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# **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

# 1.1. The DAPHabitat System

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# **1.2. EPD OWNER**

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Information concerning the	Certification scope: Design, production and marketing of ceramic tiles						
applicable management Systems:	NP EN ISO 9001:2015 - Environmental Management Systems- Certifying entity APCER, Certificate of conformity number 2005/AMB.0244						
	NP EN ISO 14001:2015 - Quality Management - Certifying entity APCER, Certificate of conformity number 2000/CEP.1049						
	EMAS III - Eco-Management and Audit Scheme - Certifying entity APCER, Register number PT- 000051						
Specific aspects regarding the production:	CAE <sub>Rev.3</sub> n.º23312 - Manufacture of tiles, mosaics and ceramic tiles						
Organization's environmental policy:	Gres Panaria Portugal S.A., aware of its environmental and social responsibilities, is committed to the principles of strategic orientation that are crucial for the continuous improvement of the Integrated Management System, as well as the sustainable development of the business and the return on invested capital. Thus, the management of Gres Panaria Portugal assumes the following						



<ul> <li>Satisfaction of customers and other stakeholders, seeking the internationalization of its brands and products in the various markets;</li> <li>Innovation and product development, anticipating the expectations of its customers and ensuring the sustainability of its products throughout their life cycle;</li> <li>Implementation of a culture of operational excellence that maximizes the efficiency of processes;</li> <li>Involvement and motivation of its employees as they are a decisive asset for the success of the company;</li> <li>Protection of the environment, including the prevention of pollution, contributing to the minimization of environmental impacts and opting whenever possible and economically viable for the best available technologies, to improve environmental performance;</li> <li>Prevention and minimization of risk to the health and safety of employees to contribute to their integrity and quality of life;</li> <li>Compliance with applicable compliance obligations, inherent to its activities, products and services;</li> </ul>
It thus undertakes to implement, document, communicate, review and disclose this Sustainability Policy, as well as the other strategic assumptions, to all employees and other stakeholders from a perspective of organizational transparency, seeking to involve employees, customers, suppliers, the local community and society in general in its Management System.

### THE STORY OF PANARIAGROUP

Ceramica Panaria began as an industrial company in 1973, with the purchase of the land that now houses the Finale Emilia production facilities (province of Modena).

In 1976 the company was founded, and the first two production lines were installed and tested, and in December, the first tiles were produced. Total production capacity was reached in 1977. In the late eighties, the old kilns were replaced with single-layer roller kilns, which were more efficient and had greater productivity. At the same time, the presses were renewed, with more powerful machines capable of faster production cycles.

In 1990 Panariagroup upgraded its production from red single firing to white single firing production using mixtures of the finest clays.

In 1992 the ceramics firm Lea based in Fiorano Modenese was acquired, consisting of two kilns, one for flooring and one for wallcladding.

In 1993 the Cotto d'Este brand was launched, a company marketing product of the very highest quality, employing production methods with the very best technical and aesthetic characteristics. Initially, the products were white body single-fired, and subsequently they were also made in Porcelain Stoneware.

In 1995 work began on constructing a new production site in Fora di Cavola, in the municipality of Toano (province of Reggio Emilia), for the production of Porcelain Stoneware. Initially, two kilns were put into operation. Later (in 1999) this number would rise to three, with an atomizer and a continuous mill to grind raw materials.

In 1996 the Fiordo brand was born, a company marketing product made exclusively of Porcelain Stoneware.

In 2000, with the construction of new installations for the third atomizer and a continuous grinding mill, as well as the installation of new kilns, the production of Porcelain Stoneware also began at the Finale Emilia plant.

In 2002 the Panaria group was expanded, incorporating the Company Maronagrés, a leading Portuguese ceramics manufacturing company, the leader in the production of technical porcelain stoneware.

In 2004 Panaria Industrie Ceramiche S.p.A. changed its company name, maintaining its registered office, to Panariagroup Industrie Ceramiche S.p.A. incorporating the Cotto d'Este Companies - Antica Ceramica d'Arte S.p.A., Fiordo Industrie Ceramiche S.p.A., Ceramiche Artistiche Lea S.p.A. and GMG S.r.l. which maintained their administrative offices.

2004 is the year in which Panariagroup decided to go public, and on 19 November 2004, the Group was listed in the Star segment of the Italian Stock Exchange.

In December 2005, Panariagroup acquired 100% of Novagrès S.A., a leading Portuguese company in producing and distributing ceramic material for floors and walls.

In February 2006, Panariagroup acquired the brand and the main assets of Florida Tile Industries Inc., a well-known US company specializing in producing and distributing ceramic material for floors and walls in the US market.

In October 2007, Panariagroup acquired the company Montanari S.r.l., a retail outlet for ceramic materials and complementary products based in Crespellano (BO).

