# Environmental Product Declaration

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

# Optical fibre cables for telecommunication networks through aerial installation

from

Cables de Comunicaciones Zaragoza S.L.

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### **Company information**

<u>Owner of the EPD:</u> Cables de Comunicaciones Zaragoza S.L., +34976729900, <u>http://www.cablescom.com/</u>

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<u>Description of the organisation</u>: Cables de Comunicaciones is one of the main European companies dedicated to the design, manufacturing and sales of cooper and fibre-optic telecommunications and signalling cables. Ever since its foundation in 1971, it has contributed to the development and extent of the telecommunications infrastructures. Operator companies in over 50 countries throughout the five continents trust us the manufacturing of their cables.

Cablescom undertakes its activity in Zaragoza, in the Malpica industrial park, over a surface of 77,000 m2, which includes a production plant, offices and warehouses.

The successful activity of Cablescom is based in an efficient organisation, a dynamic and proactive management, and professional human resources, motivated and committed to the objectives and values of the company. All of this is encouraged by the objective of reaching the excellence of products and company services.

Since July 2016 the company belongs to the Chinese group Hengtong optic-electric Co. Ltd, located in the city of Suzhou, China, and listed on Shanghai Stock Exchange. The group is one of the largest cable and optical fibre manufacturing groups in the world. Hengtong is highly dedicated to R+D+i, having 5 major scientific research platforms.

<u>Product-related or management system-related certifications:</u> Cablescom holds the ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management System) and ISO 14001:2015 (Environmental Management System)

Name and location of production site: Polígono industrial Malpica C. D, 83, 50016 Zaragoza, SPAIN

### **Product information**

<u>Product name:</u> Optical fibre micromodule cables for telecommunication networks through aerial installation

<u>UN CPC code:</u> 88753 (Fibre optic cable)

<u>Product identification</u>: This EPD covers the following product references of optical fibre micromodule cables through aerial installation (self-supported overhead lines with short span): EE85RG60000240GN, EE85RG60000480GN, EE85RG60000720GN and EE85RG600001440GN. It must be noted that the EPD has been based on the cable reference EE85RG60000240GN since it is the leading product according to its volume sales.

The intended use is to provide a fast data transmission for telecommunication networks on large-scale infrastructures.

<u>Product description</u>: The assessed product references are outdoor and water-blocking compact optical fibre micromodule cables, which are made from a black polyethylene sheath with fibreglass reinforcements into the sheath.

These cables are designed for every type of communications networks with G657A2 fibre. Micro module cables reduce the time needed for deployment, ease of installation and connectorization.



Regarding to the products structure, cables are composed by micromodules (which contain the optical fibres) stranded in a cable core without central element, as well as a water blocking yarns and/or tapes. Furthermore, the optical fibre cables have a fibreglass reinforcement elements embedded in the outer sheath, and eventual aramid yarns in the cable code. The outer covering is made from black high density polyethylene UV-resistant sheath.

The expected life span of the product is 25 years. The main technical features can be seen on the next table.

Product references	Fibre count (units)	Modules count (units)	Nominal diameter (mm)	Tensile strength (N)	Impact resistance (J)
EE85RG60000240GN	24	4	9.0	1700	5
EE85RG60000480GN	48	8	12.4	2700	10
EE85RG60000720GN	72	12	12.4	2700	10
EE85RG60001440GN	144	24	14.0	3200	10

Tensile strength features based on IEC 60794-1-2 E1 Impact resistance features based on IEC 60794-1-2 E4

The product references of the optical fibre cables through aerial installation covered by this EPD are detailed at the following table, as well as its mass amount per km of cable.

Product references	Product family	kg per km of cable
EE85RG60000240GN	MS AERIAL	64,53
EE85RG60000480GN	MS AERIAL	115,99
EE85RG60000720GN	MS AERIAL	120,67
EE85RG60001440GN	MS AERIAL	162,26

Geographical scope: Global

Fabricated in Spain, this product may be used globally.

### LCA information

Declared unit: 1000 meters (1 km) of optical fibre cable for telecommunication networks

<u>Time representativeness</u>: The specific on-site data are from the year 2020 (less than two years on antiquity).

<u>Database(s) and LCA software used:</u> Generic data used from the Ecoinvent database V 3.6, updated in December 2019. CleanCO2 software is used.





