

# Environmental Product Declaration

in accordance with ISO 14025:2006 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021

## *Flexcon premium 3 bar expansion vessel (12 litres)*



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Product Category Rules (PCR): PCR 2019:14 Construction products, version 1.3.2

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## Product description

Flexcon premium 3 bar expansion vessel with the capacity of 12 litres serves as a pressure-regulating device for water heating systems. The body of the vessel is mainly composed of a rubber membrane and a powder coated steel outer body kept together by a steel clench ring. Other smaller components are present such as valves, small plastic components, and nuts and bolts. The product falls in the UN CPC class 4324. The technical specifications of the product are presented in table 1.

**Table 1.** Technical specifications of the Flexcon premium 3 bar expansion vessel.

| Technical specifications   |
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| Maximum working pressure: 3.0                                    |
| Vessels in accordance with EN13831                               |
| Suitable for systems with a maximum system temperature of 120 °C |
| Min./ max. temperature diaphragm: -10 / 70 °C                    |
| Suitable for addition of glycol-based antifreeze up to 50%       |
| In accordance with Pressure Equipment Directive 2014/68/EU       |
| Red (RAL 3002) epoxy powder coating                              |

## Company

Aalberts HFC is a subdivision of Aalberts N.V., which is a Dutch company that was founded in 1975. Aalberts HFC specialises in manufacturing and marketing of hydronic flow control systems in the construction industry. They strive to deliver fail-safe solutions that maximise efficiency of boiler room technologies and distribution and emitter technologies. Flamco is the brand that manufactured all boiler room products of Aalberts, including connection systems, safety valves, hot water units, air vents, as well as expansion vessels, such as the Flexcon premium 3 bar expansion vessel.

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## EPD scope and background

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| Reference service life | 15 years |
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Declared Unit

one unit of a Flexcon premium 3 bar expansion vessel with the capacity of 12 litres

The data were collected for one vessel. One vessel with the capacity of 12 litres weighs 3,028 kg, excluding packaging.

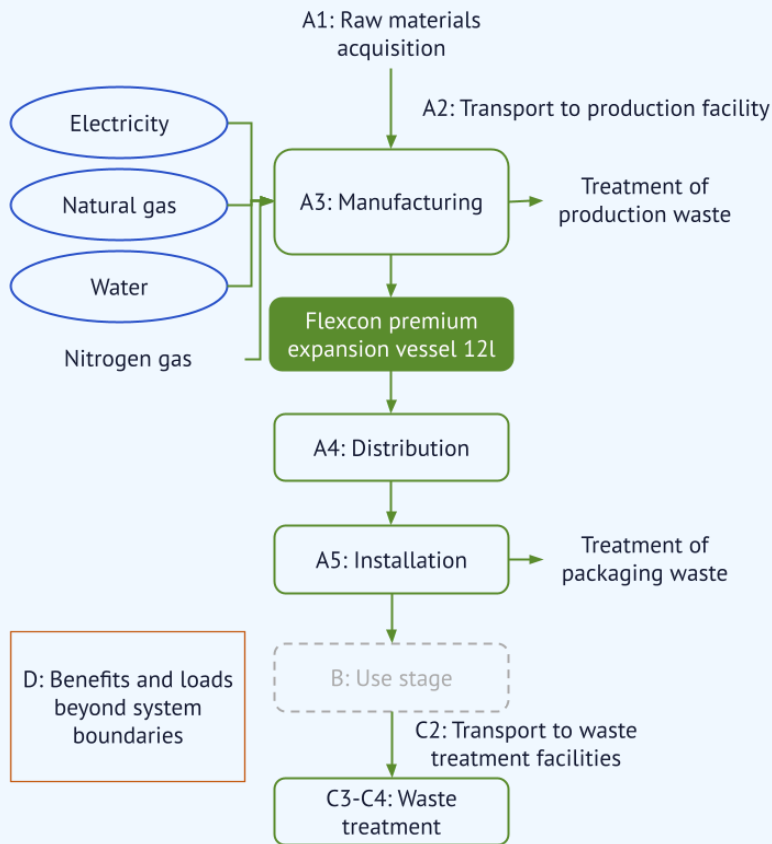
The Ecoinvent v3.8 database is used as a source of secondary data. The study meets the requirements of NEN-EN ISO 14025:2010 [1] and the EN 15804+A2:2019 [2]. This EPD follows the PCR 2019:14 v1.3.2 [3], General Programme Instructions v4.0 [4]. The Ecochain software Mobius version 1.0.346 is used to model the product system. The foreground data are based on the year 2022.