In November 2008, an important restructuring phase began at the Fiorano plant, which involved installing a production line for a technologically innovative product called "Laminated Porcelain Stoneware" consisting of slabs measuring 1000x3000 mm and with a thickness of 3 mm. The project involved the total replacement of a production line (the first installed at the plant) consisting of machines used to produce glazed porcelain tiles.

In May 2010, a new division was created within the Group called Panariagroup Trade, which deals with business development in the Middle East, Far East, and Oceania regions, marketing the products of the Panaria, Cotto d'Este, Lea and Fiordo brands.

In May 2012, a Joint Venture Company (JVC) was set up in Ahmedabad, in the Indian state of Gujarat, a company 50% owned by Panariagroup and 50% by Asian Granito India Ltd. The JVC products are sold on the Indian market with the new "Bellissimo - STILE ITALIANO" brand owned by Panariagroup.

In May 2012, Emilia Centrale was hit by violent earthquakes with peaks on the 20th and 29th with a magnitude 5.9 and 5.8 respectively on the Richter scale, the first with its epicentre in Finale Emilia; the Panariagroup No.1 production site suffered significant damage some production lines and buildings. Immediate reparation works were organized, and after only three months, the plants returned to full production.

In January 2016, the installation of the third complete line for the production of Laminated Porcelain Stoneware was completed at the Fiorano plant.

Panariagroup currently has a structure that includes 6 production plants (3 in Italy, 2 in Portugal, 1 in the United States) and 3 logistics hubs (2 in Italy and 1 in the United States). Specialised in the production of porcelain and laminated porcelain stoneware, the Group has focused on the high-end and luxury segments of the market that it caters for by means of brands like: Panaria Ceramica, Lea Ceramiche, Cotto d'Este, Blustyle, Florida Tile, Margres, Love Tiles and Bellissimo (see figure 1.1).



#### Figure 1.1- Panariagroup brands

The group employs around 1600 people and produces about 20 million m<sup>2</sup> of tiles each year (see figure 1.2).

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Figure 1.2- Panariagroup around the world

# LOVE TILES BRAND STORY

The Love Tiles brand was created in May 2008, replacing the Novagres brand. This new project, linked to an emotional marketing concept, intended to follow up on a communication and marketing policy that started two years earlier. The bet was to connect people affectionately to a way of being and feeling each space of their home, provided through elegant, exclusive and unrepeatable environments.

In 1990 Novagrés - Indústria de Cerâmica, S.A., started its activity so its history is recent. It started with the production of white glazed porcelain floors, and, in 1996, it also started producing single fired wall tiles (monoporous) coverings.

In March 1998, it launched an innovative product characterized by the large dimensions presented, the straightening of edges and the quality in the definition of the design, thus consolidating a prominent place in the high-end market.

On November 30, 2005, Novagrés, S.A. was acquired by Panariagroup Industrie Ceramiche S.P.A. The Panaria Group is among the main Italian producers of ceramic flooring and cladding material.

On December 29, 2006, Novagrés Indústria de Cerâmica S.A. merges with Maronagrés Comércio e Indústria de Cerâmica, S.A., changing its corporate name to Gres Panaria Portugal, S.A.. currently has the trademarks Love Tiles and Margres.

### **AVEIRO PRODUCTION UNIT**

The production site of the Panaria Group in Aveiro is in the Industrial Zone of Aveiro, the municipality of Aveiro in a global area around 141000 m2.

The daily production of natural and rectified monoporous coverings and natural and rectified glazed porcelain flooring with formats ranging from 15x75 to 45x120 cm is around  $13\ 000\ m^2$  / day, with a team of 380 employees.

Figure 1.3 presents the general view of the raw materials preparation unit.

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Figure 1.3 - General view of preparation unit

# 1.3. Information concerning the EPD

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Representativity of the EPD (location, manufacturer, group of manufacturers):	DAP of GLAZED PORCELAIN tiles, produced at the Aveiro-Portugal production unit, owned by Gres Panaria Portugal, S.A. The Panaria Group unit in Aveiro is dedicated to the production of ceramic floors in white or coloured porcelain, glazed (single-fired) and single fired wall tiles coatings, mainly used for floors and wall coverings. The products are distributed by the commercial divisions of the group's brands: - MARGRES - PANARIA CERAMICA - BLUSTYLE - LOVE TILES - COTTO D'ESTE - FLORIDA TILE - LEA CERAMICHE - PANARIA GEROUP
Where to consult explanatory material:	www.grespanaria.pt
Type of EPD:	DAP - Cradle to Grave (A1-D)

# 1.4. Demonstration of the verification

External independent verification, accordingly with the sta	undard ISO 14025:2009 and EN 15804:2012+A1:2013
Certification Body	Verifier (s)
(CERTIF – Associação para a Certificação)	(Ricardo Mateus)

