

# EPD

## ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION



In accordance with ISO 14025:2006 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021 for

Product name: CEM II/A-LL 52,5 R– Caravate (VA)

EPD owner: Colacem S.p.A.



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### PRODUCT CATEGORY RULES (PCR)

CEN standard EN 15804 serves as the core Product Category Rules (PCR)

Product Category Rules (PCR): PCR 2019:14 - Construction products, ver. 2.0.1,  
UN CPC code: 3744  
c-PCR-001 - Cement and building limes - (EN 16908:2022)

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Accredited by: ACCREDIA, accreditation number: 00005VV

Pre-verified LCA tool: GCCA Tool, version 5.2

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## INFORMATION ABOUT EPD OWNER



Figure 1 – Headquarters of Colacem S.p.A. - Gubbio (PG)

**EPD owner:** Colacem S.p.A

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**Description of the organization of the EPD owner:** Colacem S.p.A is an Italian firm operating in the cement production sector. The company, which was founded by the Colaiacovo family in 1966, has continued to grow over the years thanks to its modern and innovative business culture, and is currently the third leading cement producer in Italian soil<sup>1</sup>. The company's vision is based on sustainability, as a result of its outstanding organizational and technological know-how, which has led to the granting of ISO 9001 certification. Colacem's way of doing business is focused on all those values that place the person at the center; for this very reason, economic growth and production activities have always gone hand in hand with both environmental and surrounding communities respect, thanks to natural resources proper management, impacts mitigation as well as active and responsible relationships with local communities. The company boasts widespread presence throughout Italy with various full-cycle plants, terminals, depots and area depts. Its headquarters are based in **Gubbio (PG)**. Production sites in Tunis, Sabana Grande de Palenque (Dominican Republic), Lafito (Haiti), Balldre (Albania), along with terminals in Alicante, Cartagena (Spain) and Kingston (Jamaica) represent the Group's international standing. Colacem employs about 900 staff in Italy.

**Related certifications:** UNI EN ISO 9001; UNI EN ISO 14001

<sup>1</sup> - Source AITEC - Associazione Italiana Tecnico Economica del Cemento.

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Name:** EN 197-1 CEM II/A-LL 52,5 R

**Standard:** UNI EN 197-1



Figure 2 - Bulk cement

**UN CPC code:** 3744

**Product description:** for this Environmental Product Declaration purposes, cement **CEM II/A-LL 52,5 R** produced at the Colacem plant of **Caravate (VA)** in the reference year 2025, marketed in this form in the quantity of **6250 ton**, was analyzed. The cement composition (mass percentage) has been detailed according to the UNI EN 197-1 standard “Cement-Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements”, shown in subsequent Table 2.

**Manufacturing processes:** The main raw materials and constituents used in the plant are marl, limestone and gypsum, which are extracted from quarries and mines. In order to reduce natural raw materials consumption, as set forth in the sector Best Available Techniques (BAT), “secondary raw materials” deriving from other production activities and recovered to replace the aforementioned materials are also used, see Figure 3 below.

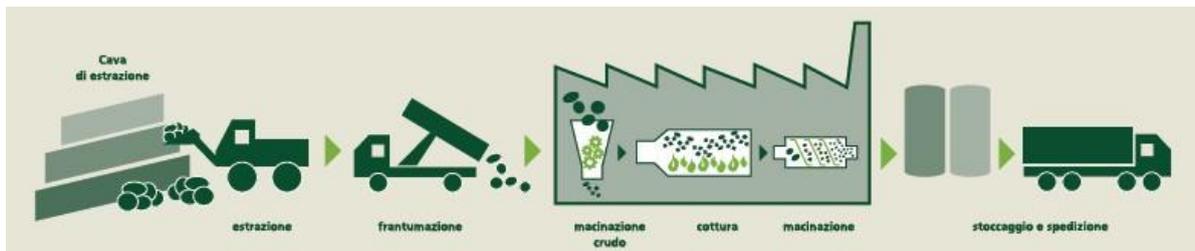


Figure 3 - Cement production process

Materials obtained in quarries are not suitable for use in the state in which they are extracted. They are thus carefully crushed to obtain a homogenous product. The crushed material, subjected to quality control, is then dried, finely ground in a mill and processed into a very fine powder, called meal. Meal is stored in special silos, where it homogenizes further. It passes through a preheating tower at around 900 °C and is then fed into a kiln where it reaches a temperature of 1450 °C and is transformed into clinker. Clinker undergoes a cooling process and is then stored in a large silo. Clinker is finely ground, with gypsum and any other constituents (such as limestone, pozzolan, fly ash, slag, etc.) to obtain cements suitable for various uses, which are stored in special silos. Individual cements, taken from the silos, are ready to be distributed in bulk or bagged. The most common uses of this product are listed in Table 3.