The EPD system boundaries are cradle-to-gate with options, modules A4-A5, C2-C4, and D. The manufacturing phase of the product is modelled for the geographical area of the Netherlands. The end-of-life stage impact is calculated for the geographical area of Europe, since this is the typical market for the product.

The impact of manufacturing, maintenance and end-of-life treatment of infrastructure is accounted for when it is incorporated in the Ecoinvent 3.8 datasets. Otherwise, no active data collection, modelling or impact assessment of infrastructure is carried out.

**Table 2.** Life cycle modules considered in this EPD. X = module declared in the EPD. ND = module not declared in the EPD.

|   | Module                                     | Geography  | Spec. data | Variation - products | Variation - locations |
|---|--|------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Production stage                                | A1 x Raw material supply                   | EU         |            |                      |                       |
|   | A2 x Transport                             | EU         | 10%        | 0%                   | 0%                    |
|   | A3 x Production                            | NL         |            |                      |                       |
| Construction stage                              | A4 x Transport to site                     | NL, FR, DK | -          | -                    | -                     |
|   | A5 x Construction - installation process   | EU         | -          | -                    | -                     |
| Use stage                                       | B1 ND Use                                  | -          | -          | -                    | -                     |
|   | B2 ND Maintenance                          | -          | -          | -                    | -                     |
|   | B3 ND Repair                               | -          | -          | -                    | -                     |
|   | B4 ND Replacement                          | -          | -          | -                    | -                     |
|   | B5 ND Refurbishment                        | -          | -          | -                    | -                     |
|   | B6 ND Operational energy use               | -          | -          | -                    | -                     |
|   | B7 ND Operational water use                | -          | -          | -                    | -                     |
| End-of-life stage                               | C1 ND Deconstruction demolition            | -          | -          | -                    | -                     |
|   | C2 x Transport                             | EU         | -          | -                    | -                     |
|   | C3 x Waste processing                      | EU         | -          | -                    | -                     |
|   | C4 x Waste disposal                        | EU         | -          | -                    | -                     |
| Benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries | D x Reuse - Recovery - Recycling potential | EU         | -          | -                    | -                     |



**Figure 1.** Flowchart of the product system.

## Data quality assessment

It is assumed that the data quality of the information from the processes at the producer is higher than that of the other processes. Therefore, producer specific data are used when possible. These data are recent (2022), complete and based on one year averaged data. The technological coverage and geographical coverage reflect the physical reality of the product. Furthermore, the economic flows approach reality as closely as possible within practically feasible limits for the LCA practitioner.

The time representativeness of the used references for generic data is accurate, since the difference between the reference year (2022) and the time period for which the data is representative (2019) is <3 years.

The geographical coverage of this study is representative of the geographical scope of the production process. Where possible, specific country specific datasets are selected. Where this is not possible, region-specific datasets are selected. The quality level ranges from good to very good.

The technological coverage of this study is representative as specific business, product, and process data of the year 2022 are used to model the product system under study. Therefore, the data quality is very good.

The scenarios in this study are currently in use and are representative for one of the most probable alternatives.

## Allocation procedures

The principle of modularity is maintained. Where processes influence the product's environmental performance during its life cycle, their impact is attributed to the module in the life cycle where they occur. The sum of the allocated inputs and outputs of a unit process is equal to the inputs and outputs of the unit process before allocation. This means no double counting or omission of inputs or outputs through allocation occurs.

### Allocation of co-products

Allocation is avoided when possible. When allocation is necessary, it is based on physical properties when the revenue is low and on economic values in all other cases. Materials flows with specific inherent properties (e.g. biogenic carbon) are allocated according to their physical flows. Avoided impacts from allocated co-products are not declared in module D.

### Allocation of end-of-life scenarios

The end-of-life system boundary of the product system is set where outputs of the system have reached the end-of-waste state. Examples of these outputs are materials, products or construction elements. This approach ensures that all waste processing during any module of the products system is included up to the system boundary of the respective module. Potential loads and benefits of secondary material, secondary fuel, or recovered energy leaving the product system are declared in module D. When a secondary material or fuel crosses the system boundary, for example at the end-of-waste state substituting another material or fuel in the following product system, the benefits and/or loads will be calculated based on a specified scenario based on current average practice.