Primary data regarding the inflows and outflows of the cables manufacturing process has been provided by Cables de Comunicaciones Zaragoza S.L.

Whenever possible, allocation is avoided (e.g. primary materials used). Mass allocation is applied for the rest of inputs used (energy and auxiliary and packaging materials) and outputs generated (wastes) in the production plant.

<u>Description of system boundaries:</u> Cradle to gate with modules C1-C4, module D and optional module A4.

Excluded life cycle stages: A5 module (Installation) and B Stage (Product use)

Hereunder is detailed the description of all modules included at this LCA study:

<u>A1-A3 – Product stage:</u> This stage includes the following modules which are described below: A1 module Extraction and processing of raw materials, A2 module Transportation of raw materials to manufacturing plant and A3 module Manufacturing.

It must be noted that, as the PCR of Construction Products allows, the aggregated environmental results of the entire stage are presented in this EPD.

<u>A1 – Extraction and processing of raw materials:</u> The A1 module considers the extraction and processing of raw materials. For this study, this considers the extraction and processing of the components used to produce the optical fibre cables.

Moreover, at this stage the production of the energy sources consumed on the manufacturing plant is considered. Therefore, the generation of electricity is assessed at this point.

The datasets representing this stage consider the materials processing operations, the bundled energy, the waste treatments, and the emissions arising from these procedures.

<u>A2 – Transportation of raw materials to manufacturing plant:</u> This stage considers the transportation of the raw materials to the point where they are processed and manufactured.

Many suppliers of the raw materials are involved on the system, thus a specific distance for each material provider to Cables de Comunicaciones Zaragoza S.L. production plant according to the quantity of material supplied has been modelled.

<u>A3 – Manufacture:</u> The A3 module includes the manufacturing process of the finished cables at production plant, which is described hereunder as overview:

Optical fibre is flexible and transparent (also can be colored) stretched glass (silica) with a diameter slightly thicker than the average human hair, normally between 200 and 250 microns.

They are commonly used as a means of transmitting light between two points and are widely used in telecommunications, where they allow transmission over greater distances and bandwidth (data speed) than electrical cables.

#### Micromodules

This process consists of grouping fibres, normally it can be from 1 to 36 optical fibres and inserting them inside a plastic tube to give the fibres protection. The plastic tube is usually made of thermoplastic materials or PBTP. As in the painting process, this plastic is colored to identify the tubes.





The control parameters of this process are: attenuation, outside and inside diameter of the tube, thickness of the tube, mechanical properties of the tube such as tensile strength, elastic modulus or breaking load and excess fibre length (EFL)

#### Sheathing

This process adds the last protection to the cable. The sheath is usually plastic, generally polyethylene. In addition to this protection, it can include elements to improve the final mechanical properties of the cable, such as Aramid yam, Fibreglass yarn or FRP (Fibre Reinforce Plastic). Blocking elements are also added to avoid the water penetration inside the cable, such as tapes or threads impregnated with blocking powder.

The control parameters in this process are external and internal diameters and thickness.

<u>A4 – Distribution of finished product to installation site:</u> This module assesses the environmental impacts related to the final product transportation, including its packaging, to the installation site where the fibre cables are distributed. In the lower table are presented the considerations assumed for the module modelization.

It must be noted that the waste arisen from product packaging has not been taken into account for this LCA study, since it belongs to A5 module which is excluded of the system boundaries, and its final destination is unknown.

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

Parameter	Value/Description
Fuel type and consumption of vehicle or vehicle type used for transport	16-32 ton EURO5 Lorry
Distance	975 km
Capacity utilisation (including empty returns)	% Assumed in Ecoinvent
Bulk density of transported products	102,53 kg/ km of cable (packaging included)
Volume capacity utilisation factor	1

<u>C1-C4 – End of life stage:</u> This stage includes the following modules related with the end of life of the product: C1 Deconstruction, C2 Transportation to waste manager, C3 Waste processing and C4 Disposal

<u>C1 Deconstruction</u>: This module includes the dismantling operations of the optical fibre cables. In this case, the related environmental impacts are considered as negligible, since the consumption of energy for the building or infrastructure demolition where the product is installed is much higher than the





dismantling of the analyzed product. Moreover, most of the activities involving the dismantling of the product are manual operations.

