

# Environmental Product Declaration



In accordance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 for:

## Flex MSE Vegetated Wall System



from

## Trexiana Wholesale & Distribution Limited



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CEN standard EN 15804 serves as the Core Product Category Rules (PCR)

Product category rules (PCR): *PCR 2019:14 Construction products, version 1.11*

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Third party verifier: *Thomas Gloria, Industrial Ecology Consultants*

Approved by: The International EPD<sup>®</sup> System

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Yes  No

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## Company Information

Owner of the EPD: Trexiana Wholesale & Distribution Ltd.

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Description of the organisation: Trexiana is the world-wide marketer and distribution management company for the patented Flex MSE Vegetated Wall System. Founded in 2007, Trexiana is headquartered in Surrey, BC / the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people.

Trexiana's mission is to implement sustainable building solutions for all project owners, designers, stakeholders and builders. Trexiana prides itself as a Triple Bottom Line company - continually working to give back to communities and the planet. This includes, but is not limited to, donating product and design services to local greening initiatives (like community gardens) and supporting our partners' charities of choice.

Name and location of production site(s): Trexiana Wholesale & Distribution Ltd., British Columbia, Canada and Georgia, USA.



## Product Information

Product name: Flex MSE Vegetated Wall System (Flex MSE)

Product identification: Non-woven polypropylene geotextile bag and 100% recycled polypropylene spiked plate.

UN CPC code: 369

Product description: The Flex MSE Vegetated Wall System is used for soil erosion control and reinforcement in the residential, commercial, heavy civil, industrial, and environmental construction sectors.

Flex MSE is a simple and cost-effective segmental geomodular product that is easy to use, thus appealing to a broad range of users. From sophisticated engineering projects requiring robust environmental, infrastructural and site development solutions to local homeowners with backyard ventures.

Using two facing components, a geosynthetic bag and a 100% recycled plastic interlocking plate, the system fits any site. Flex MSE works seamlessly with utilities, landforms and other building materials, and can be furnished with greenery of choice, from native grasses to flowers, edibles, trees to shrubs. Flex MSE weathers events that would ruin other walls systems; and as vegetation establishes, the more robust it becomes.

### APPLICATIONS:

- Environmental
  - Erosion and sediment control
  - Steep slope stabilization
  - Shallow slip repairs
  - Culvert headwalls
  - Retention and detention ponds
  - Bank or shoreline protection
  - In stream, shoreline and estuary structures
  - Industrial restoration and remediation
  
- Infrastructural
  - Highway walls
  - Bridge abutments
  - Levees/dikes
  - Sea walls
  - Green ways and bike paths
  - Noise barriers
  
- Site Development
  - Site leveling/optimization
  - Terraced garden walls
  - Landscaping and landforms
  - Sensitive sites