## Cut-off criteria and assumptions

All inputs and outputs for which data is available are included in the LCA. Data gaps are filled with conservative assumptions and generic data. The cut-off criteria for data gaps is 1% of renewable and nonrenewable energy usage and 1% of the total mass input of that unit process. The total of excluded input flows per module will not exceed 5% of energy usage and mass input. This LCA uses expert judgement and conservative considerations to determine which inputs comply with these criteria.

### Galvanised steel

There is no reference dataset for galvanised steel in the Ecoinvent 3.8 database. For this study, galvanised steel is modelled according to the same principles as used in the Dutch Nationale Milieu database [9]. 98,6% of the weight is modelled as low-alloyed steel using the datasets '*steel production, converter, low-alloyed [EUR]*' and '*steel production, electric, low-alloyed [EUR]*' in an approximately 74% to 26% proportion in order to accurately represent the secondary content of steel. The rest of the weight is assumed to be the zinc coating. For 1 kg of galvanised steel, 0,06 m<sup>2</sup> of zinc coating is assumed, which is modelled using the dataset '*zinc coating, coils [EUR]*'.

### Exclusion of installation and deinstallation energy inputs

The installation and deinstallation of the expansion vessels only require manual energy. Any electricity inputs that might take place during individual installation are considered negligible.

### Recycling of regular steel

The end-of-life scenario for Greentec steel produced by Voestalpine is specified in the Greentec steel EPD used in this LCA (see table 5). The waste treatment modelling of other steel is based on both the average European steel recycling values [5]. The share of steel that is recycled at the end of life of the expansion vessels is assumed to be 90%. The rest of the material is assumed to be landfilled as a worst-case scenario.

## Content declaration

The table below displays the material content of one unit of the Flexcon premium 3 bar expansion vessel with the capacity of 12 litres. The packaging per unit of product is also included in the table.

**Table 3.** Material content of one unit of the Flexcon premium 3 bar expansion vessel with the capacity of 12 litres.

| Material                            | Weight (kg per 12-litre vessel) | Post-consumer recycled material, weight-% | Biogenic material, weight-% and kg C/12-litre vessel    |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Polyester coating                   | 0,030                           | -   | -   |
| Greentec steel                      | 2,042                           | 25  | -   |
| Other steel                         | 0,709                           | 25,79                                     | -   |
| Thermoplastic polyolefins           | 0,232                           | -   | -   |
| PP                                  | 0,010                           | -   | -   |
| PA-66                               | 0,005                           | -   | -   |
| Nitrogen gas                        | 0,00001                         |   |   |
| <b>Total weight excl. packaging</b> | <b>3,028</b>                    |   |   |
| Material (packaging)                | Weight (kg per 12-litre vessel) | Weight-% (versus product)                 | Biogenic material, weight - % and kg C/ 18-litre vessel |
| Cardboard                           | 0,422                           | 13,94                                     | 44,52%; 0,188   |
| <b>Total weight incl. packaging</b> | <b>3,450</b>                    |   |   |

## Declaration of material content of SVHC

The product does not contain any substances from the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) for authorisation in amounts greater than 0,1% (1000 ppm).



# Calculation rules

## Production stage (A1-A3)

The materials for one unit of the are listed in table 3. The raw materials are transported to the manufacturing facility by truck. The manufacturing takes place at the Aalberts HFC production facility in Almere, the Netherlands.

The production process starts with processing steel coils to create the body of the tank. Steel coils are flattened and cut into round disc shapes that form the basis for the expansion vessel. To make the clench ring, the coils are rolled into ring shapes. The flat discs undergo deep drawing to make the two halves of the vessel. Holes and threads are added to the vessel body. After the vessel halves dry up, they are pre-treated, cleaned, passivated, and coated with a powder coating, followed by baking to ensure proper adhesion. Valves are threaded into the valve openings created during deep drawing. A testing station evaluates the valves for leakage resistance. A membrane is inserted between the two halves. A clench ring secures the assembly, and hydraulic pressing forms a complete vessel. All the vessels are (pressure) tested for strength, then pressurised with nitrogen gas to desired levels, and equipped with valve caps, caps, water nipple caps, and labels. The vessels are then packed into boxes and stacked on pallets.

The process consumes wind generated electricity. The electricity was allocated based on the total consumption of one machine line per 24 hours and the approximate output quantity of expansion vessels during 24 hours.

The manufacturing waste that occurs at Aalberts consists only of Greentec steel, which is transported to the steel manufacturer to be recycled.

