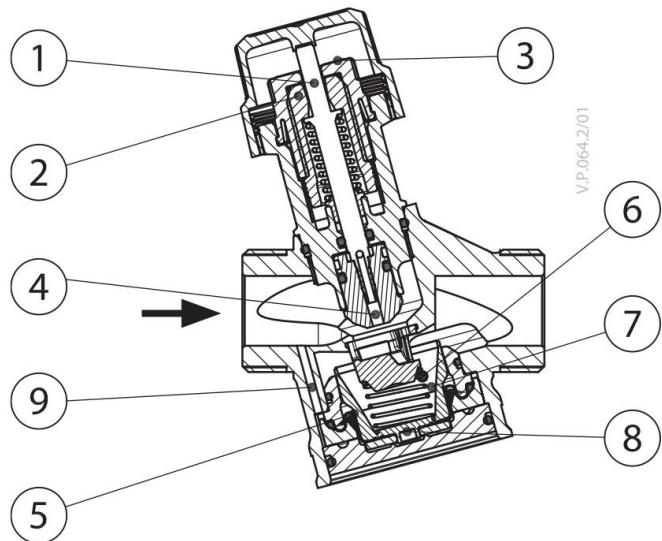
Product stage			Installation		Use stage								End-of-life stage				Benefits
Raw materials	Transport	Manufacture	Transport	Installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-install.	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Benefits and loads outside system boundaries	
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
X	X	X	X	X	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	X	X	X	X	X	

(X = declared module; MNR = module not relevant)

## Product Description

The product covered by this EPD is representative of AVQLM DN15-DN20 NF-HF. The production location is the Danfoss plant in Ljubljana, Slovenia. See more information on [Danfoss Product Store](#).

The AVQLM DN15-DN20 NF-HF is a self-acting flow controller with integrated control valve primarily for use in district heating systems or in secondary district heating systems as well. The controller closes when set max. flow is exceeded.



**Figure 1:** The drawing of the AVQLM DN15-DN20 NF-HF with its main components

The EPD covers four products: AVQLM DN20 HF, DN20 NF, DN15 HF and DN15 NF (see Table 12). The EPD is prepared for the AVQLM DN20 HF valve (003L3618). Since the reference product AVQLM DN 20 HF is the largest in this product portfolio, therefore representing a conservative scenario. The products differ in size and weight of the components. For all other version of the AVQLM valve the scale factor shown in Annex 1, Table 12 should be used when interpreting the results.

For each product code listed in Table 12, an LCA (Life Cycle Assessments) has been conducted to assess the environmental impact. The scale factor is calculated as the ratio between the GWPT (A1-C4) value for the product code for which the scale factor is being calculated and the GWPT (A1-C4) value of the reference product code.

### Reference Service Life

For the purpose of this EPD the reference service life (RSL) of the product is considered to be 10 years.