## LCA Information

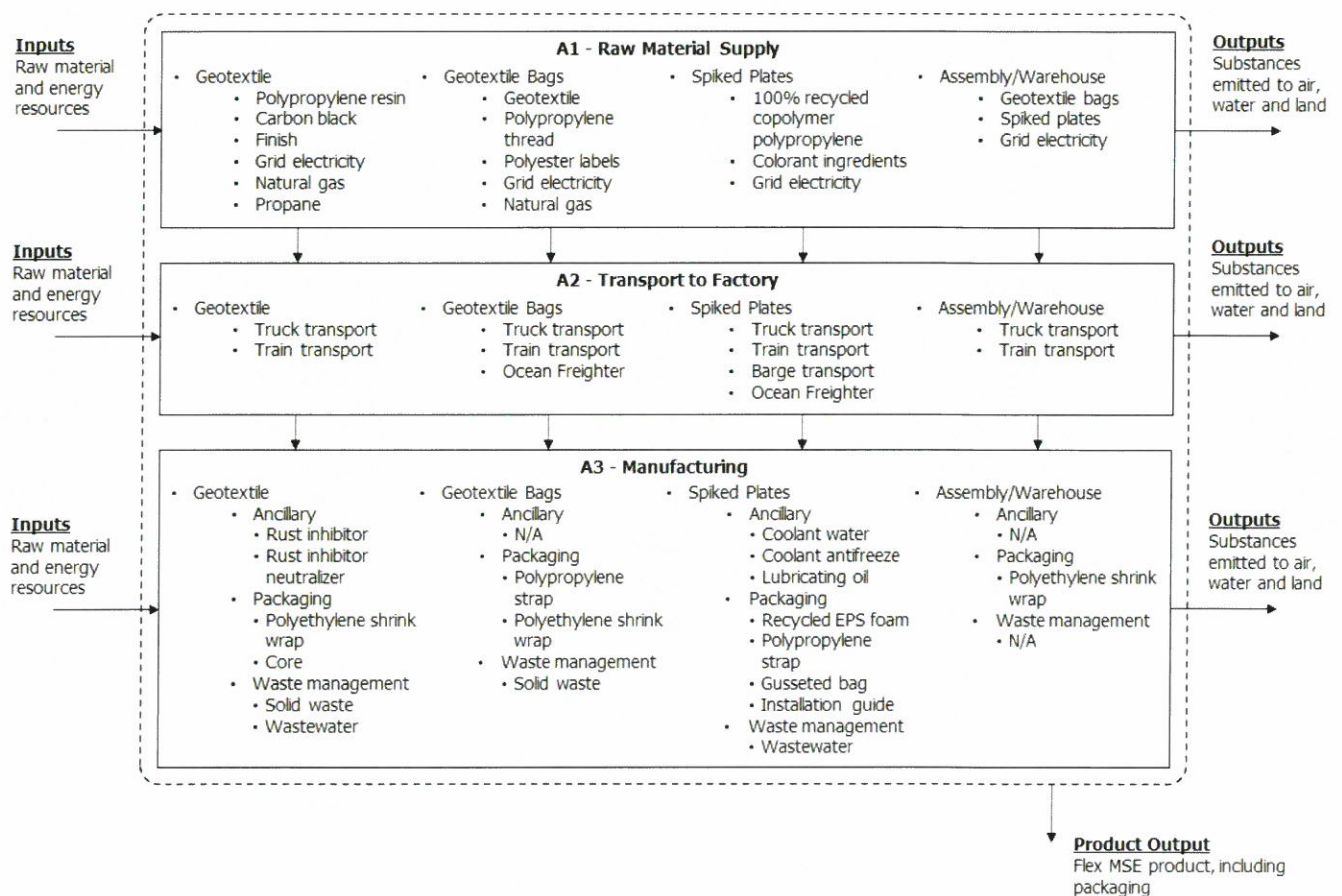
Declared unit: 1 unit of Flex MSE product (1 spiked plate and 1 geotextile bag), including packaging.

Time representativeness: 12-month manufacturing period spanning 2020 to 2021.

Database(s) and LCA software used: ecoinvent 3.6 and openLCA.

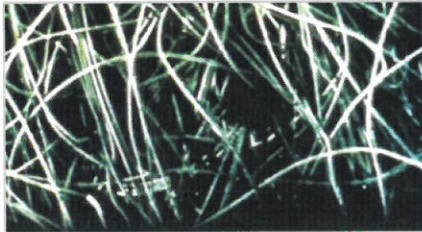
Description of system boundaries: Cradle to gate (A1–A3). This system boundary was selected as the product is physically integrated with other products during installation, no longer identifiable at end of life due to physical transformation (has a 100+ year service life when installed, and is intended for permanent use), and contains no biogenic carbon. Stages beyond A3 are also very dependent on particular scenarios and are better developed for specific construction works.

System diagram: The processes that were included within the system boundary of this study are summarized below with a flow diagram by information module and product component showing foreground product and waste flows (below), followed by a description of manufacturing processes.

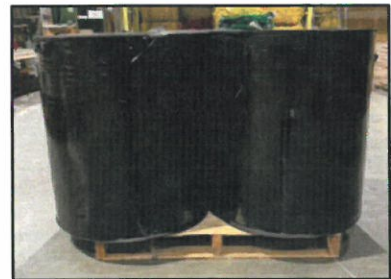
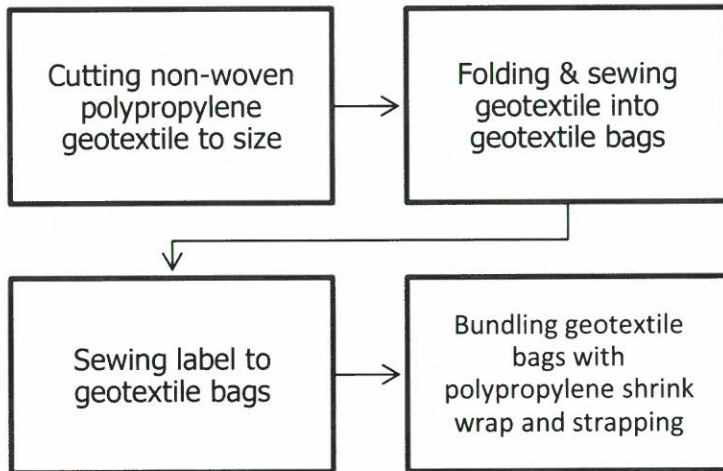