# 1.5. EPD Registration

Program Operator 12inA er an (Plataforma para a Construção Sustentável)

# **1.6. PCR of reference**

Name:	<ol> <li>PCR: Basic module for construction products and services</li> <li>PCR: Floor covering</li> <li>PCR: Wall covering</li> <li>EN 17160: 2019 - Product category rules for ceramic tiles</li> </ol>
Issue date:	<ol> <li>November 2020</li> <li>November 2020</li> <li>November 2020</li> <li>November 2020</li> <li>27-Feb-2019, entry into force 15-Apr-2019</li> </ol>
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Consultation period:	1. 18/11/2015 - 18/01/2016 2. 12/08/2013 - 30/11/2013 3. 01/08/2013 - 30/11/2013
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# **1.7.** Information concerning the product/product class

Identification of the product:	Glazed porcelain tiles									
Illustration of the product:	Glazed porcelain tiles serie WOODEN DARK BEIGE									
	Glazed porcelain tiles, serie WOODEN DARK BEIGE									
Brief description of the product:	At its plants, Gres Panaria Portugal produces ceramic porcelain white body tiles. In particular, the porcelain white body denomination refers to a compact, dry-pressed ceramic product characterized by excellent technical specifications (high mechanical strength and resistance to wear, chemicals and stains) and low porosity (Due to these characteristics, the product, during the firing stage (at a temperature of over 1,200° C), reaches complete vitrification, acquiring low water absorption properties and consequently frost resistance, making it suitable for outdoor installation.									
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	The Panariagroup products manufactured at Aveiro have achieved the following product certifications for Quality (QB-UPEC, CERTIF), Environment (GreenGuard) and Safety (CE, CCC).				
	The Quality/Environment and Safety Integrated Management System of this production site are certified according to ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015 and EMAS.				
Description of the products application:	Glazed Porcelain Tiles intended to be applied to both floor and wall claddings and to be installed both indoor and outdoor for residential, non-residential and commercial use.				
	Porcelain tiles for the following applications:				
	Floor covering				
	Wall covering				
	Indoor covering				
	Outdoor covering				
	Areas and residential buildings				
	Areas and public buildings     Areas and industrial buildings				
Reference service life:	The service life of the tiles is generally more than 50 years (CEN, 2012). In addition, according to the US Green Building Council, the service life of the tiles could have the same service life as the building itself. Therefore, 50 years can be considered as the realistic service life for the tiles.				
Placing on the market / Rules of application in	EN 14411:2012 - Ceramic tiles - Definitions, classification, characteristics, evaluation of conformity and marking.				
the market / Technical	EN ISO 10545 – Ceramic wall and floor (several parts)				
rules of the product:	DIN 51130:2014 - Slip resistance test for flooring				
	DIN 51097:2016 - Ramp testing				
	BS 7976-1:2002+A1:2013 - Pendulum testers Specification				
	Regulation (UE) n.º 305/2011 from the European Parliament and of the Council, of 9 March 2011, laying down harmonized conditions for the marketing of construction products and repealing Council Directive 89/106/EEC				
Quality control:	According to the product technical standards, CERTIF and NF-UPEC.				
Special delivery conditions:	Not applicable.				
Components and	Not applicable.				
substances to declare:					
History of the LCA					
studies:					

The ceramic tile is subjected to a series of tests to determine the main technical characteristics of the product in conformity with the applicable standards (see figure 1.4 as an example of compressive strength).