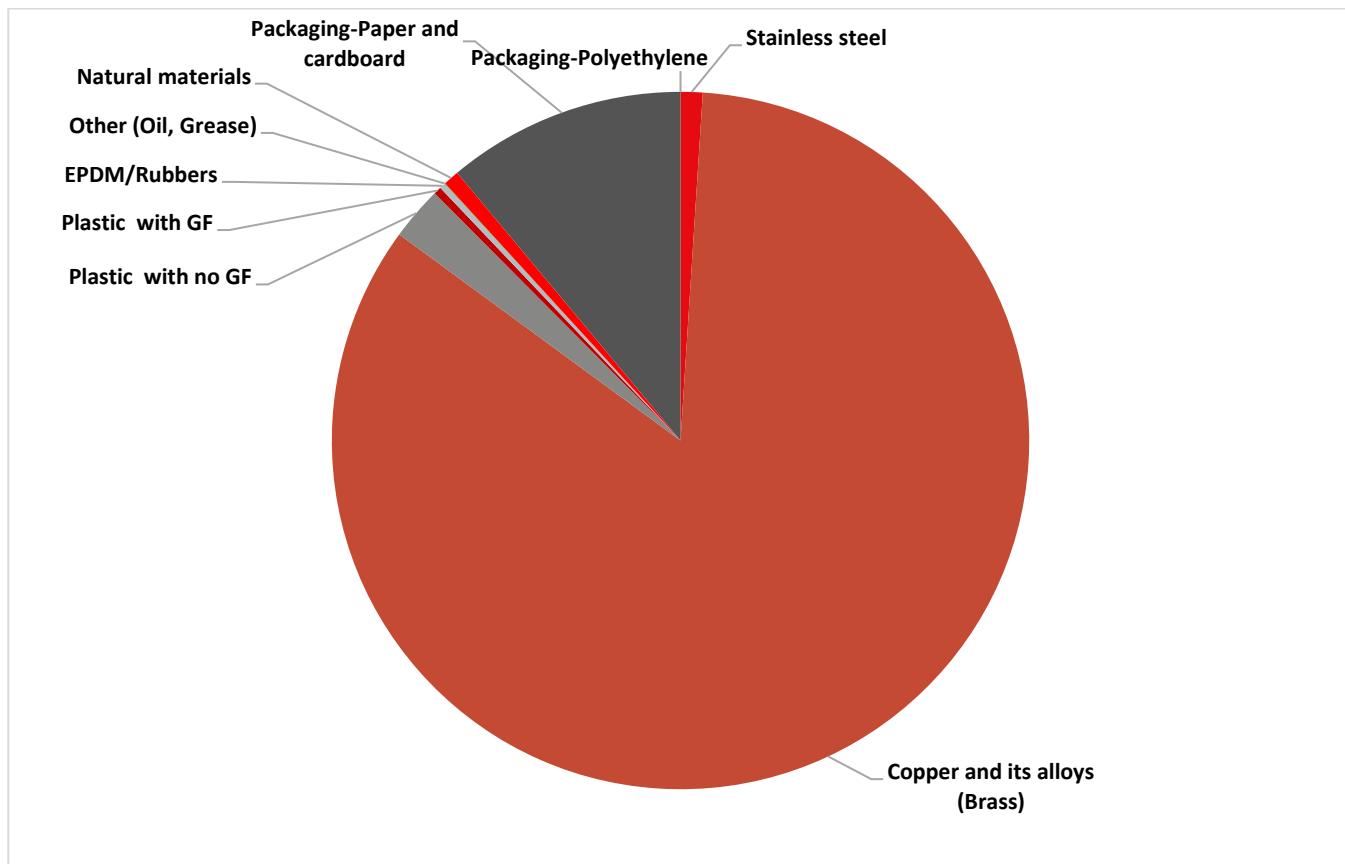
### Intended market

The intended market of this study is European Union, and the baseline scenario involves the distribution, installation, and end-of-life in European Union. With regards the end-of-life stage, this EPD is not representative of regions other than European Union.

## Product Description

**Table 2:** Product composition

Material	Mass (kg)	%
<b>Metals</b>	<b>0,667</b>	<b>95,7%</b>
Stainless steel	0,008	1,1%
Copper and its alloys (Brass)	0,659	94,5%
<b>Plastics &amp; Rubbers</b>	<b>0,025</b>	<b>3,5%</b>
Plastic with no GF	0,019	2,8%
Plastic with GF	0,003	0,4%
EPDM/Rubbers	0,002	0,3%
Other (Oil, Grease)	0,0003	0,04%
<b>Natural materials</b>	<b>0,006</b>	<b>0,8%</b>
Paper and cardboard	0,006	0,8%
<b>Product Total</b>	<b>0,697</b>	<b>100,0%</b>
Packaging-Paper and cardboard	0,087	99,995%
Packaging-Polyethylene	0,000004	0,005%
<b>Packaging Total</b>	<b>0,087</b>	<b>100,0%</b>
<b>Total (product + Packaging)</b>	<b>0,784</b>	



**Figure 2:** Material Composition Overview

## Overview of LCA study

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### Data quality

Data quality of the selected datasets is generally assessed as good and very good in terms of geographical, time and technology representativeness and applicability. Background data is from *LCA for Experts*© database version 2024.2.