<u>C2 Transport to waste manager</u>: This module considers the transportation of the product as a waste to the waste manager. As the PCR of Construction products allows, a default distance of 50 km between the waste manager and the location where the product wastes are conveyed has been considered.

<u>C3 Waste processing</u>: Waste processing module includes the collection of waste fractions from the deconstruction and waste processing of material flows intended for reuse, recycling, and energy recovery. This module has no environmental impacts for this study since 100% of the product is landfilled.

<u>C4 Disposal:</u> This module includes the related environmental impacts of the final disposal of the product wastes. In this case 100% of the product is landfilled

In the lower table the considerations for the End of life stage modelization are presented..

Parameter	Unit per declared unit	Value
	kg collected separately	64,53
Collection process, specified by type	kg collected with demolition wastes	0
	kg to reuse	0
Recovery system, specified by type	kg for recycling	0
	kg for energy recovery	0
Disposal	kg landfilled	64,53 (100% of product weight)
Transports considerations	km of distance to the waste manager	50

### End of life scenario considerations:

<u>Module D Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary:</u> The module D counts for the benefits and loads of recycling beyond the limits of the system, representing the quantity of substituted new raw material by recycled material at the market, and thus, having a positive environmental impact, but outside the limits of the system. In this case, this module has no value since 100% of the product is landfilled. Furthermore, the benefits and loads regarding the packaging waste treatment of the product have not been taking into account, since it belongs to A5 module which is excluded of the system boundaries and its final destination is unknown.

On the next page, a generic flow chart as an overview of all modules and the main processes included at the system boundaries of this LCA study is presented.







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### Cut-off rules applied:

As established in the PCR of construction products and construction services, a minimum of 95% of total inflows (mass and energy) should be included per module. For this study, a 100% of the inflows of the declared product are considered, including packaging materials.

The PPP (Polluter pays principle) has been applied.

Moreover, the processes listed below have not been included:

- Manufacturing of production equipment, buildings and other capital goods.
- Business travel of personnel.
- Travel to and from work by personnel.
- Long term emissions.
- No end of life of packaging has been considered since they belong to the A5 module, which is out of the system boundaries.

<u>Additional information</u>: As established on the PCR, if the contribution of the electricity production exceeds the threshold of a 30% over the energy consumption in the modules A1-A3, the electricity mix used in the manufacturing process at Cables de Comunicaciones Zaragoza S.L. must be specified. Electricity grid mix as purchased from an electricity supplier, shown below, has an GWP-GHG value of 0,28 kg CO2 eq per kWh generated.



Disaggregated electricity mix supplied to Cables de Comunicaciones Zaragoza S.L. by energy sources corresponding to year 2020





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	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	В3	В4	В5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Modules declared	х	х	х	х	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	х	х	х	х	х
Geography	ES	ES	ES	FR	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	G	G	G	G	G
Specific data used	>95 ba	% GWF ased on	P-GHG r	esult in / specific	A1-A3 LCI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – products	GWP-GHG result varies from 57,6% to 106,3% in relation to EE85RG60000240GN AERIAL		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
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# Modules declared, geographical scope, share of specific data (in GWP-GHG indicator) and data variation:

# **Content information**

MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS EE85RG60000240GN AERIAL CABLE										
Product components	Weight (%)	Post-consumer material, weight-%	Renewable material, weight-%							
Polyethylene	60-70%	0%	0%							
Glass fibre	20-30%	0%	0%							
Polyester	1-5%	0%	0%							
Optical fibre	1-5%	0%	0%							
Chemical organic compounds	1-2%	0%	0%							
PET	1-2%	0%	0%							
Aramid	1-2%	0%	0%							
TOTAL (kg/DU)	64,53	0%	0%							





Packaging materials	Weight, (kg per DU)	Weight-% (versus the product)
Wood (coil and protection staves)	33,84	52,4%
Steel (straps)	3,66	5,7%
Plastic-cardboard compound (protector film)	0,50	0,8%
TOTAL	38,00	58,9%

None of the final product components are included in the "Candidate list of substances of very high concern for authorisation" of the REACH regulation.

### Packaging

<u>Distribution packaging</u>: The optical fibre cables are winding in wooden drums and protected by a plasticcardboard film. The biogenic carbon content of the wood and cardboard elements of packaging is assumed to be a 50%.

Even though the packaging production is included, its end of life has not been considered since it belongs to the module A5 and the final destination is unknown.