Figure 1.4 - Compressive strength

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Declared unit:							
Functional unit:	1 m <sup>2</sup> of glazed porcelain tiles for wall and floor cov 50-year reference life	vering (average) for flo	oor and wall cladding, and a				
	Name	Value	Unit of measure				
	Unit of measurement	1	m²				
	Weight	21,75	kg/m <sup>2</sup>				
	Conversion factor to 1 kg	0,0460	-				
System boundaries:	EPD from cradle to grave						
Criteria for the exclusion:	According to paragraph 6.3.5 of EN 15804, the exc total energy consumed and 1% of the total mass exceed 5% of energy and mass flows excluded in t	clusion criterion for un of the inputs, paying he product step.	itary processes is 1% of the particular attention not to				
	The following cases were not considered in this stu	udy, as they may fall u	nder the exclusion criteria:				
	<ul> <li>Environmental loads associated with t the manufacture of machinery and equ</li> <li>Environmental loads relating to infr maintenance) for the transport of pre- Long term emissions.</li> <li>All flows in known inputs and outputs were considered</li> </ul>	he construction of ind ipment; rastructure (vehicle ; products; lered.	dustrial infrastructures and and road production and				
Assumption and limitations:	For processes over which producers have no influence or specific information, such as the extraction of raw materials, generic data from the Ecoinvent v3.3 databases were used.						
	The dataset used to model electricity production, and natural gas was adapted to the Portuguese context. The electric mix was updated for the year 2018 through information from the National Energy Networks (REN), the Energy Services Regulatory Authority (ERSE) and the General Board of Energy and Geology (DGEG) to obtain more updated results regarding the environmental impacts generated by the electricity grid in Portugal. According to the information provided by the DGEG Energy Report in Portugal (2018), the natural gas process was modelled regarding the countries where the importation comes from.						
	products fabricated in 2018, based on the production of the Aveiro industrial plant.						
	The modules from A5 to C4 are scenarios based on average data, included in the PCR created by the European Federation of ceramic tile manufacturers /CET PCR 2014/ and subsequently implemented in the EN 17160 - Product category rules for ceramic tiles.						
Quality and other characteristics about the information used in the LCA:	The production data collected correspond to the year 2018 and are in accordance with reality. The generic data used belong to the Ecoinvent database v3.3 and comply with quality criteria (age, geographical and technological, coverage, plausibility, etc.) of generic data.						
	The validity period of the background data from the Most of the information (energy and water co powders and ceramic production) are measured declared in the EMAS Report and in the Sustainal each plant involved in this study. Carbon dioxide collected through the ETS (Emissions Trading Sche	e Ecoinvent database onsumption, emissior or calculated directly bility Report, which is e emissions (related to eme) declaration.	is between 2013 and 2018. Is of pollutants, atomized at the company level and specific and is checked for o carbonate oxidation) are				
	Detailed data was obtained not only for mixtures o the company) but also for dyes, frits and other rav	f raw materials (collec v materials for glaze p	ted with primary data from roduction.				
	The overall quality of the data can be considered of	optimal.	_				
Allocation rules:	The consumption of energy and materials has bee the mass of ceramic tiles produced annually. No subsequent to the production phase. Some ceram recovery of packaging materials and end of life of	en allocated to the pro further allocations we lic waste is recycled in the product have bee	oduct in question based on ere applied in the modules ternally. Credits for energy n considered.				
Comparability of EPD for construction products:	EPD for construction products and services may following EN 15804 and EN 15942 and and under of	y not be comparable comparable	if they are not produced ons defined by ISO 14025.				
-	For each Gres Panaria ceramic product, manual environmental impacts can be determined by mu factors.	factured in the Love ultiplying the results o	Tiles Industrial Unit, the of this study by mass scale				

# 2. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF THE PRODUCT

# 2.1. Calculation rules of the LCA

# 2.1.1. Flow diagram of input and output of the processes

The production process of the ceramic tile covered by this EPD is shown below and described.



Figure 2.1- Production process of the ceramic tile covered by this EPD

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The production process illustrated in the flowchart (figure 2.1) is divided into a series of operations and activities that are carried out consecutively. The individual phases of the production cycle are generally associated with a specific department, appropriately identified within the plant.





Figure 2.2- Raw materials preparation

Figure 2.3- Raw materials

#### **Reception of raw materials:**

Love Tiles produces porous tiles and porcelain white body flooring. The raw materials used in the process are natural inorganic materials such as clays, calcite and feldspars, sands and talc. The raw materials are stored in separate bins, are placed by means of a loader in load hoppers and are distributed separately by storage silos with weighing systems.

#### Paste preparation:

In discontinuous mills, the grinding of the hard materials is performed by wet-milled. The clays are diluted in turbodiluters. After grinding, the contents of the mills are added to the clays diluted in the turbodiluter, and the paste obtained is discharged into slip tanks, undergoing the first sieving, filtering, and is subjected to the action of agitators to be homogenized and kept in suspension. The slip is then transferred to the atomizer feed tank, being sieved again, now in a finer mesh.

#### Atomization:

Pulp atomization is carried out in an atomizer that is powered by high-pressure hydraulic pumps. The hot gas generator for drying is powered by natural gas. The atomized powder has about 5 to 6,5% moisture and is stored in silos that feed the production lines. There is a dry staining system that allows the production of coloured pasta.

#### Forming/pressing:

The pressing is carried out in large capacity hydraulic presses. After pressing, an operation in which the piece acquires its shape and part of the mechanical and surface characteristics, the material is transported to a dryer where the drying operation is carried out, which consists of removing almost all the moisture still existing in the atomized powder, thus giving the pieces the remaining mechanical characteristics that will allow their transport and processing in the glazing and decoration line.

#### Glazing / Decoration:

The company has a section for prepararing of glasses and ceramic paints that aims to obtain suspensions of paints and glasses that allow its application in glazing and decoration. Love Tiles has associated with each press, a line of glazing and decoration. Glazing and decoration are done by applying glaze by airbrush and glass curtain or using the screen printing or digital printing method. Love Tiles prepares serigraphic frames and scrolls used in flat and rotary screen printing. There are also several digital printers installed that allow digital printing on ceramic pieces. After this phase, the pieces go to the intermediate park until they are unloaded into one of the 4 existing roller ovens.