### Allocation and cut-off criteria

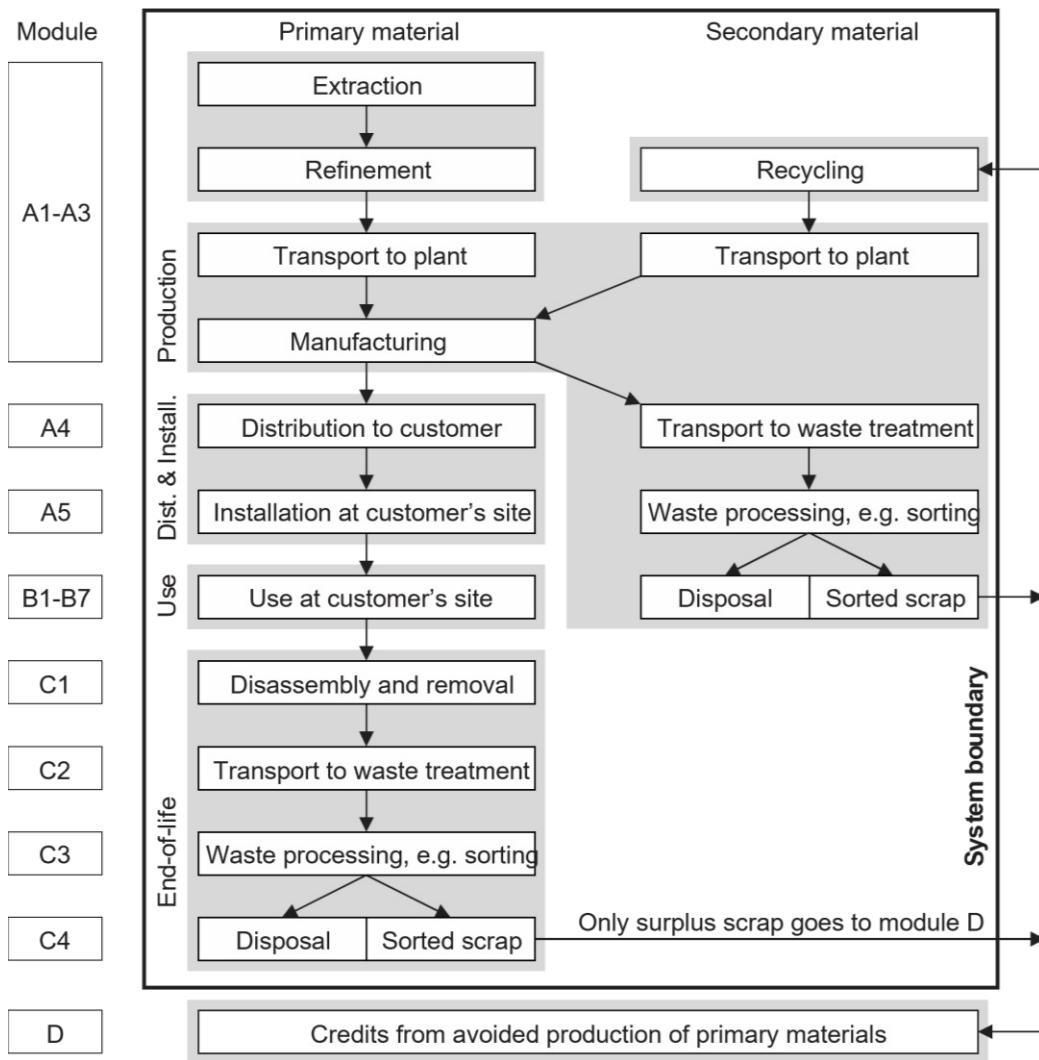
The allocation is made in accordance with the provisions of EN 15804+A2. All major raw materials and all the essential energy are included. All hazardous materials and substances are considered in the inventory. Data sets within the system boundary are complete and fulfil the criteria for the exclusion of inputs and output criteria.

- The glue has been excluded from the analysis mainly due to the low weight of these items being within the cut off range and due to limitations with the Sphera material database.
- The components made from the PPSU material have been substituted with the PPS\_GF material without the proportion of glass fibers in the calculation due to limitations with the Sphera database.
- The silicon oil and the grease have been substituted with the oil due to limitation with the Sphera database.
- The components made of the EPDM material with teh aramid fibres have been substituted with the EPDM material due to limitation with the Sphera database.
- The iglidur materials consist of three components: the base polymers, the fibres and the fillers, and the solid lubricants. The components made of the iglidur material have been substituted with the PA66 material due to limitation with the Sphera database.

## Overview of LCA study

### System boundaries

The results in this EPD are split into life cycle modules following EN 15804 (Figure 1): production (A1-A3), distribution (A4) installation (A5) and the end of the product's life (C1-C4). Module D represents environmental benefits and loads that occur beyond the system boundary (i.e., in future products).