Location of the production site: Via I° Maggio, 13 - 21032 CARAVATE (VA)

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## CONTENT DECLARATION

Declared unit: 1.000 Kg

Table 2: List of materials

CEM II/A-LL 52,5 R				
Materials	%	% of post-consumer recycled content	BIOGENIC MATERIAL Mass-% of product	BIOGENIC MATERIAL (kgC/product)
Clinker	85,2	<0,01	0	0
Limestone	9,5	0	0	0
Natural gypsum	5,0	0	0	0
Chromium reducing additives	0,20	0	0	0
Grinding additives	0,10	0	0	0
TOTAL	100,00	<0,01	0	0

**Table 3** - Most common uses of cement

USE	CEM II/A-LL 52,5 R
Pre-mixed products	✓
Ready-mix concrete	✓
Suitable for ultra-high-performance ready-mix concrete	✓
Cement-based mortars	✓
Concrete for prefabricated elements	✓

Packaging composition is not provided, as the product is sold in bulk, i.e., without packaging. The content of hazardous substances from the candidate list of SVHCs for authorization is not provided, as concrete is naturally free of them.

## LCA INFORMATION

PRODUCTION STEP				CONSTRUCTION PHASE		USE PHASE							END-OF-LIFE				RESOURCE RECOVERY
	Raw materials, electricity, fuels	Transport	Production step	Transport to construction site	Installation	Use	Maintenance	Repairs	Replacement	Restructuring	Energy consumption during use phase	Water consumption during use phase	Disposal, demolition	Waste transport	Waste treatment	Waste disposal	Reuse - recovery – recycling potential
MODULES	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
DECLARED MODULES	X	X	X	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	w	w	IT	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
SPECIFIC DATA USED	89,7%			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Figure 4.** - Declared modules and geographical scope. Include modules (X), not declared (ND) modules; World (W, world), Italy (IT).

*Declaration of sources and share of primary data:* The share of primary data is calculated in accordance with the pre-verified tool. The quality data assessment has been conducted in conformity with the requirements of the applicable PCR and has been developed in an external calculation file that is available upon request; the assessment covers at least 80% of the results.

Process	Source type	Source	Reference year	Data category	Share of primary data, of GWP-GHG results for A1-A3
Manufacturing of product	Collected data	EPD owner	2025	Primary data	88,2%
Manufacturing of product	Database	Ecoinvent v3.10	2025	Primary data	1,5%
Other processes	Databases	Ecoinvent v3.10	2025	Secondary data	0,0%
Total share of primary data, of GWP-GHG results for A1-A3					89,7%

Declared unit:

**1.000 kg of cement**

**Name and version of LCA software:** : GCCA EPD Tool, ver. 5.2 - <https://www.concrete-epd-tool.org/intl>. Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA), <https://gccassociation.org/>, Paddington Central, 6th Floor, 2 Kingdom Street, London, W2 6JP - United Kingdom, Tel.+44 (0)20 3580 4286, [info@gccassociation.org](mailto:info@gccassociation.org).

