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# Report

OilZorb Product as Oil Spill Control Agent Test (ASTM 726-12 Test Standard) For Hanma Investments Pty Ltd Compiled By Dr Jeffrey Shi BE ME PhD FRACI C Chem Analytical Manager Analytical & Testing Laboratory

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Client	Hanma Investments Pty Ltd
Product	OilZorb as Oil Spill Control Agent (OSCA)
Testing for	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
	Application for Listing Under the Australian National Plan to
	Combat Pollution of the Sea by Oil and Other Noxious and
	Hazardous Substances (The National Plan)
Testing Consultancy	University of Sydney,
	School of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering

### **Testing Methodology**

Note Chemical Composition of OilZorb determined Retained as Commercial In Confidence. Details available on this basis for AMSA if required

- Product OilZorb
- Procedural Protocol by Based on Australian Maritime Safety Authority
- Testing Criteria ASTM F726-12 Test Standard
- Specific Items 3.3.4, 9.2.2 9.3.2
- Reference products tested

Australian Kuwait Crude Reference Oil, IFO 180 and IFO 380 and Aviation fuel (Kerosene).

# **Testing Overview**

# 1.2 Toxicity

Analysis shows that OilZorb is non toxic inorganic mineral containing in part [Details Commercial in Confidence]

# 1.3 Degradation Test

Stable to 1050<sup>O</sup>C

Other analytical tested including XRF for elemental contents, TGA for stability under temperature

# **Overview of Testing procedures**

X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectroscopy: PHILIPS PW2400 XRF Rh end-window tube with "SUPERQ" SOFTWARE.

X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectroscopy uses an X-ray source to eject core-shell electrons from an atom to create an excited state.

The resulting cascade of electrons to fill the holes results in emission of X-radiation from the atom (fluorescence) that has a characteristic wavelength/energy specific to each element.

The fluorescence can be quantified to enable elemental analysis from ppm to percent.

XRF samples were prepared with 40mm Glass Disk.

XRF data indicated that

- OilZorb was mainly [Commercial in Confidence]
- OilZorb is an inorganic non hazardous mineral powder.

#### Temperature Stability

- Thermo gravimetric analyser (TGA): TA Instruments Equipment TGA SDT Q600
- Temperature range
- Ambient to 1500°C 0.01°C
- Temperature sensitivity a
- Furnace heating rate 100°C /min.
- Balance resolution of 0.0001mg.

#### Actual Test

Heating rate	10 °C per min,
Targeted temperature	1200°C
Weight loss	Constantly monitored and recorded.
Final outcome	Almost no weight loss when heated to 1050°C

#### Density

#### **Overview of findings**

OilZorb is a stable non hazardous powder and can be used as oil absorbent. It is a light weighted substance and can float on water for effective oil catch and recovery.

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