**Figure 3:** Modular structure used in this EPD (following EN 15804+A2)

### Product and packaging manufacture (A1-A3)

Final manufacturing occurs in the Ljubljana plant, Slovenia, Europe. The facility is certified according to IATF 16949, ISO 14001, ISO 45001, and ISO 9001. Where waste generated on-site is recyclable, it is separated and recycled. For further information, [see here](#). The product is shipped in the packaging as described in Table 1. All packaging materials can be safely recycled or incinerated if appropriate local facilities are available.

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The EPD takes into account road transport by trucks. The supplier's production locations are divided based on the type of product into suppliers of mechanical parts, documentation and packaging. Mechanical parts are delivered to the final production location from various location within the European Union. The distance considered in the EPD is 568 km. The product documentation is mainly produced in Denmark. The distance considered in the EPD is 10 km. Packaging suppliers are located in Slovenia. The distance considered in the EPD is 13 km.

There is currently no data about the electrical and thermal energy used to produce one unit of these variants because there is no energy meter installed on the assembly line.

Instead, a mass allocation method was used to estimate the electrical and thermal energy used to produce one unit of the AVQML 15-20 NF-HF Ext. product. Data on energy consumption in the production of finished products are for the year 2024. Products are manufactured on a manual assembly line.

In the LCA calculation for the energy consumed in the product's final production, the value for the carbon footprint of the produces electricity in Slovenia is taken into account.

**Table 3:** Biogenic carbon content in product and packaging

	<b>Total (excluding recycling)</b>
Biogenic carbon content in product [kg]	2,44E-03
Biogenic carbon content in accompanying packaging [kg]	3,73E-02

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

## Shipping and installation (A4-A5)

Distribution is assumed to occur to customers within EU. It has been assumed that the products will be mainly sold in the EU and so an average transportation distance of 1151,3 km by truck has been used. (According to sales for the similar products in year 2023)

Module A5 includes disposal of packaging materials only, the benefits from e.g., energy recovered after plastic incineration are allocated to module D. The product is assumed to be installed by hand. Energy use in handheld tools during installation is not included as it falls under the cut-off criteria.

## Use phase (B1-B6)

The AVQML DN15-DN20 NF-HF products are the mechanical products and do not require additional power supply to operate. There is no effect on the carbon footprint due to operation.

## End-of-life (C1-C4)

The following end-of-life procedure has been applied:

- Manual dismantling is used to separate recyclable bulk materials, e.g. bulk metals and plastics.
- Shredding is used for the remaining parts, such as printed circuit board assemblies.
- Ferrous metals, non-ferrous metals and bulk plastics are recovered through recycling.
- The remaining materials go to either energy recovery or landfill.

In line with EN 15804+A2, only the 'net scrap' (i.e., the leftover recyclable materials remaining after

## Overview of LCA study

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inputs of recycled content required in the manufacturing phase are first satisfied) is used to calculate the benefits and loads beyond the system boundary (Module D).

For this EPD an average scenario with 50% of the product sent to recycling & 50% of the product sent to landfill (C3, C4, D) was used. This scenario is designed to represent an average end-of-life scenario.

For the EPD this average scenario was chosen as it is assumed that it represents the majority of cases on average.

1. Recycling scenario with 100% of the product sent to recycling at the end-of-life, excluding fractions that cannot be recycled or incinerated (e.g., glass reinforcing in glass-filled plastics) and are sent to landfill.

This scenario illustrates best case performance. It assumes a 100% collection rate and best available recycling technologies. Under this scenario electrical cables, and all metals, flat glass and unreinforced plastics found within the body and chassis of the product are recycled. Printed circuit board assemblies are incinerated, and the copper and precious metals (gold, silver, palladium, and platinum) are recycled.