#### Firing:

Firing takes place in roller kilns fed with natural gas. The firing process is completely controlled, mainly in temperature and cycles, depending on the dimensions and technical characteristics of the final product. After leaving the kiln, the material is transported in boxes, where it awaits the next operation.

#### **Cutting and Grinding:**

Part of the product after the firing phase is sent to the cutting and rectifying section, where it is rectified and cut.

#### Choice and Packaging:

The choice of the final product is made piece by piece and focuses on two types of visual defects, detected by the operators and the dimensional defects, gauges and flatness, detected by automatic equipment installed in the lines of choice and packaging. This is followed by the automatic packaging operation in cardboard boxes and the subsequent placement of the boxes on wooden pallets using palletizers.

#### **Final inspections:**

The Final Inspection performs an inspection of the packaged product to detect any error in the choice of material.

#### Warehousing and Shipping:

The final product is stored in a final product park waiting for the order to be sent to the customer.





Figure 2.4- Ceramic tile testing

Figure 2.5- Glazing applications

### **BASE MATERIALS / ANCILLARY MATERIALS**

The ceramic tile is mainly composed of ceramic raw materials and also glaze materials. The main raw materials for ceramic tile are clay (20-40%), Kaolin (0-12%), feldspar (20-40%), sand (0-30%) and pigments (0-4%). The main glaze components are clay powder; quartz; alumina; pigments; frits, and feldspars. The main auxiliary additives consist of dispersant, binder and fluidifying agents.

### INSTALLATION/LAYING

The tiles are fixed to the surfaces of walls and floors using specific materials and in different quantities, for example, dispersion adhesives, cementitious adhesives and mortar, sealants or applied liquid membranes. No emissions are generated during installation, and ceramic tile installations do not cause health or environmental hazards.

# 2.1.2. Description of the system boundaries

### (✓= included; **×**= module not declared)

Pro	PRODUCT STAGE		CONSTR PROCES	UCTION S STAGE		USE STAGE					END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY	
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation process	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-constructions, demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Re-use, recovery, recycling potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	С3	C4	D
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

The entire life cycle of the product (type of EPD: « cradle-to-grave ») and the Modules described below are considered:

Modules **A1-A3** include those processes that provide energy and material input for the system (A1), transport up to the factory gate of the plant (A2), manufacturing processes as well as waste processing (A3).

Module **A4** includes the transport from the production site to the customer or to the point of installation of the tiles. Three scenarios were considered: 300 km, 1350 km and 6520 km according to EN 17160.

Module **A5** considers all tile installation steps (like adhesives consumption) also packaging waste processing (recycling, incineration, disposal). Credits from energy substitution are declared in module D.

Module **B1** considers the use of tiles. During the use of ceramic tiles, no hazardous indoor emissions are expected to occur.

Module **B2** includes the cleaning of the tiles. Provision of water, cleaning agent for the cleaning of the tiles, incl. wastewater treatment are considered.

Modules **B3-B4-B5** are related to the repair, replacement and refurbishment of the tiles. If the tiles are properly

installed, no repair, replacement or refurbishment processes are necessary. For this reason, Modules B3-B4-B5 are not considered.

Modules **B6-B7** consider energy use for operating buildingintegrated technical systems (B6) and operational water use for technical building-related systems. No operational energy or water use are considered. Cleaning water is declared under B2.

Module **C1** refers to the demolition and deconstruction process of the tiles from the building.

Module **C2** considers transportation of the discarded tile to a recycling or disposal process.

Module **C3** considers every process (collection, crushing process etc.) properly for recycling the tiles.

Module **C4** includes all the landfill disposal processes, including pre-treatment and management of the disposal site.

Module **D** includes benefits from all net flows in the end-oflife stage that leave the product boundary system after passing the end-of-waste stage.

