Material Safety Data Sheet

ZIRCON SAND PRODUCTS

ILUKA

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Identification

Product Names : Florida Zircon Premium Grade
: Virginia Zircon Premium Grade
: Eneabba Zircon Premium Grade
: Eneabba Zircon Standard Grade
: Eneabba Zircon Coarse Grade

Other Names : Zirconium Silicate, Zircon Sand
Chemical Formula : $ZrSiO_4$

Company Identification

Company	: **ILUKA Resources Inc.**	
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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients (typical)	CAS Number	Weight %
Zircon	14940-68-2	98 - 99%
Monazite		Approx 0.02%
Kyanite	1302-76-7	0.1 – 1.5%
Quartz	14808-60-7	0.05 - 0.5%
Titanium Minerals		0.1 – 0.3%

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Not classified as hazardous according to US Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists.

Potential Health Effects

Acute

Swallowed	Non-toxic. There are no known hazards resulting from accidental ingestion of Zircon Sand as may occur during normal handling. Swallowing a large amount may result in irritation to the digestive system due to abrasiveness
Eye	The zircon grains and dust can be moderately irritating due to abrasiveness
Skin	Low hazard.
Inhaled	The normal grain size of the product precludes it from being an inhalation hazard, however handling can cause grains to fracture so producing dust. This is normally regarded as general nuisance dust, but can be irritating if inhaled at high concentration. May cause symptoms such as coughing or sneezing.

Chronic

Silica — Crystalline silica is a known cause of lung fibrosis (silicosis). It has also has been classified as a human carcinogen. (International Agency For Research on Cancer). Zircon Sand contains a small amount of free quartz, (up to 0.5 %) and precautions should be taken to avoid inhaling the dust.

Radiation — In common with many minerals, Zircon Sand contains very low levels of naturally occurring radioactive elements of the uranium and thorium series. The main radiological hazard from the product is internal exposure from small amounts of alpha particles given off by inhaled dust. Low level gamma radiation from bulk or bagged stockpiles of Zircon Sand may present a lesser, external hazard. Iluka Zircon Sand is exempt from NRC regulations for source material per 10 CFR 40, since it falls under the definition of unprocessed material containing less than 0.05 % uranium and thorium.

Carcinogenic Information

The following components are listed by the IARC, NTP, OSHA and ACGIH as carcinogens. A "P" indicates a proposed carcinogen.

Material	IARC	NTP	OSHA	ACGIH
Quartz	x	x	-	-

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Swallowed — First aid is unlikely to be required, but if necessary wash mouth out with water ensuring the mouthwash is not swallowed. Seek medical attention as a precaution if discomfort occurs.

Eye — Hold eyelid open and flush with plenty of clean water. Continue for at least 15 minutes or until grit is removed. Seek medical attention if soreness or irritation persists.

Skin — Gently remove contaminated clothing to avoid generating dust. Wash material from the skin. If repeated contact results in skin irritation, seek medical advice. Launder clothing before re-use.

Inhaled — Move to fresh air. Blow nose to remove particulates from nasal passages. If any adverse reaction develops, seek medical attention.

First Aid Facilities — Eye wash facilities.

Advice to Physician — Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flashpoint : Not applicable

Flammability Limits : Not applicable

General Hazard : This product is not flammable and does not support combustion.

Extinguishing Media : Use media suitable for the material that is burning.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Spills and Disposal — Wear safety equipment as for normal handling. Avoid generating dust. Vacuum up if possible, otherwise sweep up and re-cycle. If the spilled product is not suitable for re-use, damp down, collect and where possible return to manufacturer for re-processing. Otherwise dispose of to an approved landfill site and cover with clean fill in accordance with State/Local Council regulations.

7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

Handling (Personnel)

Avoid breathing dust. Wash thoroughly after handling.

If handling respirable flour it is advisable to use gloves and wash hands before eating, drinking or smoking to minimise inhalation or ingestion from hands.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONEL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls

Ventilation requirements will depend on handling methods and the amount in use, but should be sufficient to maintain dust levels below exposure limits. Indoor points of dust generation such as conveyor and hopper discharges should be equipped with an effective extraction system.

If using Iluka Zircon Sand as an abrasive blast agent in confined areas, airborne dust should be controlled by a physical enclosure in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.94 Ventilation (a) Abrasive Blasting.

Personal Protection

Safety glasses with side shields or goggles. If risk of inhaling dust is present wear, at minimum, a dust mask (disposable or cartridge type).

OSHA (29 CFR 1910.94) requires a continuous flow air-line supplied respirator with hood for protection in abrasive blasting operations.

Exposure Standards ([1] TLV, Occupational)

Inhalable general nuisance dust:
TWA – 10mg/m^3 (ACGIH)

Respirable quartz dust:
TWA – 0.1mg/m^3 (ACGIH)

[1] TLV (Threshold Limit Value) is the exposure standard term used by American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)

Radiation Exposure [2]

Occupational exposure should be as low as reasonably achievable, (ALARA principle), but should not exceed a total of 100 milli-seiverts over five consecutive years. (ICRP).

[2] Recommendation of the International Commission on Radiological Protection, ICRP Publication 60, Annals of the ICRP Vol 21, No 1– 3 1991

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (Form)	: Off white to brownish free running sand, odorless and tasteless
Melting Point	: 2100 to 2300^0 C (3810 to 4170 F)
Vapour Pressure	: Not volatile
Evaporation Rate	: Not volatile
Specific Gravity	: 4.6 - 4.8
Solubility in Water	: Insoluble
pH	: 5 – 7.5
Bulk Density	: 2700 - 2950 kg/m^3
Grain size (AFS No)	: 75-140

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: Inert
Chemical Stability	: Stable
Incompatibilities	: None in normal or expected use.
Decomposition	: Decomposition will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No toxicological information available.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

The material is unlikely to cause any environmental damage. It is insoluble in water and is unlikely to contaminate waterways or food chains.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal must be in accordance with Federal, State and Local Council regulations. If approved, may be transferred to an approved landfill site.

Note: Many states are developing new regulations for the disposal of waste containing Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM) or Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (TENORM) above background levels. Consult and comply with current regulations.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

May be transported normally as a non-hazardous material.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA Inventory Status : Reported/Included

TITLE III HAZARD CLASSIFICATIONS SECTIONS 311, 312

Acute	: No
Chronic	: Yes
Fire	: No
Reactivity	: No
Pressure	: No

LISTS:

SARA Extremely Hazardous Substance	: No
CERCLA Hazardous Material	: No
SARA Toxic Chemical	: No

16. OTHER INFORMATION

For further information see Iluka Zircon Product Specification Sheets.

Note: This product contains small quantities of quartz and radionuclides, both known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Preparation Information

This MSDS has been prepared by Iluka Resources Inc., Safety Health and Environment Department.

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