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# **Eco-Core White Birch Multiply Pre-Finished with Clear Melamine Foil**

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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#### **SECTION 1 PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**

Product Identification	
Product Name	Eco-Core White Birch Multiply Pre-finished with Clear Melamine Foil
Timber Species	Russian Birch Plywood, Veneer Faces (Russian Birch, Bamboo)
Details of the Company	
Company Name	Global Ventures Australia Pty Ltd
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# **SECTION 2 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Appearance and Odour	Light tan to dark tan. Colour and odour are dependent on the plywood species and veneer faces applied.
Physical State	Solid
Boiling Point	Not applicable
PH	Not applicable
Melting Point	Not applicable
Vapour Pressure	Not applicable
Solubility in Water	Not applicable
Water	Not applicable
Vapour Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	<1.0
Average Density	Approximately 680 -700 Kg/m3
Formaldehyde Emission Class	Super E0

No hazardous ingredients. No chemical residue is left on the surface of the board.

# **SECTION 3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

Emergency Overview	Sawing, sanding or machining plywood products can produce plywood dust, which can cause an explosion hazard. Plywood dust may cause eye, nose and throat irritation.
Potential Health Effects	
Inhalation	Plywood dust may cause nasal dryness, irritation and coughing.
Eye Contact	Plywood dust can cause mechanical irritation.
Skin Contact	Various species of plywood dust may evoke allergic contact dermatitis in sensitized individuals. If an allergy pre- exists or develops, it may be necessary to remove the sensitized worker from further exposure to plywood dust or plywood based products.
Ingestion	Not applicable under normal conditions of use

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# **SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES**

Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If persistent irritation, severe coughing or breathing difficulty occurs, seek medical attention.
Eye Contact	Remove contact lenses. Flush eyes, including under eyelids, with little amounts of water. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash affected areas with soap and water. If rash or persistent irritation or dermatitis occurs, seek medical attention.
Ingestion	Not applicable under normal conditions of use

#### **SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

Flash Point	Not applicable
Explosion Hazard	Sawing, sanding or machining plywood products can produce plywood dust as a by product. Plywood dust is a strong to severe explosion hazard if a dust "cloud" contacts an ignition source. 100°C (212°F) has been suggested as the upper temperature limit for continuous exposure for plywood without risk of ignition (plywood dust may even require a lower temperature.) An airborne concentration of 40grams of dust per cubic metre of air is often used as the lowest explosion limit (LEL) for plywood dust.
Fire Extinguishing Media	Water. Partially burned dust is especially hazardous if dispersed into the air. Remove burned or wet dust to open area after fire is extinguished.
Hazardous Combustion	Thermal-oxidative degradation or burning of plywood can produce irritating and potentially toxic fumes and gases including carbon monoxide, aldehydes and organic acids.
Auto Ignition Temperature	204-260°C (400-500°F)

# SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURE

Not applicable for product in purchased form. Sweep or vacuum dust for recovery on disposal. Plywood dust clean-up and disposal activities should be accomplished in a manner to minimize creation of airborne dust.

#### **SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Handling	Provide adequate ventilation to reduce the possible build up of formaldehyde gas, particularly when high temperatures occur. Avoid dusty conditions and provide good ventilation.
Storage	Plywood products are combustible and therefore, should not be subjected to temperatures exceeding the auto ignition temperature. Water spray may be used to wet down plywood dust generated by sawing, sanding or machining to reduce the likelihood of ignition or dispersion of dust into the air.
Maintenance	Wipe the surface of the Clear Melamine Coated panel with a soft, clean, water dampened cloth, wring out excess water. Follow with a clean soft dry cloth and wipe until surface is dry. Never use abrasive cleaning materials or implements. This maintenance only applies to timber or bamboo pre-fnished with Clear Melamine Foil, it does not apply to other types of finishes or raw and unfinished products.

#### **SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Engineering Controls	Due to explosive potential of plywood dust when suspended in air, precautions should be taken during sanding, sawing or machining of plywood products to prevent an ignition source in ventilation equipment. Use of totally enclosed motors is recommended. Provide local exhaust as necessary to meet OSHA requirements for plywood dust exposure.
Respiratory Protection	Wear NIOSH/OSHA approved respirator when the exposure limits to plywood dust may be exceeded.
Eye Protection	Recommended goggles or safety glasses as conditions indicate when sawing, sanding or machining plywood products.

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	Protective equipment such as gloves and outer garments may be needed to reduce skin contact. Following are plywood dust exposure limits, which are in accordance with those recommended by OSHA in the 1989 revision of PELs.
Skin Protection	
	Wood Dust
	OSHA PEL-TWA – 5mg/m3
	OSHA PEL-STEL – 10mg/m3

# **SECTION 9 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Stability	Stable under normal conditions
Conditions to avoid	Plywood dust generated from sawing, sanding or machining the product is extremely combustible. Keep in cool dry place away from ignition sources.
Incompatibility (Materials to avoid)	Oxidizing agents and drying oils
Harazdous Polymerization	Will not occur

#### **SECTION 10 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Plywood Dust	Plywood dust generated from sawing, sanding or machining this product may cause nasal dryness, irritation, coughing and sinusitis. OSHA or the National Toxicology Program (NTP) does not consider plywood dust a potential cancer hazard. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classifies plywood dust as a carcinogen to humans (Group 1.) This classification is based primarily on IARC's evaluation of increased risk in the occurrence of adenocarcinomas of the nasal cavities and paranasal sinuses associated with exposure to plywood dust. IARC did not find sufficient evidence to associate cancers of the oropharynx, hypopharynx, lung, lymphatic and hematopoietic systems, stomach, colon, or rectum with exposure to plywood dust.
Skin Contact	May cause temporary irritation to eyes, nose and throat. Some reports suggest that formaldehyde may cause respiratory sensitization, such as asthma, and that pre-existing respiratory disorders may be aggravated by exposure. Formaldehyde is listed by the IARC as a probable human carcinogen. The NTP includes formaldehyde in the Annual Report on Carcinogens. Formaldehyde is regulated by OSHA as a potential cancer agent.

# **SECTION 11 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION**

This product is not considered hazardous waste under Federal Hazardous Waste Regulations 40 CFR 251. Please be advised, however, state and local requirements for waste disposal may be different from federal regulations.

Incinerate or landfill in accordance with local, state and federal regulations

#### **SECTION 12 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

This product is not a DOT hazardous material.

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#### **SECTION 13 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

OSHA	Plywood products are not hazardous under the criteria of the Federal OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200. However, plywood dust generated by sawing, sanding, or machining these products may be hazardous.
TSCA	This product complies with TSCA inventory requirements.
BARA 313	None
CANADIAN WHMIS	These products are not considered controlled products

# **SECTION 14 OTHER INFORMATION**

IMPORTANT: The information and data herein are believed to be accurate and have been compiled from sources believed to be reliable. It is offered for your consideration, investigation and verification. Buyer assumes all risk of use, storage and handling of the product in compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. The manufacturer and its subsidiaries make no warranty of any kind, express or implied, concerning the accuracy or completeness of the information and data herein. The implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose are specifically excluded. The manufacturer and its subsidiaries will not be liable for claims relating to any party's use of or reliance on information and data contained herein regardless of whether it is claimed that the information and data are inaccurate, incomplete or otherwise misleading.

This Material Safety Data Sheet is being furnished for similar plywood produced by different manufacturers.