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TEST REPORT NO.: 23 – 0237

Report Date:	15th May 2023
Client:	Firecrunch Australasia Pty Ltd
Address:	Suite 19, Level 44, MLC Centre, 19 – 29 Martin Place, Sydney, NSW, 2000
Attention:	Peter Jones
By Email:	peter@firecrunch.com.au
Sample(s):	1 x K Type Board
Sampled By:	Client
Lab Number(s):	23/A/1933
Client Reference:	FIRECRUNCH K TYPE (MgSO4) magnesium oxide sulphate composite fire resistant cladding
Date Received:	11th May 2023
Analysis / Project:	*Asbestos and Chloride Analysis*

Notes:

This laboratory was not involved with, consulted, or requested to undertake sampling of the specimens provided, and testing of those test specimens has been conducted as received in the laboratory.

Accordingly, no responsibility is taken for the integrity, authenticity, appropriateness, or representativeness, of any of the test specimens provided and this must be taken into account when reviewing, comparing or checking the test results published in this report.

Unless otherwise notified, all samples will be disposed of in three months from reporting date.

Yours faithfully,

Sharp and Howells Pty. Ltd.

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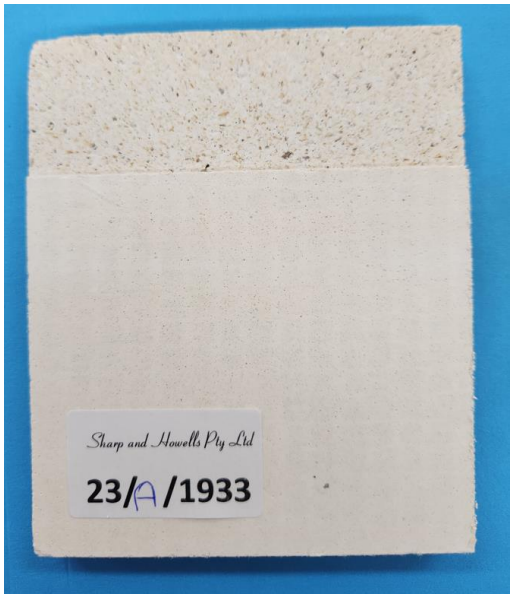
1. INTRODUCTION:

We were requested to test a sample of Magnesium Oxide Sulphate board for asbestos and chloride content.

Sample Images (As Received):



(23/A/1933)

2. TESTING METHODOLOGY:

The following analyses were performed:

Asbestos Analysis was conducted according to AS 4964 – 2004 *Methodology for the qualitative identification of asbestos in bulk samples.* See appendix for Certificate of Analysis.

Chloride Analysis was conducted by acid extraction and subsequent Volhard titration.

3. RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

Lab Number:	**23/A/1933**
Sample Marked:	FIRECRUNCH K TYPE (MgSO4) magnesium oxide sulphate composite fire resistant cladding
Sample Description:	White compacted board
Asbestos Result:	Not Detected
Chloride Content, % w/w:	0.045

Certificate of Analysis

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Attention:	Sean Caspar
Report	988891-AID
Project Name	
Received Date	May 12, 2023
Date Reported	May 12, 2023

Methodology:

Asbestos Fibre Identification	Conducted in accordance with the Australian Standard AS 4964 – 2004: Method for the Qualitative Identification of Asbestos in Bulk Samples and in-house Method LTM-ASB-8020 by polarised light microscopy (PLM) and dispersion staining (DS) techniques. *NOTE: Positive Trace Analysis results indicate the sample contains detectable respirable fibres.*
Unknown Mineral Fibres	Mineral fibres of unknown type, as determined by PLM with DS, may require another analytical technique, such as Electron Microscopy, to confirm unequivocal identity. *NOTE: While Actinolite, Anthophyllite and Tremolite asbestos may be detected by PLM with DS, due to variability in the optical properties of these materials, AS4964 requires that these are reported as UMF unless confirmed by an independent technique.*
Subsampling Soil Samples	The whole sample submitted is first dried and then passed through a 10mm sieve followed by a 2mm sieve. All fibrous matter greater than 10mm, greater than 2mm as well as the material passing through the 2mm sieve are retained and analysed for the presence of asbestos. If the sub 2mm fraction is greater than approximately 30 to 60g then a sub-sampling routine based on ISO 3082:2009(E) is employed. *NOTE: Depending on the nature and size of the soil sample, the sub-2 mm residue material may need to be sub-sampled for trace analysis, in accordance with AS 4964-2004.*
Bonded asbestos-containing material (ACM)	The material is first examined and any fibres isolated for identification by PLM and DS. Where required, interfering matrices may be removed by disintegration using a range of heat, chemical or physical treatments, possibly in combination.The resultant material is then further examined in accordance with AS 4964 - 2004. *NOTE: Even after disintegration it may be difficult to detect the presence of asbestos in some asbestos-containing bulk materials using PLM and DS. This is due to the low grade or small length or diameter of the asbestos fibres present in the material, or to the fact that very fine fibres have been distributed intimately throughout the materials. Vinyl/asbestos floor tiles, some asbestos-containing sealants and mastics, asbestos-containing epoxy resins and some ore samples are examples of these types of material, which are difficult to analyse.*
Limit of Reporting	The performance limitation of the AS 4964 (2004) method for non-homogeneous samples is around 0.1 g/kg (equivalent to 0.01% (w/w)). Where no asbestos is found by PLM and DS, including Trace Analysis, this is considered to be at the nominal reporting limit of 0.01% (w/w). The NEPM screening level of 0.001% (w/w) is intended as an on-site determination, not a laboratory Limit of Reporting (LOR), per se. Examination of a large sample size (e.g. 500 mL) may improve the likelihood of detecting asbestos, particularly AF, to aid assessment against the NEPM criteria. Gravimetric determinations to this level of accuracy are outside of AS 4964 and hence NATA Accreditation does not cover the performance of this service (non-NATA results shown with an asterisk). *NOTE: NATA News March 2014, p.7, states in relation to AS 4964: "This is a qualitative method with a nominal reporting limit of 0.01 % " and that currently in Australia "there is no validated method available for the quantification of asbestos".This report is consistent with the analytical procedures and reporting recommendations in the NEPM and the WA DoH.*