## Construction stage (A4-A5)

The Flexcon premium 3 bar expansion vessels are mostly sold in the Netherlands, France, and Denmark. The products are always distributed by truck. A weighted average transport distance is calculated on the basis of distribution data provided by Aalberts on how many products are delivered over which distance. The transportation by truck (496 km) is modelled with a European average reference. This reference includes various lorry types and emission classes. The table below shows the characteristics of the included lorries.

The installation of the expansion vessel is done manually, therefore, there is no energy consumption during installation. The installation does not require any ancillary materials, water or other resources. There are no known direct emissions during the installation of the vessel. There are also no installation losses.

The waste processing impact of packaging is attributed to module A5, since the packaging is discarded at this stage.

**Table 4.** Transportation information per transportation type. The values for lorries are based on averages of vehicles of emission type EURO3-EURO6.

| Type            | Capacity utilisation (%) | Volume capacity utilisation factor | Bulk density product (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Fuel consumption per tkm | Fuel consumption per km |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Lorry 3,5-7,5t  | Default*                 | 1                                  | 1577                                      | 0,109-0,111 kg           | 5,94E-05 kg             |
| Lorry 7,5-16t D | Default*                 | 1                                  | 1577                                      | 0,0472-0,0481 kg         | 2,57E-05 kg             |
| Lorry 16-32t    | Default*                 | 1                                  | 1577                                      | 0,0366-0,0378 kg         | 1,86E-05 kg             |
| Lorry >32t      | Default*                 | 1                                  | 1577                                      | 0,0192-0,0196 kg         | 1,05E-05 kg             |

\* the default value from the Ecoinvent reference 'market group for transport, freight, lorry, unspecified | transport, freight, lorry, unspecified | Cutoff, U [GLO]' was used. More information can be found in the ecoinvent v3.8 database.

## End-of-life stage (C2-C4)

For transport of waste to a waste treatment facility, the standard Dutch transport values from the NMD's Assessment Method [5]. The table below shows these values per waste scenario. The end-of-life waste processing of the expansion vessel is modelled based on average EU values on waste treatment [6][7][8] and the EPD for Greentec steel provided by Aalberts [9].

**Table 5.** Distance to waste treatment facilities and end-of-life waste treatment scenarios for the Flexcon premium expansion vessel.

|                                     |                     |                         |                      |                  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <i>Transportation distance (km)</i> | 50                  | 100                     | 50                   | 0                |
| <b>Material</b>                     | <b>Landfill (%)</b> | <b>Incineration (%)</b> | <b>Recycling (%)</b> | <b>Reuse (%)</b> |
| Greentec steel                      | 5                   | 0                       | 95                   | 0                |
| Regular steel                       | 10                  | 0                       | 90                   | 0                |
| Plastic and rubber                  | 24,9                | 42,6                    | 32,5                 | 0                |
| Paper and cardboard                 | 0                   | 18,5                    | 81,5                 | 0                |

## Benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries (D)

The impact attributed to module D includes benefits from energy recovery due to incineration and primary material recovery due to recycling, as well as loss of secondary material due to incineration. The table below details the benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries of the life cycle of the Flexcon premium 3 bar expansion vessel with the capacity of 12 litres.

**Table 6.** Benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries of the life cycle of the Flexcon premium 3 bar expansion vessel with the capacity of 12 litres.

| <b>Benefit</b>                           | <b>Unit</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| Energy recovery (fossil)                 | MJ          | 3,640         |
| Prevented steel production (Greentec)    | kg          | 1,460         |
| Prevented steel production (other steel) | kg          | 0,519         |
| Prevented plastic and rubber production  | kg          | 0,090         |
| <b>Load</b>                              | <b>Unit</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
| Lost secondary steel (Greentec)          | kg          | 0,026         |
| Lost secondary steel (other steel)       | kg          | 0,013         |

## Environmental impact per declared unit (1 unit)

Tables 7 to 11 show the complete environmental profile of one unit of the Flexcon premium expansion vessel (12 l). The impact assessment results are relative expressions and do not predict impacts on category endpoints, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins or risks.

The GWP-GHG indicator is required by the PCR v1.3.2 of EPD International. The indicator accounts for all greenhouse gases, with the exception of biogenic carbon dioxide uptake, emissions or storage. It was calculated with the GWP-biogenic and GWP-fossil categories from EF 3.0. In this method, the characterisation factor for biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> is zero. The characterisation factor for fossil CH<sub>4</sub> is 36,8 and for biogenic CH<sub>4</sub> is 34. This impact category is not included in Climate change - total.