#### 2.2. Parameters describing environmental impacts

		Global warming potential; GWP	Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; ODP	Acidification potential of soil and water, AP	Eutrophication potential, EP	Formation potential of tropospheric ozone, POCP	Abiotic depletion potential for non- fossil resources	Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources
		kg CO₂ equiv.	kg CFC 11 equiv.	kg SO₂ equiv.	kg (PO₄)° equiv.	kg C₂H₄ equiv.	kg Sb equiv.	WJ, P.C.I.
Raw material supply	A1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport	A2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	A3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	Total	1,29E+01	2,12E-06	4,58E-02	3,90E-03	2,34E-03	2,04E-06	1,97E+02
	A4-300	1,52E+00	2,80E-07	4,05E-03	6,86E-04	1,93E-04	3,12E-09	2,31E+01
Transport <sup>1</sup>	A4- 1390	4,21E+00	7,78E-07	1,12E-02	1,91E-03	5,38E-04	8,67E-09	6,41E+01
	A4- 6520 boat	1,28E+00	2,38E-07	3,21E-02	2,73E-03	1,01E-03	2,37E-09	1,97E+01
Construction installation process	A5	1,42E+00	1,12E-07	4,64E-03	4,98E-04	2,08E-04	1,16E-07	1,22E+01
Use	B1	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Maintenance	B2	2,82E-01	3,59E-08	1,83E-03	1,37E-04	1,02E-04	2,89E-07	1,02E+01
Repair/Replace ment/Refurbish ment	B3 – B5	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Operational energy/water use	B6 – B7	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
De- construction and demolition	C1	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Transport	C2	6,06E-02	1,12E-08	1,62E-04	2,74E-05	7,74E-06	1,25E-10	9,23E-01
Waste processing	C3	5,74E-02	1,08E-08	4,41E-04	9,55E-05	1,06E-05	1,12E-10	8,88E-01
Disposal	C4	6,24E-02	1,13E-08	4,34E-04	9,08E-05	1,37E-05	1,36E-10	9,49E-01
Re-use, recovery, recycling potential	D	-4,72E-02	-1,69E-08	-2,40E-04	-4,65E-05	-8,87E-06	-4,79E-08	-6,89E-01

N.R.- not relevant according to EN 17160 - Product category rules for ceramic tiles

LEGEND:

Product stage Construction process stage

Use stage End - of - life stage

Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary

NOTES: P.C.I. – Net calorific value Units expressed by functional unit (1 m<sup>2</sup>).

 $^{1}% \left( T^{2}\right) =0$  Three scenarios are presented for transport in A4 to the construction site:

- National: 300 km Truck with a capacity of 25 tons;
- Europe: 1390 km Truck with a capacity of 25 tons; International (outside Europe): 6520 km Transoceanic cargo ship. ٠

## 2.3. Parameters describing resource

		Primary energy						Secondary materials and fuels, and use of water					
		EPR	RR	TRR	EPNR	RNR	TRNR	MS	CSR	CSNR	Net use of fresh water		
	-	MJ, P.C.I.	MJ, P.C.I.	MJ, P.C.I.	MJ, P.C.I.	MJ, P.C.I.	MJ, P.C.I.	kg	MJ, P.C.I.	MJ, P.C.I.	m <sup>3</sup>		
Raw material supply	A1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Transport	A2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Manufacturing	A3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	Total	3,66E+01	1,12E-00	3,77E+01	2,01E+02	0,00E+00	2,01E+02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,43E-02		
	A4-300	5,67E-02	0,00E+00	5,67E-02	2,32E+01	0,00E+00	2,32E+01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	3,90E-04		
Transport	A4-1390	1,58E-01	0,00E+00	1,58E-01	6,45E+01	0,00E+00	6,45E+01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,08E-03		
	A4-6520 boat	3,75E-02	0,00E+00	3,75E-02	1,97E+01	0,00E+00	1,97E+01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	3,27E-04		
Construction installation process	A5	7,87E-01	0,00E+00	7,87E-01	7,36E+00	0,00E+00	7,36E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	8,64E-05		
Use	B1	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-		
Maintenance	B2	1,51E-01	0,00E+00	1,51E-01	1,04E+01	0,00E+00	1,04E+01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	5,79E-05		
Repair/Replace ment/Refurbish ment	B3 – B5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Operational energy/water use	B6 – B7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
De- construction and demolition	C1	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00		
Transport	C2	2,27E-03	0,00E+00	2,27E-03	9,29E-01	0,00E+00	9,29E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,56E-05		
Waste processing	C3	1,60E-03	0,00E+00	1,60E-03	8,92E-01	0,00E+00	8,92E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,48E-05		
Disposal	C4	4,03E-03	0,00E+00	4,03E-03	9,56E-01	0,00E+00	9,56E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,57E-05		
Re-use, recovery, recycling potential	D	-2,33E-01	0,00E+00	-2,33E-01	-1,75E+00	0,00E+00	-1,75E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	-9,02E-05		

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LEGEND:

Product stage

Construction stage Use stage

End – of - life stage

Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary

**EPR** = use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials;

RR = use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials;

**TRR** = total use of renewable primary energy resources (EPR + RR);

EPNR = use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials;

RNR = use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials;

TRNR = total use of non-renewable primary energy resources (EPRN + RNR);

**MS** = use of secondary material;

CSR = use of renewable secondary fuels;

**CSNR** = use of non-renewable secondary fuels.

NOTE: Units expressed by functional unit (1 m<sup>2</sup>).