Project Name
Project ID
Date Sampled May 12, 2023
Report 988891-AID

Client Sample ID	Eurofins Sample No.	Date Sampled	Sample Description	Result
23/A/1933	23-My0030359	May 12, 2023	Approximate Sample 42g / 80 x 45 x 10mm Sample consisted of: Plasterboard-like sheet	No asbestos detected. Synthetic mineral fibres detected. Organic fibres detected. No trace asbestos detected.

Sample History

Where samples are submitted/analysed over several days, the last date of extraction is reported.

If the date and time of sampling are not provided, the Laboratory will not be responsible for compromised results should testing be performed outside the recommended holding time.

Description	Testing Site	Extracted	Holding Time
Asbestos - LTM-ASB-8020	Melbourne	May 12, 2023	Indefinite

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Project Name:

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Received: May 12, 2023 12:10 PM
Due: May 12, 2023
Priority: Same day
Contact Name: - Lab

Eurofins Analytical Services Manager : Savini Suduweli

Sample Detail						Asbestos Absence /Presence
Melbourne Laboratory - NATA # 1261 Site # 1254						X
External Laboratory						
No	**Sample ID**	**Sample Date**	**Sampling Time**	**Matrix**	**LAB ID**	
1	23/A/1933	May 12, 2023		Building Materials	M23-My0030359	X
Test Counts						1

Internal Quality Control Review and Glossary General

1. QC data may be available on request.
2. All soil results are reported on a dry basis, unless otherwise stated.
3. Samples were analysed on an 'as received' basis.
4. Information identified on this report with the colour **blue** indicates data provided by customer that may have an impact on the results.
5. This report replaces any interim results previously issued.

Holding Times

Please refer to the most recent version of the 'Sample Preservation and Container Guide' for holding times (QS3001).
If the Laboratory did not receive the information in the required timeframe, and regardless of any other integrity issues, suitably qualified results may still be reported. Holding times apply from the date of sampling, therefore compliance to these may be outside the laboratory's control.

Units

% w/w:	Percentage weight-for-weight basis, e.g. of asbestos in asbestos-containing finds in soil samples (**% w/w**)
F/fld	Airborne fibre filter loading as Fibres (**N**) per Fields counted (**n**)
F/mL	Airborne fibre reported concentration as Fibres per millilitre of air drawn over the sampler membrane (**C**)
g, kg	Mass, e.g. of whole sample (**M**) or asbestos-containing find within the sample (**m**)
g/kg	Concentration in grams per kilogram
L, mL	Volume, e.g. of air as measured in AFM (**V** = **r** x **t**)
L/min	Airborne fibre sampling Flowrate as litres per minute of air drawn over the sampler membrane (**r**)
min	Time (**t**), e.g. of air sample collection period

Calculations

Airborne Fibre Concentration: $C = \left(\frac{A}{a}\right) \times \left(\frac{N}{n}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{t}\right) = K \times \left(\frac{N}{n}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{V}\right)$