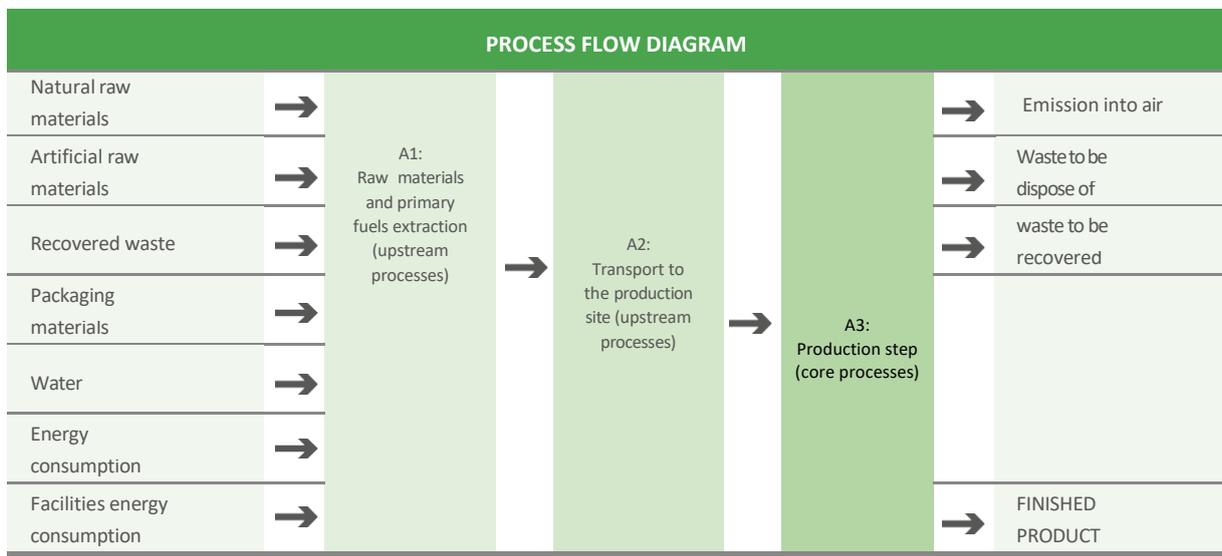
**LCA Model.** (GreenDelta), International version ver 5.2, 2025-06-23.

**Database:** ver. 5.2, Ecoinvent ver. 3.10

**Characterization methods:** The company use a per-verified tool for the life-cycle assessment of our products as stated above. The list of the methods and EFs-CFs used for the calculation is included within the LCA database of the GCCA Tool. For example, the method used for the GWP indicators is: Baseline model of 100 years of the IPCC based on IPCC 2021, rev EN 15804: A2, while the one used for indicator ODP is EDIP model based on the ODPs of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) over an infinite time horizon (WMO 2014 + integrations). The list of EFs, CFs and methods would be too long to be inserted in this section of the document and it will be available upon request.

**Reference year:** **2025**

**System boundary:** cradle to gate, see Figure 5 below.



**Figure 5** - System Boundary.

Cement production is modelled using primary data collected at the plant for the reporting period. The analysis therefore aims at assessing the environmental impacts associated with the bulk cement produced in this cement plant. The environmental product declaration is based on a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) performed in accordance with ISO 14040 and 14044 standards and in accordance with ISO 14025:2006 standard.

In addition, reference is made to:

- PCR 2019:14 “Construction products” (EN 15804 - A2) ver. 2.0.1;
- PCR complementary 001 “Cement and building limes” (EN 16908);
- EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021 “Sustainability of construction works - Environmental product declarations - Core rules for the product category of construction products”;
- EN 16908:2022 “Cement and building lime - Environmental product declarations - Product category rules complementary to EN 15804”.

**Production step, A1-A3:**

Upstream processes in the secondary system are:

- Extraction of raw materials and primary fuels;
- Transport of raw materials to the production site;
- Production of finished product packaging (where applicable);
- In-house transport

Core processes in the analyzed primary system are:

- Production of the main semi-finished product (clinker);
- Production of finished products;
- Transport of waste generated during this production step (including waste from raw material packaging) from the plant to the waste disposal/recovery site;
- Treatment of waste generated during this production step (including waste from finished product packaging, where applicable).

Consumption of Electricity for production:

- The source of modelled electricity is a combination of 6% of electricity from GO (solar) and 94% from the national residual mix provided by AIB related to the reference year. The climate impact of electricity, calculated from GWP-GHG is: **4,60 E-01kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq/kWh.**

Electricity sources	Coal & lignite	Oil	Gas	FO Unspecified	Nuclear	Hydro	Wind	Solar	Biomass
Contribute (%)	4,75	0,23	3,76	35,32	2,43	0,62	0,20	52,31	0,39

EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021 standard requires the inclusion of modules A1-A3, C1-C4 and D for all construction products, except for products that do fulfil the following three conditions:

1. Products that are physically integrated with other products during the installation phase;
2. Products that are no longer identifiable at the end of their life-cycle;
3. Products that do not contain biogenic carbon.
4. The EPD is not intended for business-to-consumer communication.