## Description of Manufacturing Processes

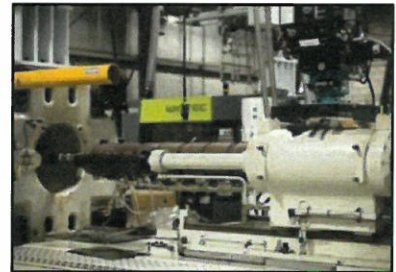
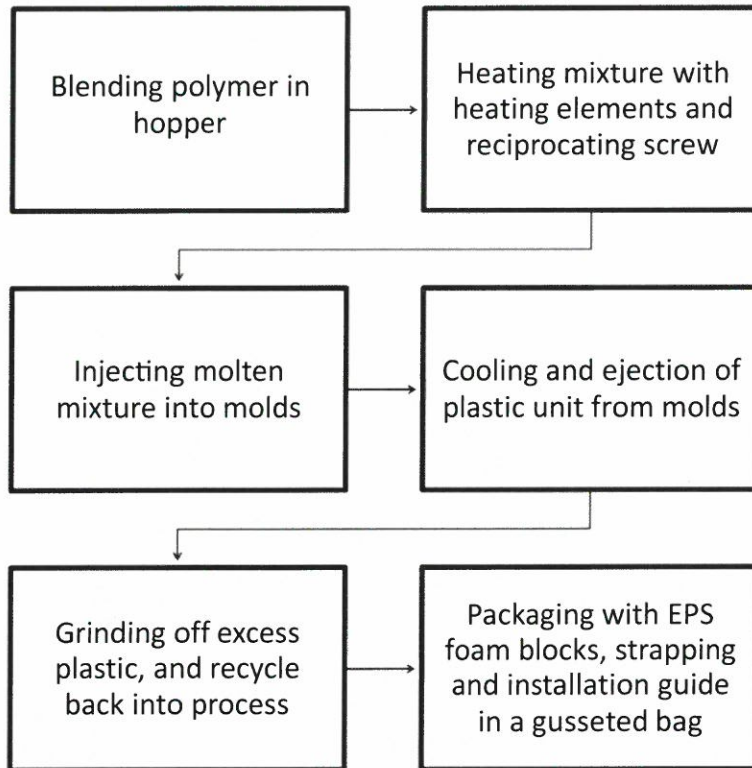
- Geotextile Production
  - Staple fiber production
  - Nonwoven fabric production



- Geotextile Bag Production
  - Sewing geotextile into bags
  - Sewing on polyester label



- Spiked Plates Production
  - Injection moulding of spiked plates



- Assembly/Warehouse Process
  - Packaging bundled geotextile bags with packaged spiked plates into Flex MSE product unit
  - Storage of Flex MSE product units

Additional information: Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) data was completed for the 12-month manufacturing period spanning 2020 to 2021. Specific data was surveyed on manufacturing at the facility-level for the consumption of energy, water and resources, and emission of substances to air, water and as solid waste. Generic data was collected from ecoinvent 3.6.

All impacts are allocated to the production of the Flex MSE product.

All foreground and background activity datasets have been prepared in accordance with ISO 14044:2006 physical allocation rules and attributional Life Cycle Assessment (LCA).

Modules declared, geographical scope, share of specific data (in GWP-GHG indicator) and data variation:

	Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Resource recovery stage	
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery-Recycling-potential	
Module	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
Modules declared	X	X	X	ND*	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Geography	Canada, USA, Global	Global	Canada, USA, Global															
Specific data used	>90%			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Variation – products	Not relevant			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Variation – sites	Not relevant			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

\*Not Declared



## Content Information

Content per declared unit			
Product components	Weight, kg	Post-consumer material, weight-%	Renewable material, weight-%
Spiked plate/100% recycled polypropylene	0.063	100%	0%
Geotextile bag/Geotextile fabric	0.08978	0%	0%
Geotextile bag/Polypropylene thread	0.00025	0%	0%
Geotextile bag/Label	0.00068	0%	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.15371</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>0%</b>

Packaging materials	Weight, kg	Weight-% (versus the product)
Polyethylene shrink wrap	0.00012	0.08%
Polypropylene strapping	0.00002	0.01%
100% recycled EPS	0.00031	0.20%
Installation guide	0.00009	0.06%
Polyethylene gusseted bag	0.00007	0.05%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00061</b>	<b>0.40%</b>