2. Landfill scenario with 100% of the product sent to landfill.

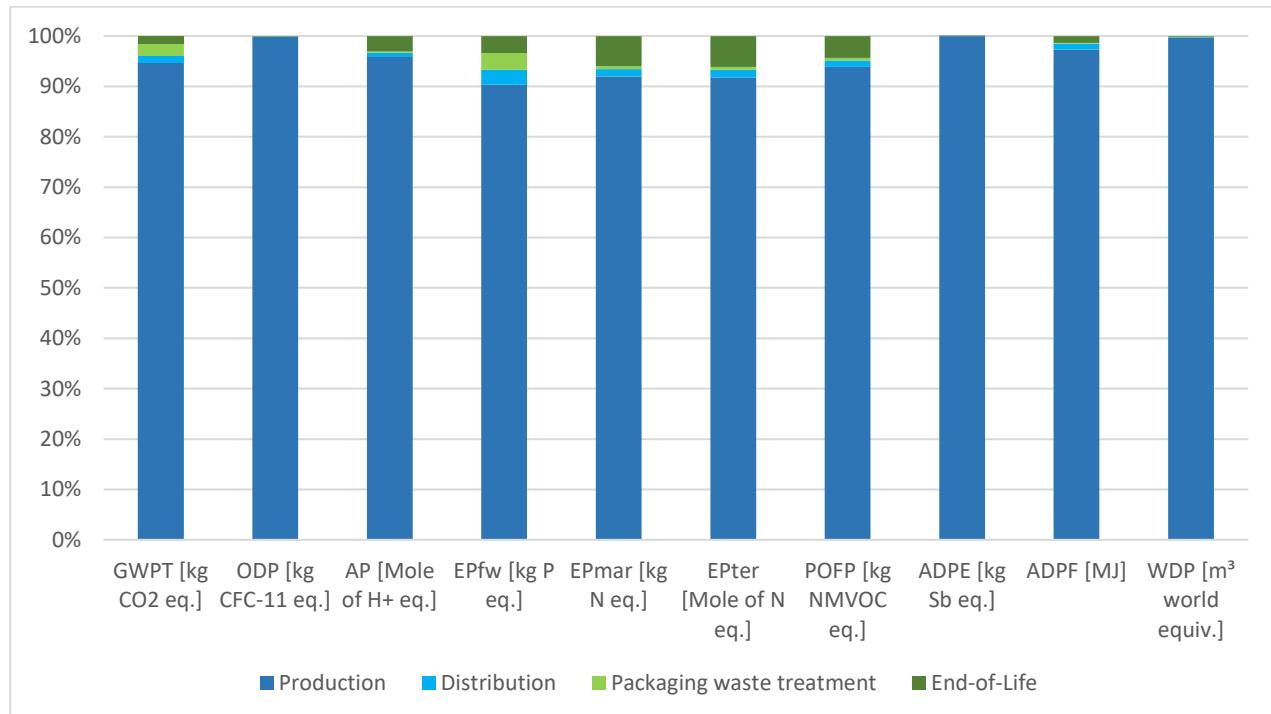
This scenario assumes that the whole product, including its packaging, is landfilled. It is designed to represent a poor end-of-life-route where valuable resources are lost.

### Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary (D)

Module D considers the net benefit of recycling (including energy recovery) of materials in the product and packaging, taking account of losses in the recycling process and the recycled material used in the production of the product. Module D covers the two end-of-life scenarios, as described above. It does not cover energy recovery from incineration since the process used in LCA for Experts has an efficiency below 60%. Therefore, the impacts of this process are reported in module C4, and no benefits are claimed in module D.

## Environmental performance

This section presents the environmental performance of one AVQML DN15-DN20 NF-HF. **Figure 4** presents the environmental impact of the AVQML DN15-DN20 NF-HF across several environmental impact categories (following EN 15804+A2:2019) per life cycle stage, over its full 10-year life cycle, including Global Warming Potential.



**Figure 4:** Breakdown of environmental impacts by life cycle stages (Average of Landfill and Recycling End-of-Life scenario/only Landfill scenario) See Table 4 and Table 5 for descriptions of environmental impact indicators).