Additionally, the impact on climate change of electricity used during manufacturing is calculated using the GWP-GHG indicator and is 0,017 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/kWh.

The estimated impact results are only relative statements, which do not indicate the endpoints of the impact categories, exceeding threshold values, safety margins and/or risks.

*Disclaimer: the results of modules A1-A3 should not be used without considering the results of module C.*

**Table 7.** Environmental impact of 1 unit of the Flexcon premium expansion vessel (12 l), in the core impact categories.

| Impact category     | A1-A3     | A4       | A5        | B        | C1       | C2       | C3       | C4       | D         |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| GWP-total           | 7,86E+00  | 2,24E-01 | 4,03E-01  | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 2,17E-02 | 3,89E-01 | 9,00E-03 | -4,50E+00 |
| GWP-f               | 8,54E+00  | 2,24E-01 | -2,85E-01 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 2,17E-02 | 3,89E-01 | 9,00E-03 | -4,50E+00 |
| GWP-b               | -6,90E-01 | 0,00E+00 | 6,90E-01  | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00  |
| GWP-lulu c          | 1,00E-02  | 9,13E-05 | -1,77E-03 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 8,81E-06 | 8,50E-05 | 1,69E-06 | -1,64E-03 |
| ODP                 | 4,26E-07  | 5,26E-08 | -3,47E-08 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 5,08E-09 | 1,15E-08 | 5,91E-10 | -1,19E-07 |
| AP                  | 4,11E-02  | 1,27E-03 | -1,22E-03 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 1,23E-04 | 5,79E-04 | 1,52E-05 | -1,13E-02 |
| EP-fw               | 1,57E-04  | 1,65E-06 | -1,85E-05 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 1,59E-07 | 3,18E-06 | 2,31E-08 | -5,17E-05 |
| EP-m                | 6,65E-03  | 4,57E-04 | -6,60E-04 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 4,41E-05 | 2,17E-04 | 1,33E-05 | -2,35E-03 |
| EP-t                | 1,23E-01  | 5,03E-03 | -3,77E-03 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 4,86E-04 | 1,87E-03 | 5,66E-05 | -2,41E-02 |
| POCP                | 2,23E-02  | 1,44E-03 | -7,56E-04 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 1,39E-04 | 5,30E-04 | 1,81E-05 | -1,00E-02 |
| ADP-mm <sub>2</sub> | 8,92E-05  | 7,52E-07 | -1,17E-06 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 7,25E-08 | 2,14E-06 | 4,65E-09 | -1,92E-05 |
| ADP-f <sup>2</sup>  | 9,96E+01  | 3,45E+00 | -4,32E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 3,33E-01 | 1,21E+00 | 4,31E-02 | -4,58E+01 |
| WDP <sup>2</sup>    | 2,01E+00  | 1,13E-02 | -1,00E-01 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 1,09E-03 | 3,00E-02 | 1,90E-03 | -4,56E-01 |
| PM                  | 5,01E-07  | 2,48E-08 | -1,88E-08 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 2,39E-09 | 9,16E-09 | 2,97E-10 | -1,57E-07 |

|                     |          |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |           |
|---------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| IR <sup>1</sup>     | 2,04E-01 | 1,50E-02 | -1,11E-02 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 1,45E-03 | 5,46E-03 | 1,73E-04 | -5,78E-02 |
| ETP-fw <sup>2</sup> | 1,08E+02 | 2,74E+00 | -4,58E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 2,64E-01 | 9,18E+00 | 5,29E-02 | -3,81E+01 |
| HTP-c <sup>2</sup>  | 1,84E-08 | 1,09E-10 | -1,18E-10 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 1,05E-11 | 2,01E-10 | 9,99E-13 | -6,12E-09 |
| HTP-nc <sup>2</sup> | 1,30E-07 | 3,15E-09 | -2,83E-09 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 3,04E-10 | 3,60E-09 | 2,62E-11 | -5,88E-08 |
| SQP <sup>2</sup>    | 3,71E+01 | 2,95E+00 | -1,23E+01 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 2,84E-01 | 2,89E+00 | 9,44E-02 | -6,04E+00 |

