NEWPARK DRILLING FLUIDS

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

1.1 Product identifier

Product name **POTASSIUM CHLORIDE**

Synonym(s) KCL • MURIATE OF POTASH • POTASH • SYLVITE

1.2 Uses and uses advised against

Use(s) DRILLING FLUID ADDITIVE • FERTILISER • INHIBITOR

1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

Supplier name **NEWPARK DRILLING FLUIDS (AUSTRALIA) LTD**

Address 11 Alacrity Place, Henderson, WA, 6166, AUSTRALIA

Telephone +61 8 9410 8200

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Website www.newpark.com

1.4 Emergency telephone number(s)

Emergency 1800 127 406 (Australia); +64 3 3530199 (International)

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN WHS REGULATIONS

2.2 Label elements

No signal word, pictograms, hazard or precautionary statements have been allocated.

2.3 Other hazards

No information provided.

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content
POTASSIUM CHLORIDE	7447-40-7	231-211-8	>97%

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eye If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.

Inhalation If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.

Skin If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

Ingestion For advice, contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting.

First aid facilities No information provided.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
Adverse effects not expected from this product under normal conditions of use.

4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media
Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Non flammable. May evolve toxic gases (potassium oxides, chlorides) when heated to decomposition.

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Evacuate area and contact emergency services. Toxic gases may be evolved in a fire situation. Remain upwind and notify those downwind of hazard. Wear full protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) when combating fire. Use waterfog to cool intact containers and nearby storage areas.

5.4 Hazchem code
None allocated.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS.

6.2 Environmental precautions
Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

6.3 Methods of cleaning up
Contain spillage, then collect and place in suitable containers for disposal. Avoid generating dust.

6.4 Reference to other sections
See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling
Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from incompatible substances and foodstuffs. Ensure containers are adequately labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use.

7.3 Specific end use(s)
No information provided.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters
Exposure standards

No exposure standards have been entered for this product.

Biological limits

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

8.2 Exposure controls
Engineering controls Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended.

PPE

Eye / Face	At high dust levels, wear dust-proof goggles.
Hands	With prolonged use, wear PVC or rubber or cotton gloves.
Body	With prolonged use, wear coveralls.
Respiratory	At high dust levels, wear a Class P1 (Particulate) respirator.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	WHITE SOLID
Odour	ODOURLESS
Flammability	NON FLAMMABLE
Flash point	NOT RELEVANT
Boiling point	1413°C
Melting point	773°C
Evaporation rate	NOT AVAILABLE
pH	NOT AVAILABLE
Vapour density	NOT AVAILABLE
Specific gravity	2.0
Solubility (water)	340 g/L @ 20°C
Vapour pressure	NOT AVAILABLE
Upper explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Lower explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Partition coefficient	NOT AVAILABLE
Autoignition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Decomposition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Viscosity	NOT AVAILABLE
Explosive properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Oxidising properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Odour threshold	NOT AVAILABLE

9.2 Other information

% Volatiles	NOT AVAILABLE

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Polymerization will not occur.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Incompatible (potentially explosive) with oxidising agents (e.g. hypochlorites).

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

May evolve toxic gases (potassium oxides, chlorides) when heated to decomposition.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity May be harmful if swallowed. Oral Toxicity: An oral LD50 in rats of 2600 mg/kg was reported for potassium chloride. Additional toxicity data for potassium chloride:
LD50 (Intraperitoneal): 620 mg/kg (mouse)
LD50 (Intravenous): 117 mg/kg (mouse)
LDLo (Ingestion): 20 mg/kg (man)

LDLo (Intraperitoneal): 900 mg/kg (guinea pig)
LDLo (Intravenous): 77 mg/kg (guinea pig)
LDLo (Subcutaneous): 2120 mg/kg (frog)
TDLo (Ingestion): 60 mg/kg/days (woman)

Skin	Not classified as a skin irritant. Contact may result in mild irritation and rash.
Eye	Not classified as an eye irritant. Contact may cause mild irritation and lacrimation.
Sensitization	This product is not known to be a skin or respiratory sensitiser.
Mutagenicity	No evidence of mutagenic effects.
Carcinogenicity	No evidence of carcinogenic effects.
Reproductive	No evidence of reproductive effects.
STOT – single exposure	Acute potassium poisoning via ingestion is rare as a large single dose usually induces vomiting, and potassium is rapidly excreted by the body, however this product does have the potential to cause cardiovascular disorders.
STOT – repeated exposure	Not classified as causing organ effects from repeated exposure.
Aspiration	Not relevant.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity

In short-term acute toxicity tests with fish, daphnia and algae the following results were found (lowest test result values): Ictalurus punctulus 48h-LC50 = 720 mg/l; Daphnia magna: 48h-LC50 = 177 mg/l; Nitzschia linearis: 120 h-EC50 = 1337 mg/l. A chronic reproductive test with the invertebrate Daphnia magna gave a LOEC of 101 mg/l. All the studies compiled on the acute and chronic aquatic toxicity were > 100 mg/L. Thus it is concluded that KCl is not hazardous to freshwater organisms. Taking into considerations the background concentrations of KCl in seawater (380 mg/l K+ and 19,000 mg/l Cl-), it is concluded that there is no reason for further investigations of KCl on marine species. The low concern for the environment is supported by the absence of a bioaccumulation potential for the substance.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability does not pertain to inorganic substances.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Does not bioaccumulate.

12.4 Mobility in soil

No impact if small amount is released to the soil.

12.5 Other adverse effects

No information provided.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Waste disposal	Collect and place in sealable containers and dispose of to an approved landfill site. Contact the manufacturer/supplier for additional information (if required).
Legislation	Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE, IMDG OR IATA

	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
14.1 UN Number	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
14.3 Transport hazard class	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
14.4 Packing Group	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated

14.5 Environmental hazards No information provided

14.6 Special precautions for user

Hazchem code None Allocated

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Poison schedule A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

Classifications Safework Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

The classifications and phrases listed below are based on the Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC: 1008(2004)].

Hazard codes None allocated.

Risk phrases None allocated.

Safety phrases None allocated.

Inventory listing(s) **AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)**
All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional information

RESPIRATORS: In general the use of respirators should be limited and engineering controls employed to avoid exposure. If respiratory equipment must be worn ensure correct respirator selection and training is undertaken. Remember that some respirators may be extremely uncomfortable when used for long periods. The use of air powered or air supplied respirators should be considered where prolonged or repeated use is necessary.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:
The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:
It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a ChemAlert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

Abbreviations

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
EMS	Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
GTEPG	Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m³	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

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