### **Recycled material**

<u>Provenience of recycled materials (pre-consumer or post-consumer) in the product:</u> The products under study are not composed by any recycled material.



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# **Environmental Information**

Environmental performance has been calculated with CleanCO2 software. Characterization factors from Annex C of EN 15804:2012+A2 (EF 3.0 method adapted, in SimaPro) have been used for estimating the potential environmental impacts, as required by PCR 2019:14 Construction products, version 1.11. Results for the other parameters have been calculated using EDIP, CED (Cumulative energy Demand) and ReCiPe methodologies.

The following environmental results presented on the next page corresponds to the cable reference for aerial family EE85RG60000240GN. Regarding the results belonging to the rest of aerial family product references can be subsequently found at section Additional Information

The estimated impact results are only relative statements which do not indicate the end points of the impact categories, exceeding threshold valued, safety margins or risks.





# Potential environmental impact – mandatory and voluntary indicators according to EN 15804

Environmental impact results per declared unit (1 km) for EE85RG60000240GN AERIAL CABLE											
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D Module			
GWP-fossil	kg CO₂ eq.	2,52E+02	1,38E+01	0	4,46E-01	0	3,41E-01	0			
GWP-biogenic	kg CO₂ eq.	-5,68E+01	5,66E-03	0	1,83E-04	0	5,71E-03	0			
GWP-luluc	kg CO₂ eq.	3,33E-01	1,09E-04	0	3,53E-06	0	1,23E-04	0			
GWP-Total	kg CO₂ eq.	1,96E+02	1,38E+01	0	4,46E-01	0	3,47E-01	0			
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	g CFC 11 eq. 2,50E-05 3,20E-06 0 1,03E-07 0 6,14E-08 0									
АР	mol H+ eq.	1,27E+00	4,78E-02	0	1,54E-03	0	3,19E-03	0			
EP-freshwater	kg PO₄³- eq.	1,76E-02	2,53E-05	0	8,17E-07	0	1,35E-05	0			
EP-freshwater	kg P eq.	5,72E-03	8,22E-06	0	2,65E-07	0	4,37E-06	0			
EP-marine	kg N eq.	2,56E-01	1,53E-02	0	4,95E-04	0	1,31E-03	0			
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq.	2,90E+00	1,69E-01	0	5,45E-03	0	1,44E-02	0			
РОСР	kg NMVOC eq.	9,67E-01	4,61E-02	0	1,49E-03	0	3,98E-03	0			
ADP-minerals and metals <sup>1</sup>	kg Sb eq.	3,18E-03	8,14E-07	0	2,63E-08	0	1,59E-07	0			
ADP-fossil <sup>1</sup>	MJ	6,26E+03	1,96E+02	0	6,31E+00	0	4,54E+00	0			
WDP <sup>1</sup>	m³	1,44E+02	-4,31E-02	0	-1,39E-03	0	1,12E-02	0			
PM	disease inc.	1,01E-05	8,99E-07	0	2,90E-08	0	7,85E-08	0			
IRP <sup>2</sup>	kBq U-235 eq	2,34E+01	8,61E-01	0	2,78E-02	0	1,98E-02	0			
ETP-fw <sup>1</sup>	CTUe	4,32E+03	7,85E+01	0	2,53E+00	0	2,70E+00	0			
HTP-c <sup>1</sup>	CTUh	1,86E-07	1,10E-09	0	3,55E-11	0	3,32E-11	0			
HTP-nc <sup>1</sup>	CTUh	7,39E-06	1,30E-07	0	4,19E-09	0	2,82E-09	0			
SQP <sup>1</sup>	Pt	5,72E+03	4,86E-01	0	1,57E-02	0	1,13E+01	0			
Acronyms <sup>1</sup> Environmental impact resu	SQP1Pt5,72E+034,86E-0101,57E-0201,13E+010GWP-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, Accumulated Exceedance; EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine 										
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<sup>2</sup> This impact category deal	s mainly with the	eventual imp	act of low d	ose ioni	zing radiation	on hum	han health of t	he nuclear			
disposal in underground fac	ilities. Potential io	nizing radiati	on from the	s, occup soil, fro	om radon and	from so	me constructi	on materials			

is also not measured by this indicator.





As required on the PCR 2019:14 of construction products, a supplementary indicator for climate change impact (GWP-GHG) with characterization factors based on IPCC (2013) is reported.

