

COSHH Risk Assessment – Vaku 40 Filler Part A and Part B

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Integrated Management System Statement

This risk assessment forms part of the Bladestar Renewables Integrated Management System and shall be read in conjunction with the relevant Method Statement, Rescue Procedures and Client Approved Written Procedures.

Hazards have been identified and risk controls selected in accordance with the hierarchy of control principles, ensuring risks are reducing so far as is reasonably practicable (ALARP).

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RISK MATRIX		SEVERITY				
		1 Insignificant	2 Minor First Aid/Injury	3 Significant	4 Major injury/Long term health hazard	5 Death
LIKLIHOOD	5 Very likely	5	10	15	20	25
	4 Likely	4	8	12	16	20
	3 Probable	3	6	9	12	15
	2 Possible	2	4	6	8	10
	1 Unlikely	1	2	3	4	5

Acceptable risk 1-2 (Low)	Acceptable – task may proceed
Reduced risk 3-9 (Medium)	Tolerable and may proceed but may require supervision or active monitoring
Unacceptable risk 10-25 (High)	TASK MUST NOT PROCEED – Revise risk assessment and introduce further control measures to reduce risk

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Job Steps		Hazards & Effects		Control Initial Risk			Measures	Residual Risk		
Hazard Type	Hazard Effect	Groups Affected	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Likelihood		Severity	Risk Rating	
Flammable Liquid/ Vapour	Fire, Burns or Serious Injury	Site Operatives	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate firefighting equipment available that has been regularly maintained. • Keep away from sources of ignition. • Suitable storage provided. • Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire. • No Smoking. • Full face masks with A2P3 filters must be worn. • Anti-static coveralls must be worn • Mechanical ventilation if not in a well-ventilated area. • Only mix small quantities for immediate use. 	1	5	5	
Skin/Eye Irritation	Skin or Eye Irritation	Site Operatives	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees have been trained in how to use the chemicals and the safe system of work. • PPE provided and used. • Remove contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly with water. If irritation persists get medical advice. • Spillages cleaned up immediately. • Casualties treated by first aider until emergency help arrives. • Avoid repeated skin contact with uncured filler components. 	1	4	4	
Respiratory Irritant	Respiratory Irritation	Site Operatives	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees have been trained in how to use the chemicals and the safe system of work • Mechanical ventilation if not in well-ventilated area. • PPE to be used at all times. • Use outdoors where possible. • Do not breathe vapours. • Wear respiratory protection when working in poorly ventilated areas or when sanding cured filler. 	1	5	5	

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Hazard Type	Hazard Effect	Groups Affected	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Existing and recommended measures to reduce the likelihood of severity or both.			Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	
Irritation of the eyes	Eye Irritation	Site Operatives	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COSHH Assessments have been communicated to all relevant employees/subcontractors First aid – appropriate first aid kit available (Service Vehicle, Wind Turbine Base, Substations) PPE provided and used Wear eye/face mask protection if there is a risk of splashing. Eye wash kit must be immediately available. (Service Vehicle) Care shall be taken to avoid repeated exposure, as cumulative irritation may occur with frequent handling of uncured resin. 			1	4	4	
Exposure during pregnancy	Potential risk to unborn child	Site Operatives	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnant workers must not be exposed to uncured filler containing styrene. Alternative duties must be provided where reasonably practicable. PPE must be worn and exposure minimised. 			1	5	5	

Further controls – Fire and First Aid

Emergency eye wash

Eye wash stations are available in service vehicle.

First aid

Adequate first aid facilities are available. Chemical burns or contamination must be flushed immediately with large quantities of clean water for a minimum of 15 minutes and medical advice sought.

Provide fresh air

Substances should be used in an open and well-ventilated area where possible.

Firefighting equipment

Suitable firefighting equipment available in service vehicle and turbine.

No naked flames

Substances not used/stored near naked flames or points of ignition.

Wash with soap and water

Wash contacted area with soap and water.

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Further controls – Storage, disposal and spillage

Changing Facilities

Suitable facilities areas for changing of clothes.

Correct Storage Facilities

Controlled storage in place for use with designated substances/medication.

Hygiene Procedure Observed

All users are instructed on and acknowledge a formal hygiene procedure.

No Smoking

Smoking/Vaping is not allowed within the vicinity of the substance.

Spillages Cleared up Immediately

Suitable provisions in place to clear away spills quickly and safely.
Spilled filler must be absorbed using inert absorbent material and disposed of in accordance with SDS guidance.

Store Away From Heat

Substances not used/stored near naked flames or points of ignition/high temperature.

Warning Signs Displayed

Relevant signs highlighting potential hazards are clearly displayed in appropriate areas.

Containers Suitably Labelled

All containers are suitably labelled to disclose relevant safety advice.

Do not empty into drains

Substance should not be emptied/diluted in to drains/water source.

Keep away from ignition sources

Substances not used/stored near naked flames or points of ignition.

Prevent Spillages

Measures implemented to control spill potential.

Storage for work clothes and PPE

Adequate storage provided for all work clothing and provided personal protective equipment.

Use spill response kit

Spill Response Kit provided and checked/maintained regularly.

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Mandatory PPE required

Protective Clothing Must Be Worn

Any personal protective equipment provided must be worn as per associated risk assessment.

- Anti-static coveralls conforming to EN 1149.5:2008
- Cat 3 disposable suit conforming to EN ISO 13982-1:2004/A1:2010, EN 13034:2005+A1:2009, EN 1073.2:2002, EN 14126:2003, EN 1149.5:2008

RPE Fit Testing

All operatives utilising respiratory protective equipment must have completed face-fit testing unless wearing full face battery powered respirator with A2 + P3 filters.

Wear Goggles

Any protective eye equipment provided must be worn as per associated risk assessment.

- Safety goggles conforming to EN 166 3.4B

Protective Gloves Must be Worn

Any protective hand wear provided must be worn as per associated risk assessment.

- Cat 3 Nitrile disposable gloves conforming to EN ISO 374-1:2016 Type B, EN ISO 374-5:2016

Use Respiratory Protective Equipment RPE

Any respiratory protective equipment provided must be worn as per associated risk assessment.

- Battery powered respirator conforming to EN 166 1 FT B, EN 12941 TH3
- A2 filters conforming to EN 14387:2004+A1:2008 A1
- P3 filters conforming to EN 143:2000+A1:2006 P3 R
- Where ventilation alone cannot reliably maintain exposure below Workplace Exposure Limits, respiratory protective equipment shall be worn at all times when working with uncured filler.
- Full face respirator with A2P3 filters conforming to EN12941 TH3 shall be worn when working with catalyst in enclosed or poorly ventilated areas.

This COSHH Assessment has been developed with reference to the manufacturer's Safety Data Sheet for Vaku 40 Filler Part A and Part B, and reflects the identified Health, Safety and Environmental hazards. [BR-MSDS-019- Vaku 40 Filler \(A\).pdf](#) [BR-MSDS-020- Vaku 40 Filler \(B\).pdf](#)

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