The cement produced in this plant does meet all the aforementioned three criteria.

**Additional relevant information:** maintenance processes (which also entail replacement of mill balls and refractory materials) are not included, as they are considered negligible. Treatment processes of waste leaving the plant for recovery were also excluded from the analysis, while impacts related to waste disposal according to the Polluters Pays (PP) allocation principle, were taken into account. In general, cut-off criteria are set at 1% of mass and energy flows, in accordance with reference relevant standards. Furthermore, the treatment processes of secondary raw materials and secondary fuels entering the process (from waste to secondary raw materials) were considered to have “zero impact”, as no information was available on the treatments undergone after the end of waste status, which were therefore considered as cut-offs. Previous impacts were also omitted, according to the Polluters Pays (PP) allocation principle. Post-manufacturing phases (construction, use phase and end-of-life) were excluded from the analysis as they are not within the scope of application.

The assessment of environmental impacts does not include construction of infrastructure and goods, as well as

transport of personnel to and from work (PCR 2019:2014, ver. 2.0.1, par. 4.3.2)

In the tables reporting the outcome of the study, null values are indicated with number "0.00", while data not available or not declared with "ND". The hyphen "-" is used only where allowed, to indicate data, elements or aspects which were not applied or not applicable.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Results refer to a declared measurement unit (1000 kg of cement) are calculated according to EN 15804.

The environmental performance results are relative expressions and do not predict impacts on category endpoints, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins or risks.

The description of the abbreviations is available in a designated section below.

### Mandatory environmental impact category indicators:

**Table 3** - Mandatory environmental impact category indicators according to EN 15804

INDICATORS	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT	A1-A3
GWP - fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	7,98E+02
GWP - biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1,41E-01
GWP - luluc	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	4,15E-02
GWP - total	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	7,98E+02
ODP	kg CFC-11 eq.	4,57E-06
AP	mol di H <sup>+</sup> eq.	3,12E+00
EP - freshwater	kg P eq.	7,57E-03
EP - marine	kg N eq.	1,77E-01
EP - terrestrial	mol di N eq.	8,09E+00
POCP	kg NMVOC eq.	2,28E+00
ADPE– materials & metals	kg Sb eq. <sup>2</sup>	2,53E-03
ADPF - fossil	MJ <sup>2</sup>	3,88E+03
WDP	m <sup>3</sup> , <sup>2</sup>	4,00E+01

Please note that Total GWP means Net GWP (NET) as per EN 15804:2021, Appendix D, point D.3.2.

<sup>2</sup> - Outcomes of this environmental impact indicator should be used with caution as the uncertainty of these results is high and experience in using this indicator is limited.

**Additional mandatory environmental impact indicators:**
**Table 4 - Additional mandatory and voluntary environmental impact category indicators**

INDICATORS	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT	A1-A3
GWP - GHG	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq. <sup>3</sup>	7,98E+02

**Additional voluntary environmental impact indicators:**
**Tables 5 - Additional voluntary environmental impact indicators**

INDICATORS	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT	A1-A3
PM	Disease incidence	2,61E-05
IRP	kBq U235 eq. <sup>4</sup>	5,10E+00
ETP - fw	CTUe <sup>2</sup>	5,28E+02
HTP - c	CTUh <sup>2</sup>	1,24E-06
HTP - nc	CTUh <sup>2</sup>	4,82E-05
SQP	Adimensional <sup>2</sup>	5,65E+02

**Indicators describing resource use:**
**Tables 6 - Resource use**

INDICATORS	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT	A1-A3
PERE	MJ	3,17E+02
PERM	MJ	0,00E+00
PERT	MJ	3,17E+02
PENRE	MJ	3,88E+03
PENRM	MJ	0,00E+00
PENRT	MJ	3,88E+03
SM	kg	5,87E+01
RSF	MJ	1,50E+02
NRSF	MJ	2,63E+02
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	1,02E+00

<sup>3</sup> - The specific data used are declared in the designated section

<sup>4</sup> - This impact category mainly concerns the possible impact of a low dose of ionising radiation on human health from nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure, or effects related to the disposal of radioactive waste in underground facilities. This indicator also does not consider potential ionising radiation from soil, Radon or certain building materials.