Environmental impact results per declared unit (1 km) for EE85RG60000240GN AERIAL CABLE											
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	С3	C4	D Module			
GWP-GHG*	kg CO₂ eq.	2,46E+02	1,37E+01	0	4,43E-01	0	3,38E-01	0			
*The indicator	*The indicator includes all greenhouse gases included in GWP-TOTAL but excludes biogenic carbon dioxide uptake and										
emissions	and biogenic ca	arbon stored in	the product. T	his indica	tor is thus alm	nost equal	to the GWP ori	ginally			

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESULTS INTERPRETATION

The table above shows that the Product stage A1-A3 (Extraction and processing of raw materials, transport of raw materials to production plant and product manufacturing) is the life cycle stage with the highest contribution to the whole life cycle ranging from 88% for ODP indicator (Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer) to 100% for GWP-biogenic (Global Warming Potential Biogenic) and WDP (Water deprivation potential).

A4 module (Distribution of the finished product to installation site) presents a low contribution on the product life cycle, with a maximum value of 11% for ODP indicator.

Regarding the End-of-life stage environmental impacts, (Deconstruction, transport to waste manager, waste processing and disposal) they can be considered as negligible since all indicator values are below 1%

Use of resources per declared unit (1 km) for EE85RG60000240GN AERIAL CABLE											
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	С3	C4	D Module			
PERE	MJ	6,37E+02	2,74E-01	0	8,83E-03	0	1,04E-01	0			
PERM	MJ	6,32E+02	0	0	0	0	0	0			
PERT	MJ	1,27E+03	2,74E-01	0	8,83E-03	0	1,04E-01	0			
PENRE	MJ	6,67E+03	2,08E+02	0	6,70E+00	0	4,83E+00	0			
PENRM	MJ	6,60E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0			
PENRT	MJ	6,67E+03	2,08E+02	0	6,70E+00	0	4,83E+00	0			
SM	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
RSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
NRSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	1,44E+02	-4,31E-02	0	-1,39E-03	0	1,12E-02	0			
Acronyms	PERE = Uso raw mater = Total u energy exo of non-re renewable seconda	e of renewable pr rials; PERM = Use use of renewable cluding non-renev enewable primary e primary energy ry fuels; NRSF = L	imary energy of renewable primary energ vable primary energy resou re-sources; SI Jse of non-rer	excludin primary gy resou energy rces use VI = Use newable	ng renewable y energy resou rces; PENRE = resources use ed as raw mat of secondary secondary fu	primary Irces us Use of ed as rav erials; P materia els; FW	energy resou ed as raw mainon-renewab w materials; P ENRT = Total II; RSF = Use o = Use of net fi	rrces used as terials; PERT le primary ENRM = Use use of non- f renewable resh water			

### Use of resources





### Waste production and output flows

### Waste production

Waste production per declared unit (1 km) for EE85RG60000240GN AERIAL CABLE								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D Module
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	8,89E-02	5,18E-04	0	1,67E-05	0	9,66E-06	0
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	1,51E+01	1,04E-02	0	3,37E-04	0	6,45E+01	0
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	1,82E-02	1,42E-03	0	4,58E-05	0	2,87E-05	0

#### **Output flows**

Other output flows per declared unit (1 km) for EE85RG60000240GN AERIAL CABLE								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D Module
Components for re-use	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Material for recycling	kg	1,49E+01	0	0	0	0	0	0
Materials for energy recovery	kg	1,08E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exported energy, electricity	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exported energy, thermal	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Information on biogenic carbon content

Biogenic carbon per declared unit (1 km) for EE85RG60000240GN AERIAL CABLE						
Biogenic carbon content	Unit	Amount				
Biogenic carbon content in the product	kg C	0				
Biogenic carbon content in packaging	kg C	1,72E+01				

Note: 1 kg biogenic carbon is equivalent to 44/12 kg CO<sub>2</sub>.

# **Additional information**

As additional information, on the next page it is presented the life cycle environmental impacts for the rest of references included on the family of optical fibre cables for telecommunication networks through aerial installation. The results below are expressed per km of cable and cover the Product Stage (A1, A2 and A3 modules).