P.C.I. – Net calorific value

N.R.- not relevant according to EN 17160 - Product category rules for ceramic tiles

		Hazardous waste disposed	Non-hazardous waste disposed	Radioactive waste disposed **
		kg	kg	kg
Raw material supply	A1	-	-	-
Transport	A2	-	-	-
Manufacturing	A3	-	-	-
Total	Total	1,85E-02	1,91E+00	2,05E-04
	A4-300	3,81E-06	1,84E-04	1,58E-04
Transport	A4-1390	1,06E-05	5,13E-04	4,41E-04
	A4-6520 boat	3,43E-06	1,53E-04	1,34E-04
Construction installation process	A5	2,74E-06	9,15E-03	3,41E-05
Use	B1	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Maintenance	B2	4,47E-06	4,49E-03	8,52E-06
Repair/Replacement/Refurbishment	B3 – B5	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Operational energy/water use	B6 – B7	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
De-construction and demolition	C1	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Transport	C2	1,53E-07	7,38E-06	6,34E-06
Waste processing	C3	1,46E-07	1,44E-05	6,08E-06
Disposal	C4	1,69E-07	7,57E+00	6,40E-06
Re-use, recovery, recycling potential	D	-2,50E-06	-3,97E-01	-2,01E-05

# 2.4. Other environmental information describing different waste categories

Values expressed by functional unit (1 m<sup>2</sup>)

LEGEND:

Product stage Construction stage

Use stage

End – of - life stage

Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary

N.R. - not relevant according to EN 17160 - Product category rules for ceramic tiles

\*\* The radioactive waste component does not come from the activity of LOVE TILES (A3). It is a component derived from the upstream activities (A1 and A2), namely from electricity production.

## 2.5. Other environmental information describing output flows

Parameters	Units*	Results					
Components for re-use	kg	N/A					
Materials for recycling	kg	1,66E+01					
Materials for energy recovery	kg	1,46E-01					
Exported energy	MJ by energy carrier	N/A					
* expressed by functional unit (1 m <sup>2</sup> )							

# **3. SCENARIOS AND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

### **3.1.** A4 Transport to the building site – Construction process stage

The scenarios for A4 transport to the building site were according to EN 17160 regarding Product category rules for ceramic tiles.

Destination	Type of transport	Average distance (km)		
National	Truck with a capacity of 25 tons	300		
Europe	Truck with a capacity of 25 tons	1 390		
International (Outside Europe)	Transoceanic freight ship	6 520		

### 3.2. A5 Installation of the product in the building – Construction process stage

For the installation stage, the scenario was also according to the options defined in EN17160 and Almeida, 2019. The option chosen was 3,5 kg of cementitious adhesive for each m<sup>2</sup> of ceramic tile. The ceramic material loss considered was 3%.

Option 3 (medium size tiles)	Value	Unit of measure	
Cementitious adhesive	3,5	kg	

# 3.3. B1 Use stage

According to the specific PCR for Product category rules for ceramic tiles - EN 17160, the environmental impacts generated during the use phase are very low and therefore can be neglected. Ceramic tiles are robust and have a hard, abrasion-resistant surface.

There are no impacts on the environment during the use stage.

# 3.4. B2 Maintenance

Ceramic covering products shall be cleaned regularly, depending on the type of building: residential, commercial, healthcare. Thus, the consumption of water and cleaning agents has been considered. The values declared in this stage refer to a time period of 50 years. The scenario for maintaining the ceramic floor and wall tiles was conservative and according to EN 17160. The scenario used for maintaining ceramic floor tiles was for residential use, with the use of 0,134 ml detergent once every two weeks and 0,1 l water are used to wash 1 m<sup>2</sup> of ceramic floor tiles once a week.

Name	Value	Unit of measure
Water consumption	0,1	I
Detergent	0,134	ml
Floor tile maintenance cycle	2600	Number per RSL

### 3.5. B3 Repair

In general, the service life of ceramic tiles is the same as the building lifetime. Repair, replacement and refurbishment are not required for ceramic tiles.

Thus according to EN 17160, ceramic tiles require no repairing during the use phase, and therefore no impacts should be declared in the repair phase.

### 3.6. B4 Replacement

In general, the service life of ceramic tiles is the same as the building lifetime. Repair, replacement and refurbishment are not required for ceramic tiles.

### 3.7. B5 Refurbishment

In general, the service life of ceramic tiles is the same as the building lifetime. Repair, replacement and refurbishment are not required for ceramic tiles.

Thus according to EN 17160, ceramic tiles require no repairing during the use phase, and therefore no impacts should be declared in the refurbishment phase.

### 3.8. B6 Use of energy

These modules are not relevant for ceramic tiles, according to EN 17160.