**Environmental information describing waste categories:**

**Tables 7 - Waste produced**

INDICATORS	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT	A1-A3
HWD	kg	9,65E-03
NHWD	kg	9,32E-04
RWD	kg	1,36E-01

**Outflows:**

**Table 8- Outflows**

INDICATORS	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT	A1-A3
CRU	kg	0,00E+00
MFR	kg	1,12E+00
MER	kg	0,00E+00
EEE	MJ	0,00E+00
EET	MJ	0,00E+00

**Additional environmental information:**

The Table below shows the following information:

- Recycled, recovered and by-product material content
- Recycled, recovered and by-product material total content

All calculated according to the AITEC guidelines ver. 5 May 2020 – “Quantification of the content of recovered, recycled or by-product material in cement production for self-declared environmental declarations or certification by a conformity assessment body”.

Table 10 shows the origin of cement raw materials, calculated by internal method (Google Maps).

**Table 9**– Recycled, recovered and by-product material content

MATERIAL CONTENT	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT	CEM II/A-LL 52,5 R
Recycled	%	1,88
Recycled material Pre-consumer	%	1,88
Recycled material post-consumer	%	<0,01
Recovered	%	4,03
By-product	%	0,00
<b>Recycled, recovered and by-product total content</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>5,91</b>

**Table 10** – Components supply distances

PRODUCT COMPONENTS	QUANTITY COMING FROM A DISTANCE LOWER THAN 150 KM (%)	QUANTITY COMING FROM A DISTANCE LOWER THAN 160 KM (%)
Clinker	100	100
Limestone	100	100
Natural gypsum	100	100
Chemical gypsum	0	0
Chromium reducing additive	100	100
Grinding additives	92	92
<b>Total weighted average on the recipe, %</b>	<b>99,5</b>	<b>99,5</b>

## Version history:

Original version of the EPD, 2023-11-14  
 Last update of the EPD, 2025-12-12, annual update  
 Actual update of the EPD, 2026-01-26, data revision

## Abbreviations:

Tables 13. – Abbreviations, name and definition

NAME	DEFINITION
GWP	Global warming potential
GWP - biogenic	Global warming potential - biogenic
GWP - luluc	Global warming potential - land use and land use change
GWP - total	land use and land use change - total
ODP	Ozone depletion potential
AP	Acidification potential
EP - freshwater	Eutrophication potential - for freshwater compartment
EP - marine	Eutrophication potential - for marine compartment
EP - terrestrial	Eutrophication potential - for terrestrial compartment
POCP	Photochemical ozone creation potential
ADPE– materials & metals	Abiotic depletion potential
ADPF - fossil	Abiotic depletion potential - fossil
WDP	Water deprivation potential
GWP - GHG	Global warming potential- accounts for all greenhouse gases except biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> uptake and emissions and biogenic carbon stored in the product and/or the packaging.
PM	Particulate matter
IRP	Ionizing radiation potential
ETP - fw	Ecotoxicity potential- freshwater
HTP - c	Human toxicity potential- cancer
HTP - nc	Human toxicity potential- non cancer
SQP	Index of soil quality potential.
PERE	Use of primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials
PERM	Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw
PERT	Use of total use of renewable primary energy resources
PENRE	Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable
PENRM	Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw

PENRT	Use of total use of non-renewable primary energy resources
SM	Use of secondary materials
RSF	Use of renewable secondary fuels
NRSF	Use of non-renewable secondary fuels
FW	Use of fresh water (net)
HWD	Hazardous waste disposed)
NHWD	Non-hazardous waste disposed
RWD	Radioactive waste disposed
CRU	Components for re-use
MFR	Materials for recycling
MER	Materials for energy recovery
EEE	Exported energy - electrical
EET	Exported energy - thermal

NAME	DEFINITION
SVHC	Substances of Very High Concern
MJ	Megajoule
kg	Kilogram
m <sup>3</sup>	Cubic Meter
NMVOG	Non-Methane Volatile Organic Compounds
Sb eq.	Antimony Equivalents
P eq.	Phosphorus Equivalents
N eq.	Nitrogen Equivalents
CFC-11 eq.	Chlorofluorocarbon-11 Equivalents
CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	Carbon Dioxide Equivalents
kg C	Kilograms of Carbon
kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	Kilograms of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent
ND	Not Declared

## References

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