

**CARBON FOOTPRINT** 

Sustainability Services

# **Product Carbon Footprint Verification Statement**

The Inventory of Product Carbon Footprint of Cobalt Sulfate

which is calculated by

# **CoreMax Corporation**

No.11, Wenhua Road, Hsinchu Industrial Park. Hsinchu County, Taiwan R.O.C.

Based on life cycle assessment verified in accordance with ISO 14064-3:2006 as meeting the requirements of

ISO 14067:2018

Basis of Assessment

Cradle-to-Gate

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<b>Product Name</b>	Cobalt Sulfate					
Declared Unit	Per kilograms					
Functional Unit	NA					
	Life cycle	e GHG emissions	000005050505056 000005050505056 00005050505			
Declared U	Functional Unit emissions					
Life Cycle Stage	Material	Manufacture	Total	(Unit: kilograms of CO₂e)		
Cobalt Sulfate : SD2050	2.166	0.425	2.59	N/		

SGS has been commissioned by CoreMax Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "CoreMax"), No.11, Wenhua Road, Hsinchu Industrial Park, Hsinchu County, Taiwan R.O.C. to conduct the life cycle Greenhouse Gas (hereinafter referred to as "GHG") emissions verification of Cobalt Sulfate provided by CoreMax Corporation Hsinchu Plant (hereinafter referred to as "CoreMax Hsinchu Plant"), No.11, Wenhua Road, Hsinchu Industrial Park, Hsinchu County, Taiwan (R.O.C.) in accordance with ISO 14064-3:2006 against the requirements of

#### ISO 14067:2018

#### Roles and responsibilities

The management of CoreMax Hsinchu Plant is responsible for the organization's GHG information system, the development and maintenance of records and reporting procedures in accordance with that system, including the calculation and determination of the life cycle GHG emissions for product information and the reported life cycle GHG emissions of the product.

It is SGS's responsibility to express an independent GHG verification opinion on the life cycle GHG emissions of the product.

SGS conducted a third party verification of the provided GHG assertion against the principles of ISO 14067:2018 and ISO 14064-3: 2006 in the period 26 October 2022 to 25 November 2022. The verification was based on the verification scope, objectives and criteria as agreed between CoreMax and SGS.

#### **Level of Assurance**

The level of assurance agreed is that of reasonable assurance.

### Scope

CoreMax has commissioned an independent verification by SGS Taiwan of the reported Cradle-to-Gate life cycle GHG emissions associated with the sourcing of raw materials and through manufacture of the product, to establish conformance with ISO 14067:2018 and ISO 14064-3:2006 principles within the scope of the verification as outlined below.



- Title or description of activities: Product carbon footprint verification of the Cradle-to-Gate life cycle GHG emissions of Cobalt Sulfate.
- Product Category Rule : Nil.
- Functional unit : NA
- · Declared unit : Per kilograms
- System boundary: Covers a Cradle-to-Gate assessment of the full life cycle emissions; the system boundary was clearly defined in accordance with ISO 14067:2018. All GHG's enlisted on ISO 14067:2018.
- Data resources: The primary data collection is from manufacturing and operational control
  phases. The secondary data collection is from Carbon Footprint Information Platform,
  Ecoinvent 2.2, Ecoinvent v3.
- Life cycle assessment tool and index :
  - Life cycle emissions are calculated by Excel and SimaPro 9.4.0.2.
  - IPCC 2013 AR5 GWP values are applied in this inventory.
- Manufacturing location :
  - CoreMax Hsinchu Plant : No.11, Wenhua Road, Hsinchu Industrial Park, Hsinchu County, Taiwan (R.O.C.)
- GHG information for the following production period was verified: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.
- Intended use of the verification statement: Private.

#### Objective

The purpose of this verification exercise is, by review of objective evidence, to independently review:

- Whether the life cycle GHG emissions of the product are as declared by the organization's GHG assertion.
- The data reported is accurate, complete, consistent, transparent and free of material error or omission.

#### Criteria

Criteria against which the verification assessment is undertaken is the principles of ISO 14067:2018 and ISO 14064-3:2006.

#### Materiality

The materiality required of the verification was considered by SGS to 5%, based on the needs of the intended user of the GHG Assertion.

#### Conclusion

CoreMax Hsinchu Plant provided the GHG assertion based on the requirements of ISO 14067:2018. The data had been verified by SGS to a reasonable level of assurance, consistent with the agreed verification scope, objectives and criteria.

The GHG emission of each product is described as below:

Product Name	Cobalt Sulfate					
Declared Unit	Per kilograms					
Functional Unit	NA ************************************					
	Life cycle	e GHG emissions				
Declared U	Functional Unit emissions					
Life Cycle Stage	Material	Manufacture	Total	(Unit: kilograms of CO <sub>2</sub> e)		
Cobalt Sulfate : SD2050	2.166	0.425	2.59	NA		

SGS's approach is risk-based, drawing on an understanding of the risks associated with reporting the life cycle GHG emissions of product information and the controls in place to mitigate these risks. Our examination included assessment and a test of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in relation to the reported life cycle GHG emissions of the product.

We planned and performed our work to obtain the information, explanations and evidence that we considered necessary to provide a reasonable level of assurance that the life cycle GHG emissions per kilograms of Cobalt Sulfate are fairly stated.

We conducted our verification with regard to the GHG assertion of CoreMax Hsinchu Plant, which included assessment of the company GHG information system, monitoring and reporting protocol. This assessment included the collection of evidence that support the reported data and verification of whether the provisions of the protocol reference were consistently and appropriately applied.

In SGS's opinion, the presented GHG assertion:

- is materially correct and is a fair representation of the GHG data and information, and
- is prepared in accordance with ISO 14067:2018 in relation to GHG quantification, monitoring and reporting.

## Confidentiality

The reports and attachments may contain relevantly confidential information of the clients. In addition to being submitted as governmental application or certification documents, the reports and attachments are not allowed to be edited, duplicated, or published without the clients' agreement in written form.

#### Avoidance of Conflict of Interest

The reports and attachments are completely complied with the standards and procedures that related-authorities established. The reports and attachments of auditing process are conduct with fairness and honesty. If not, the auditing institution not only has to bear the relevant compensation duties, but also to receive legal charge and punishment.

### **Verifier Group**

Above statements coincide with auditing process with fairness and impartiality, and aim at the emission of clients.

Lead Verifier:

Kevin Hsieh Kyle Lu.

Verifier:

This statement shall be interpreted with the GHG assertion of COREMAX Hsinchu Plant as a whole. This result shall be valid for a maximum period of two years, after which the GHG emission shall be re-assessed.

Note: This Statement is issued, on behalf of Client, by SGS Taiwan Ltd. ("SGS") under its General Conditions for Green Gas Verification Services available at http://www.sgs.com/terms\_and\_conditions.htm. The findings recorded hereon are based upon an audit performed by SGS. A full copy of this statement, the findings and the supporting Carbon Footprint Assertion may be consulted at CoreMax Corporation Hsinchu Plant. No.11, Wenhua Road, Hsinchu Industrial Park, Hsinchu County, Taiwan (R.O.C.). This Statement does not relieve Client from compliance with any bylaws, federal, national or regional acts and regulations or with any guidelines issued pursuant to such regulations. Stipulations to the contrary are not binding on SGS and SGS shall have no responsibility vis-à-vis parties other than its Client.

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