### Environmental performance of aerial family per km of cable

Environmental impact results per declared unit (1 km) for AERIAL CABLE FAMILY REFERENCES Product stage (A1-A3 modules)					
Indicator	Unit	EE85RG60000480GN	EE85RG60000720GN	EE85RG60001440GN	
GWP-fossil	kg CO₂ eq.	3,99E+02	4,11E+02	5,22E+02	
GWP-biogenic	kg CO₂eq.	-1,19E+02	-1,18E+02	-1,17E+02	
GWP-luluc	kg CO₂eq.	5,07E-01	5,27E-01	6,68E-01	
GWP-Total	kg CO₂eq.	2,81E+02	2,93E+02	4,06E+02	
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	3,25E-05	3,43E-05	4,25E-05	
AP	mol H+ eq.	2,11E+00	2,27E+00	3,08E+00	
EP-freshwater	kg PO4 <sup>3-</sup> eq.	3,18E-02	3,21E-02	3,90E-02	
EP-freshwater	kg P eq.	1,03E-02	1,04E-02	1,27E-02	
EP-marine	kg N eq.	4,11E-01	4,47E-01	6,24E-01	
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq.	4,58E+00	5,02E+00	6,96E+00	
РОСР	kg NMVOC eq.	1,59E+00	1,72E+00	2,34E+00	
ADP-minerals and metals <sup>1</sup>	kg Sb eq.	5,84E-03	5,85E-03	6,55E-03	
ADP-fossil <sup>1</sup>	MJ	1,01E+04	1,05E+04	1,38E+04	
WDP <sup>1</sup>	m <sup>3</sup>	2,48E+02	2,53E+02	3,34E+02	
PM	disease inc.	1,55E-05	1,59E-05	1,86E-05	
IRP <sup>2</sup>	kBq U-235 eq	3,04E+01	3,23E+01	4,02E+01	
ETP-fw <sup>1</sup>	CTUe	7,52E+03	7,62E+03	8,86E+03	
HTP-c <sup>1</sup>	CTUh	3,59E-07	3,65E-07	4,04E-07	
HTP-nc <sup>1</sup>	CTUh	1,37E-05	1,38E-05	1,53E-05	
SQP <sup>1</sup>	Pt	1,03E+04	1,04E+04	1,10E+04	
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, Accumulated Exceedance; 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; PM = Particulate matter; IRP = Ionising radiation, human health; ETP-fw = Ecotoxicity, freshwater - organics ; HTP-c = Cancer human health effects; HTP-nc = Non- cancer human health effects; SQP = Land use - Soil quality index					
<sup>1</sup> Environmental impact results shall be manage	d with caution s with this paran	since the uncertainty on neter is limited.	of the results are hig	n and the experience	

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





Use of resources per declared unit (1	of resources per declared unit (1 km) for AERIAL CABLE FAMILY REFERENCES Product stage (A1-A3 modules)				
Indicator	Unit	EE85RG60000480GN	EE85RG60000720GN	EE85RG60001440GN	
PERE	MJ	9,03E+02	9,46E+02	1,15E+03	
PERM	MJ	1,29E+03	1,29E+03	1,29E+03	
PERT	MJ	2,19E+03	2,23E+03	2,44E+03	
PENRE	MJ	1,08E+04	1,12E+04	1,47E+04	
PENRM	MJ	1,10E+00	1,10E+00	1,10E+00	
PENRT	MJ	1,08E+04	1,12E+04	1,47E+04	
SM	kg	0	0	0	
RSF	MJ	0	0	0	
NRSF	MJ	0	0	0	
FW	m³	4,62E+00	4,68E+00	6,02E+00	
Acronyms	PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = 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; PENRM = Use of non- renewable primary energy resources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels;				

Waste production per declared unit (1 km) for AERIAL CABLE FAMILY REFERENCES Product stage (A1-A3 modules)						
Indicator	Unit	EE85RG60000480GN	EE85RG60000720GN	EE85RG60001440GN		
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	1,08E-01	1,08E-01	1,23E-01		
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	2,18E+01	2,20E+01	2,38E+01		
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	2,32E-02	2,47E-02	3,15E-02		





## Differences versus previous versions

This version, reviewed on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022, has applied changes on the table on page 4 regarding technical features from the product references (nominal diameter for EE85RG60000480GN and EE85RG60000720GN, and tensile strength for EE85RG60000240GN). This has been an editorial correction and does not alter the results of the EPD.





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