Dangerous substances from the candidate list of SVHC for Authorisation	EC No.	CAS No.	Weight-% per functional or declared unit
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No substances included



## Environmental Information

### Potential Environmental Impact – Mandatory indicators according to EN 15804

Results per declared unit					
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Tot.A1-A3
GWP-fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	2.51E-01	3.15E-02	6.35E-02	3.46E-01
GWP-biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.60E-03	4.60E-03
GWP-luluc	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
GWP-total	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	2.51E-01	3.15E-02	6.81E-02	3.51E-01
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	1.32E-08	4.76E-09	6.21E-10	1.86E-08
AP	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq.	8.93E-04	9.56E-05	7.21E-05	1.06E-03
EP-freshwater	kg PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> eq.	1.69E-04	1.26E-05	1.65E-05	1.98E-04
EP-marine	kg N eq.	4.27E-06	3.04E-07	2.06E-06	6.64E-06
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq.	1.85E-03	2.82E-04	1.81E-04	2.31E-03
POCP	kg NMVOC eq.	8.08E-04	1.17E-04	8.32E-05	1.01E-03
ADP-minerals&metals*	kg Sb eq.	1.48E-09	3.18E-11	6.27E-11	1.58E-09
ADP-fossil*	MJ	8.19E+00	4.18E-01	2.30E-01	8.84E+00
WDP*	m <sup>3</sup>	2.39E+01	8.93E-01	7.11E-01	2.55E+01

GWP-fossil = Global Warming Potential fossil fuels; GWP-biogenic = Global Warming Potential biogenic; GWP-luluc = Global Warming Potential land use and land use change; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential, EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment; EP-marine = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment; EP-terrestrial = Eutrophication potential, Accumulated Exceedance; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; ADP-minerals&metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP-fossil = Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption

\* Disclaimer: The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experience with the indicator.

### Potential Environmental Impact – Additional mandatory indicators according to Construction Products PCR

Results per declared unit					
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Tot.A1-A3
GWP-GHG	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	2.51E-01	3.15E-02	6.81E-02	3.51E-01
EP-freshwater	kg P eq.	5.56E-05	4.12E-06	4.77E-06	6.45E-05
Acronyms	GWP-GHG = Global warming potential – Greenhouse gas, EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment.				

## Potential Environmental Impact – Additional voluntary indicators characterized with TRACI 2.1

Results per declared unit					
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Tot.A1-A3
GWP	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	2.43E-01	3.14E-02	6.68E-02	3.41E-01
ODP	kg CFC-11 eq	1.69E-08	6.32E-09	7.96E-10	2.41E-08
EP	kg N eq	4.70E-04	4.33E-05	1.30E-04	6.43E-04
AP	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq	8.80E-04	9.49E-05	7.11E-05	1.05E-03
POCP	kg O <sub>3</sub> eq	1.06E-02	1.61E-03	1.00E-03	1.32E-02
Acronyms	GWP = Global warming potential, ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer, EP = Eutrophication potential, AP = Acidification potential, POCP = Photochemical oxidant creation potential.				

## Use of Resources

Results per declared unit					
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Tot.A1-A3
PERE	MJ	4.61E-01	9.72E-03	2.96E-02	5.00E-01
PERM	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PERT	MJ	4.61E-01	9.72E-03	2.96E-02	5.00E-01
PENRE	MJ	4.44E+00	4.28E-01	2.42E-01	5.11E+00
PENRM	MJ	4.02E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.02E+00
PENRT	MJ	8.46E+00	4.28E-01	2.42E-01	9.13E+00
SM	kg	6.11E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.11E-02
RSF	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NRSF	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.58E-06	1.58E-06
Acronyms	PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERT = Total use of renewable primary energy resources; PENRE = Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRM = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRT = Total use of non-renewable primary energy re-sources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW = Use of net fresh water				

## Waste Production and Output Flows

### Waste production

Results per declared unit					
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Tot.A1-A3
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	7.93E-03	7.93E-03
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

### Output flows

Results per declared unit					
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Tot.A1-A3
Components for re-use	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Material for recycling	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

## Additional Information

Visit <https://www.flexmse.com/epd> to use this EPD on your next project, and contact Flex MSE ([info@flexmse.com](mailto:info@flexmse.com)) for further interpretation of results.

## Differences Versus Previous Versions

This is the first version of the Flex MSE EPD.

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