Asbestos Content (as asbestos): $\%\, w/w = \frac{(m \times P_A)}{M}$

Weighted Average (of asbestos): $\%_{WA} = \sum \frac{(m \times P_A)_x}{x}$

Terms

%asbestos	Estimated percentage of asbestos in a given matrix. May be derived from knowledge or experience of the material, informed by HSG264 *Appendix 2*, else assumed to be 15% in accordance with WA DOH *Appendix 2* (**P_A**).
ACM	Asbestos Containing Materials. Asbestos contained within a non-asbestos matrix, typically presented in bonded (non-friable) condition. For the purposes of the NEPM and WA DOH, ACM corresponds to material larger than 7 mm x 7 mm.
AF	Asbestos Fines. Asbestos contamination within a soil sample, as defined by WA DOH. Includes loose fibre bundles and small pieces of friable and non-friable material such as asbestos cement fragments mixed with soil. Considered under the NEPM as equivalent to “non-bonded / friable”.
AFM	Airborne Fibre Monitoring, e.g. by the MFM.
Amosite	Amosite Asbestos Detected. Amosite may also refer to Fibrous Grunerite or Brown Asbestos. Identified in accordance with AS 4964-2004.
AS	Australian Standard.
Asbestos Content (as asbestos)	Total % w/w asbestos content in asbestos-containing finds in a soil sample (**% w/w)**.
Chrysotile	Chrysotile Asbestos Detected. Chrysotile may also refer to Fibrous Serpentine or White Asbestos. Identified in accordance with AS 4964-2004.
COC	Chain of Custody.
Crocidolite	Crocidolite Asbestos Detected. Crocidolite may also refer to Fibrous Riebeckite or Blue Asbestos. Identified in accordance with AS 4964-2004.
Dry	Sample is dried by heating prior to analysis.
DS	Dispersion Staining. Technique required for Unequivocal Identification of asbestos fibres by PLM.
FA	Fibrous Asbestos. Asbestos containing material that is wholly or in part friable, including materials with higher asbestos content with a propensity to become friable with handling, and any material that was previously non-friable and in a severely degraded condition. For the purposes of the NEPM and WA DOH, FA generally corresponds to material larger than 7 mm x 7 mm, although FA may be more difficult to visibly distinguish and may be assessed as AF.
Fibre Count	Total of all fibres (whether asbestos or not) meeting the counting criteria set out in the NOHSC:3003
Fibre ID	Fibre Identification. Unequivocal identification of asbestos fibres according to AS 4964-2004. Includes Chrysotile, Amosite (Grunerite) or Crocidolite asbestos.
Friable	Asbestos-containing materials of any size that may be broken or crumbled by hand pressure. For the purposes of the NEPM, this includes both AF and FA. It is outside of the laboratory’s remit to assess degree of friability.
HSG248	UK HSE HSG248, *Asbestos: The Analysts Guide*, 2nd Edition (2021).
HSG264	UK HSE HSG264, *Asbestos: The Survey Guide* (2012).
ISO (also ISO/IEC)	International Organization for Standardization / International Electrotechnical Commission.
K Factor	Microscope constant (**K**) as derived from the effective filter area of the given AFM membrane used for collecting the sample (**A**) and the projected eyepiece graticule area of the specific microscope used for the analysis (**a**).
LOR	Limit of Reporting.
MFM (also NOHSC:3003)	Membrane Filter Method. As described by the Australian Government National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, *Guidance Note on the Membrane Filter Method for Estimating Airborne Asbestos Fibres*, 2nd Edition [NOHSC:3003(2005)].
NEPM (also ASC NEPM)	National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure, (2013, as amended).
Organic	Organic Fibres Detected. Organic may refer to Natural or Man-Made Polymeric Fibres. Identified in accordance with AS 4964-2004.
PCM	Phase Contrast Microscopy. As used for Fibre Counting according to the MFM.
PLM	Polarised Light Microscopy. As used for Fibre Identification and Trace Analysis according to AS 4964-2004.
Sampling	Unless otherwise stated Eurofins are not responsible for sampling equipment or the sampling process.
SMF	Synthetic Mineral Fibre Detected. SMF may also refer to Man Made Vitreous Fibres. Identified in accordance with AS 4964-2004.
SRA	Sample Receipt Advice.
Trace Analysis	Analytical procedure used to detect the presence of respirable fibres (particularly asbestos) in a given sample matrix.
UK HSE HSG	United Kingdom, Health and Safety Executive, Health and Safety Guidance, publication.
UMF	Unidentified Mineral Fibre Detected. Fibrous minerals that are detected but have not been unequivocally identified by PLM with DS according the AS 4964-2004. May include (but not limited to) Actinolite, Anthophyllite or Tremolite asbestos.
WA DOH	Reference document for the NEPM. Government of Western Australia, *Guidelines for the Assessment, Remediation and Management of Asbestos-Contaminated Sites in Western Australia* (updated 2021), including Appendix Four: *Laboratory analysis*
Weighted Average	Combined average % w/w asbestos content of all asbestos-containing finds in the given aliquot or total soil sample (**$\%_{WA}$**).

Comments

Sample Integrity

Custody Seals Intact (if used)	N/A
Attempt to Chill was evident	N/A
Sample correctly preserved	Yes
Appropriate sample containers have been used	Yes
Sample containers for volatile analysis received with minimal headspace	Yes
Samples received within HoldingTime	Yes
Some samples have been subcontracted	No

Asbestos Counter/Identifier:

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Authorised by:

Zoe Burke	Senior Analyst-Asbestos

Glenn Jackson
General Manager

Final Report – this report replaces any previously issued Report

- Indicates Not Requested

* Indicates NATA accreditation does not cover the performance of this service

Measurement uncertainty of test data is available on request or please click here.