**GWP-total** = Climate change [kg CO2 eq]; **GWP-f** = Climate change - Fossil [kg CO2 eq]; **GWP-b** = Climate change - Biogenic [kg CO2 eq]; **GWP-luluc** = Climate change - Land use and LU change [kg CO2 eq]; **ODP** = Ozone depletion [kg CFC11 eq]; **AP** = Acidification [mol H+ eq]; **EP-fw** = Eutrophication, freshwater [kg P eq]; **EP-m** = Eutrophication, marine [kg N eq]; **EP-T** = Eutrophication, terrestrial [mol N eq]; **POCP** = Photochemical ozone formation [kg NMVOC eq]; **ADP-mm** = Resource use, minerals and metals [kg Sb eq]; **ADP-f** = Resource use, fossils [MJ]; **WDP** = Water use [m3 depriv.]; **PM** = Particulate matter [disease inc.]; **IR** = Ionising radiation [kBq U-235 eq]; **ETP-fw** = Ecotoxicity, freshwater [CTUe]; **HTP-c** = Human toxicity - cancer; **HTP-nc** = Human toxicity - non-cancer; **SQP** = Land use [Pt] **1**.

This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low dose ionising radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure nor due to radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionising radiation from the soil, from radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator. **2**. 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.

**Table 8.** The impact of 1 unit of the Flexcon premium expansion vessel (12 l), in the resource use indicators.

| Resource use | A1-A3    | A4       | A5        | B        | C1       | C2       | C3       | C4       | D         |
|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| PERE         | 2,31E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00  | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | -1,50E+00 |
| PERM         | 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  |
| PERT         | 1,33E+01 | 4,96E-02 | -2,64E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 4,79E-03 | 9,72E-02 | 5,79E-04 | -2,72E+00 |
| PENRE        | 4,16E+01 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00  | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | -2,71E+01 |
| PENRM        | 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  |
| PENRT        | 1,04E+02 | 3,67E+00 | -4,70E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 3,54E-01 | 1,28E+00 | 4,58E-02 | -4,73E+01 |
| SM           | 6,93E-01 | 0,00E+00 | -7,81E-03 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | -1,83E-02 |
| RSF          | 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  |
| NRSF         | 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  |
| FW           | 6,15E-02 | 4,12E-04 | -3,67E-03 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 3,98E-05 | 1,03E-03 | 4,56E-05 | -1,63E-02 |

**PERE** = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials [MJ]; **PERM** = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials [MJ]; **PERT** = Total use of renewable primary energy resources [MJ]; **PENRE** = Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials [MJ]; **PENRM** = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials [MJ]; **PENRT** = Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources [MJ]; **SM** = Use of secondary material [kg]; **RSF** = Use of renewable secondary fuels [MJ]; **NRSF** = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels [MJ]; **FW** = Use of net fresh water [m3]

**Table 9.** The impact of 1 unit of the Flexcon premium expansion vessel (12 l), in the waste indicators.

| Waste categories | A1-A3    | A4       | A5        | B        | C1       | C2       | C3       | C4       | D         |
|------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| HWD              | 3,80E-04 | 8,81E-06 | -5,42E-06 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 8,50E-07 | 2,89E-06 | 6,52E-08 | -6,94E-05 |
| NHWD             | 1,31E+00 | 2,30E-01 | -3,99E-02 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 2,22E-02 | 9,32E-02 | 2,42E-01 | -4,37E-01 |
| RWD              | 4,75E-04 | 2,33E-05 | -1,06E-05 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 2,25E-06 | 6,55E-06 | 2,70E-07 | -2,27E-04 |

**HWD** = Hazardous waste disposed [kg]; **NHWD** = Non-hazardous waste disposed [kg]; **RWD** = Radioactive waste disposed [kg]

**Table 10.** The impact of 1 unit of the Flexcon premium expansion vessel (12 l), in the output flow indicators.

| Output flows | A1-A3    | A4       | A5       | B        | C1       | C2       | C3       | C4       | D        |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| CRU          | 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 |
| MFR          | 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 |
| MER          | 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 |
| EEE          | 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 |
| EET          | 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 |

**CRU** = Components for reuse [kg]; **MFR** = Materials for recycling [kg]; **MER** = Materials for energy recovery [kg]; **EEE** = Exported energy, electric [MJ]; **EET** = Exported energy, thermal [MJ]

**Table 11.** The environmental impact of 1 unit of the Flexcon premium expansion vessel (12 l), on the additional indicator.

| Additional indicators | A1-A3    | A4       | A5        | B        | C1       | C2       | C3       | C4       | D         |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| GWP-GHG               | 8,55E+00 | 2,24E-01 | -2,87E-01 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 | 2,17E-02 | 3,89E-01 | 9,00E-03 | -4,50E+00 |

**GWP-GHG** = Climate change - greenhouse gases [kg CO2 eq]

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