## Environmental performance

**Table 4:** Environmental impact indicators

	Production	Distribution	Packaging waste treatment	End-of-Life				(not included in Figure 4)	
Life cycle stages based on EN 15804+A2	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
Environmental Impact Indicators	Description	Manufacture of the product from 'cradle-to-gate'	Transport of the product to the customer	Installation of the product and disposal of used packaging	Deinstallation of the product from the site	Transport of the product to waste treatment	Processing waste for recycling	Disposal of waste that cannot be recycled (through landfill and incineration)	Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundary due to reuse, recycling, and energy recovery
GWPT [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	5,72E+00	7,83E-02	1,54E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	7,02E-03	6,38E-02	1,44E-02	
GWPF [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	5,86E+00	7,70E-02	7,97E-03	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	7,02E-03	6,28E-02	1,43E-02	
GWPB [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	-1,46E-01	0,00E+00	1,46E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
GWPLULUC [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	4,85E-03	1,27E-03	7,61E-06	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,72E-07	1,03E-03	5,00E-05	
ODP [kg CFC-11 eq.]	3,66E-11	1,12E-14	6,48E-15	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	8,30E-19	9,06E-15	2,28E-14	
AP [Mole of H+ eq.]	1,57E-02	1,38E-04	4,44E-05	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	9,94E-06	3,93E-04	9,65E-05	
EPfw [kg P eq.]	1,01E-05	3,24E-07	3,72E-07	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,54E-09	2,63E-07	1,13E-07	
EPmar [kg N eq.]	3,55E-03	5,57E-05	2,39E-05	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	3,86E-06	1,93E-04	3,38E-05	
EPter [Mole of N eq.]	3,81E-02	6,47E-04	2,17E-04	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	4,35E-05	2,14E-03	3,70E-04	
POFP [kg NMVOC eq.]	1,01E-02	1,36E-04	6,03E-05	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	9,19E-06	3,74E-04	8,21E-05	
ADPE [kg Sb eq.]	2,73E-04	6,61E-09	8,02E-10	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,53E-10	5,36E-09	7,56E-10	
ADPF [MJ]	8,05E+01	9,99E-01	1,11E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,03E-01	8,10E-01	1,98E-01	
WDP [m <sup>3</sup> world equiv.]	1,17E+00	1,17E-03	5,25E-04	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,20E-05	9,53E-04	9,74E-04	

How to read scientific numbers:

e.g. 2,05E02 = 2,05 x 10<sup>2</sup> = 205

2,04E-01 = 2,04 x 10<sup>-1</sup> = 0,204

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**Table 5:** Environmental impact indicator descriptions

Acronym	Unit	Indicator
GWPT	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	Carbon footprint (Global Warming Potential) – total
GWPF	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	Carbon footprint (Global Warming Potential) – fossil
GWPB	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	Carbon footprint (Global Warming Potential) – biogenic
GWPLULUC	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	Carbon footprint (Global Warming Potential) – land use and land use change
ODP	kg CFC-11 eq.	Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer
AP	Mole H+ eq.	Acidification potential
EPfw	kg P eq.	Eutrophication potential – aquatic freshwater
EPmar	kg N eq.	Eutrophication potential – aquatic marine
EPter	Mole of N eq.	Eutrophication potential – terrestrial
POFP	kg NMVOC eq.	Summer smog (photochemical ozone formation potential)
ADPE*	kg Sb eq.	Depletion of abiotic resources – minerals and metals
ADPF*	MJ	Depletion of abiotic resources – fossil fuels
WDP*	m <sup>3</sup> world eq.	Water deprivation potential (deprivation-weighted water consumption)

Results for module A1-A3 are specific to the product. All results from module A4 onwards should be considered as scenarios that represent one possible outcome. The true environmental performance of the product will depend on actual use.

The results in this section are relative expressions only and do not predict actual impacts, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins, or risks. EPDs from others may not be comparable.

### Carbon footprint

The total carbon footprint, cradle-to-grave, of the product is **6,04E+00 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq** (A1-C4), based on the baseline use phase scenario. The carbon footprint of production of this product, cradle-to-gate, is **5,72E+00 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq** (A1-A3).

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**Table 6:** Resource use

	A1-A3	A4	A5	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE [MJ]	2.93E+01	8.60E-02	7.43E-03	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	3.38E-04	6.98E-02	1.96E-02	-5.68E-01
PERM [MJ]	8.52E-02	0,00E+00							
PERT [MJ]	2.94E+01	8.60E-02	7.43E-03	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	3.38E-04	6.98E-02	1.96E-02	-5.68E-01
PENRE [MJ]	7.95E+01	9.99E-01	1.11E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1.03E-01	8.10E-01	1.98E-01	-4.93E00
PENRM [MJ]	9.36E-01	0,00E+00							
PENRT [MJ]	8.05E+01	9.99E-01	1.11E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1.03E-01	8.10E-01	1.98E-01	-4.93E00
SM [kg]	2.46E-01	0,00E+00							
RSF [MJ]	0,00E+00								
NRSF [MJ]	0,00E+00								
FW [m <sup>3</sup> ]	3.55E-02	9.59E-05	1.65E-05	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	5.43E-07	7.78E-05	2.99E-05	-1.89E-03