### 3.9. B7 Use of water

These modules are not relevant for ceramic tiles, according to EN 17160.

# 3.10. [C1 – C4] End of life of the product

C1: This module, according to the PCR developed in EN 17160, is not relevant for ceramic tiles.

C2: The ceramic tile demolition waste is transported from the building site to a container or treatment plant by truck. An average distance of 20 km is considered, according to the default scenario of EN17160.

C3-C4: the end-of-life scenario is described in the following table:

Name	Value	Unit of measure
Recycling percentage (C3)	70	%
Landfill percentage (C4)	30	%

# 3.10.b BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE PRODUCT SYSTEM BOUNDARY (D):

Module D includes credits from materials recycling of tiles and packaging, energy credits from the thermal recovery of the packaging.

According to EN 17160, after the demolition/deconstruction stage, ceramic tiles can be crushed and then used in a range of different applications:

- road construction in filled embankment;
- concrete aggregates;
- when ceramic tiles are crushed, it forms recycled ceramic aggregates, which can be integrated as a partial substitute of natural aggregate in hot-mix asphalt [8];
- recycled ceramic aggregates can be used in the construction of landfills [8];
- recycled ceramic aggregates can be utilized in the construction of sub-based courses on secondary roads [8].

In this case, and according to the Environmental National Agency (APA, 2020), in Portugal, the valorization rate of ceramic materials in construction and demolition waste is approx. 75%.

## 3.11. Additional information on the release of dangerous substances to indoor air, soil and

# water during the use stage

Love Tiles products have achieved the GREENGUARD Certification by a third-party, which is related to indoor air pollution and the risk of chemical exposure.

Identified Volatile Organic Compounds at 24 elapsed Exposure Hours								
CAS Number	Compound	Emission Factor (µg/m².hr)						
22531-20-0	Naphthalene, 6-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-*	3,3						
42775-75-7	Naphthalene, 5-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-*	3,1						

 $\ast$  indicates NIST/EPA/NIH best library match only based on retention time and mass spectral characteristics.

Target List Aldehydes at 24 Elapsed Exposure Hours								
CAS Number	Compound	Emission Factor (µg/m².hr)						
4170-30-3	2-Butenal	BQL						
75-07-0	Acetaldehyde	BQL						
100-52-7	Benzaldehyde	BQL						
5779-94-2	Benzaldehyde, 2,5-dimethyl	BQL						
529-20-4	Benzaldehyde, 2-methyl	BQL						
620-23-5 / 104-87-0	Benzaldehyde, 3- and/or 4-methyl	BQL						
123-72-8	Butanal	BQL						
590-86-3	Butanal, 3-methyl	BQL						
50-00-0	Formaldehyde	BQL						
66-25-1	Hexanal	BQL						
110-62-3	Pentanal	BQL						
123-38-6	Propanal	BQL						

Analyses based on EPA Compendium Method TO-17 and ASTM D 6196 for VOCs by thermal desorption followed by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (TD/GC/MS), and EPA Method TO-11A and ASTM D 5197 for selected aldehydes by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

BQL corresponds to a value below the quantifiable threshold of 0,04 µg, based on a standard 18 liters air collection volume for TVOC and individual VOCs, and 0,1 µg based on a standard 45 liters air collection volume for formaldehyde and total aldehydes.

# **3.12. TRACI INDICATORS**

TRACI indicators (version 2.1), from EPA's Tool for the Reduction and Assessment of Chemical and Other Environmental Impacts, <a href="http://www.epa.gov/nmel/std/traci.html">http://www.epa.gov/nmel/std/traci.html</a>, are listed below.

TRACI INDICATORS of 1m <sup>2</sup> of porcelain tile (21,75 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )											
Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4-300	A4-1390	A4-6520- boat	A5	B2	C2	C3	C4	D
Global Warming Air	kg CO₂ eq	1,29E+01	1,52E+00	4,21E+00	1,28E+00	1,08E+00	0,00E+00	2,82E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Ozone Depletion Air	kg CFC11 eq	2,70E-06	3,73E-07	1,04E-06	3,17E-07	7,48E-08	0,00E+00	4,10E-08	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Acidification Air	kg SO <sup>2</sup> eq	4,62E-02	4,59E-03	1,28E-02	3,25E-02	3,58E-03	0,00E+00	1,77E-03	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Eutrophication	kg N eq	2,65E-03	6,57E-04	1,83E-03	1,29E-03	3,10E-04	0,00E+00	1,58E-04	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Smog Air	kg O₃ eq	6,28E-01	1,06E-01	2,95E-01	4,91E-01	6,05E-02	0,00E+00	1,82E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00

The stages B1, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7 and C1 are not relevant according to EN 17160 - Product category rules for ceramic tiles, and for that reason are not presented in the table above.

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