**Table 7:** Resource use indicator descriptions

Acronym	Unit	Indicator
PERE	MJ	Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials
PERM	MJ	Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials
PERT	MJ	Total use of renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)
PENRE	MJ	Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials
PENRM	MJ	Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials
PENRT	MJ	Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)
SM	kg	Use of secondary material
RSF	MJ	Use of renewable secondary fuels
NRSF	MJ	Use of non-renewable secondary fuels
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	Net use of fresh water

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**Table 8:** Waste categories and output flows

	A1-A3	A4	A5	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD [kg]	6,94E-08	3,83E-11	1,68E-11	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	7,05E-13	3,10E-11	2,83E-11	-4,06E-06
NHWD [kg]	6,26E-02	1,63E-04	3,20E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,03E-05	1,32E-04	5,54E-01	7,37E-03
RWD [kg]	5,31E-03	1,82E-06	7,18E-07	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,10E-07	1,48E-06	1,28E-06	-3,56E-05
CRU [kg]	0,00E+00								
MFR [kg]	0,00E+00	5,53E-01	0,00E+00						
MER [kg]	0,00E+00								
EEE [MJ]	4,41E-03	0,00E+00							
EET [MJ]	0,00E+00								

**Table 9:** Waste category and output flow descriptions

Acronym	Unit	Indicator
HWD	kg	Hazardous waste disposed
NHWD	kg	Non-hazardous waste disposed
RWD	kg	Radioactive waste disposed
CRU	kg	Components for reuse
MFR	kg	Materials for recycling
MER	kg	Materials for energy recovery
EEE	kg	Exported energy (electrical)
EET	kg	Exported energy (thermal)

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**Table 10:** Additional indicators\*

	A1-A3	A4	A5	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PM [Disease incidences]	1,85E-07	1,24E-09	3,25E-10	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	5,89E-11	2,61E-09	9,59E-10	-1,42E-08
IRP [kBq U235 eq.]	5,76E-01	2,64E-04	9,59E-05	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,56E-05	2,14E-04	1,51E-04	-4,56E-04
ETPfw [CTUe]	3,01E+01	7,42E-01	8,45E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	7,52E-02	6,02E-01	1,36E-01	-1,96E+00
HTPc [CTUh]	2,02E-08	1,50E-11	1,64E-12	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,38E-12	1,22E-11	2,73E-12	-6,02E-10
HTPnc [CTUh]	2,85E-08	6,72E-10	1,06E-10	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	4,52E-11	5,46E-10	9,87E-11	-1,94E-09
SQP [Pt]	2,33E+01	4,91E-01	1,73E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,62E-04	3,99E-01	3,05E-02	-3,31E-01

**Table 11:** Optional indicator descriptions

Acronym	Unit	Indicator
PM	Disease incidence	Potential incidence of disease due to particulate matter emissions
IRP**	kBq U235 eq,	Potential human exposure efficiency relative to U235
ETPfw*	CTUe	Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for ecosystems (fresh water)
HTPc*	CTUh	Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for humans (cancer)
HTPnc*	CTUh	Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for humans (non-cancer)
SQP*	Dimensionless	Potential soil quality index

\*Disclaimer for ADPE, ADPF, WDP, ETPfw, HTPc, HTPnc, SQP: The results of these environmental impact indicators shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experienced with the indicator,

\*\*Disclaimer for ionizing radiation: 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 disposal in underground facilities, Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, from radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator,

## Annex

### Annex 1: The product codes of all products covered in this EPD

The EPD results are presented for the product code 003L3618.

To calculate the actual GWPT of purchased product covered by this EPD, multiply the GWPT from this EPD by the factor (see Table 12) corresponding to the purchased product's sales code. You can use this factor to calculate other indicators as well.

For other product code covered by this EPD document (see Table 12), a scale factor is used. The factor is calculated as the ratio between the two GWPT (A1-C4) values according to the LCA calculation. For each product code from the Table 12, an LCA calculation was made with a calculated GWPT value.

Example:

Product code: 003L3615

Factor: 0,772

GWPT (003L3618): 6,04E+00 kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/Kg (A1-C4)

GWPT (003L3615): 0,772 x 6,04E+00 kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/Kg = 4,66E+00 kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/Kg

**Table 12:** AVQML DN15-DN20 NF-HF product codes, covered by this EPD

Product code	Description	Factor
003L3618	AVQML DN20 HF	1,000
003L3617	AVQML DN20 NF	0,995
003L3615	AVQML DN15 NF	0,772
003L3616	AVQML DN15 HF	0,753

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