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**SECTION 1. Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**

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**1.1 Product identifier:****Trade name:** Granulated copper (granulate obtained from Cu wire rod cutting)**Substance name:** cathode copper, electrolytic copper**IUPAC name:** copper**UN No.:** not assigned**CAS No.:** 7440-50-8**WE No:** 231-159-6**Index number:** not assigned**REACH registration No.:** 01-2119480154-42-0002**Synonyms:** electrolytic copper in form of copper granulate, copper nuggets**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Identified uses: nuggets are dedicated for producing alloys, for galvanization processes and in the chemical industry

Uses advised against: not known

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the material safety data sheet:**

Producer identification: **KGHM Polska Miedź S.A.**  
**"Cedynia" Copper Rolling Mill**  
**59-305 Rudna**

Phone numbers:Head of Sales Department: (48 76) 74 71 640 – available: Mon. – Fri. 7<sup>00</sup> - 15<sup>00</sup>,Head of Wire Rod Mill Department: (48 76) 74 71 600 – available: Mon. – Fri. 7<sup>00</sup> - 15<sup>00</sup>,Head of Oxygen-free Copper Department: (48 76) 74 71 440 – available: Mon. – Fri. 7<sup>00</sup> - 15<sup>00</sup>,

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Person responsible for preparing the MSDS:

phone No. : (+48 76) 74 71 405 – available: Mon. – Fri. 7<sup>00</sup> - 15<sup>00</sup>,e-mail: [karty.charakterystyki@kgmh.com](mailto:karty.charakterystyki@kgmh.com)**1.4. Emergency telephone number**

Manufacturer (Poland): (48 76) 74 71 615

112 (General Emergency), 998 (Fire Dept.), 999 (Ambulance Service)

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**SECTION 2. Hazards identification**

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**2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture:**

Classification according to Regulation No. 1272/2008 (CLP):

Not classified

Classification according to Directive 67/548/EWG:

Not classified

**2.2. Label elements:**

None

**2.3 Other hazards:**

Under normal conditions product is not hazardous for the human health or the environment.

Fumes, dust and copper compounds are harmful.

The harmfulness of copper for human and animals can manifest itself in changes in certain internal organs, brain tissue, coronary arteries. Symptoms of copper toxicity are relatively rare because of

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the wide tolerance of organisms. Copper dust and fumes cause eyes, nose and respiratory tract irritation and so-called copper fever (flu-like symptoms).

Copper is moderately toxic to aquatic organisms. Copper toxicity to fish is comparable to lead toxicity.

**SECTION 3. Composition/information on ingredients****3.1. Substances**

Composition	Percentage content [mass fraction in %]	Classification according to Directive 67/548/EWG	Classification according to the Regulation No. 1272/2008 (CLP)
<b>Cu</b> CAS No: 7440-50-8 WE No.: 231-159-6 Index No: not assigned	min. 99,90	none	none

**3.2. Mixtures**

n/a

**SECTION 4. First Aid measures****4.1 Description of first aid measures:**

n/a

When processing of electrolytic copper in accordance with the law rules in force at the technology used.

General advice:

Get medical attention if you feel unwell.

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

Following inhalation:

In case of exposure to fumes, fine particulates, powders, flakes: move to fresh air, lay patient down, get medical attention if discomfort persists.

Following skin contact:

In case of contact with molten product, cool rapidly with water and seek immediate medical attention. Do not attempt to remove molten product from skin because skin will tear easily. Cuts or abrasions should be treated promptly with thorough cleansing of the affected area.

Following eye contact:

Use general measures if eye irritations occur. Do not rub eyes. Remove any contact lenses.

Flush eyes thoroughly with water, taking care to rinse under eyelids. If discomfort continues, consult a physician.

After ingestion:

In case of significant oral intake (several mg Cu), rinse mouth and give 200-300 ml water to drink.

Do not induce vomiting.

Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

**4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed:**

n/a

Gastro-intestinal symptoms are the first symptoms for high oral intakes of soluble copper compounds. Vomiting may occur.

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The most critical organ for delayed effects from “copper” excess is the liver.

Nose-lung irritation may be a symptom occurring after inhalation of copper containing fumes/dusts/mists.

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:**

Treat symptomatically

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**SECTION 5. Firefighting measures**

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**5.1 Extinguishing media:**

Appropriate extinguishing media: Non-flammable substance. Use firefighting measures appropriate to the surrounding materials. The general fire precautions apply.

Extinguishing media which may be used where molten copper is present: sand, sodium chlorite

Extinguishing media which must not be used where molten copper is present: water or halogenated extinguishing media.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture:**

Respirable dust.

**5.3 Advice for fire-fighters:**

Personnel participating in extinguishing a fire should wear apparatus isolating respiratory ways.

The removal operations of the substances should be carried out using respiratory protective equipment, face shields and protective clothing.

General advice: Fight fire with the agents appropriate for the fire cause.

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**SECTION 6. Accidental release measures**

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During production and some uses, hazardous “copper” may be formed and therefore accidental releases of respirable copper-bearing particles and soluble copper compounds are considered.

**6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:**

Avoid formation of dust.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Avoid inhalation of dust and fumes.

Wear suitable protective equipment.

**6.2 Environmental precautions:**

Do not allow to enter drains, ground and surface water and soil. In the event of an accident, protect the substance against release to the environment.

**6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**

Avoid dust formation. Sweep all spilled material or use an appropriate industrial vacuum cleaner.

Collect spilled material in suitable containers or closed plastic bags for recovery or disposal.

Dispose spilled material or contaminated material as waste. See section 13 for disposal considerations.

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

For more information on exposure controls/personal protection or disposal considerations, check Sections 8 to 13 of this Material Safety Data Sheet.

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**SECTION 7. Handling and storage**

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**7.1 Precautions for safe handling:**

Copper is not classified in massive forms and no protective measures are needed for safe handling.

Non-flammable product.

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**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:**

Do not store with acetylene, acids and bases and their vapors and salts. Avoid contact with less precious metals, particularly in moist environment.

**7.3 Specific end use(s):**

Identified uses are listed in section 1.2.

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**SECTION 8. Exposure control/personal protection**

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**8.1 Control parameters:**

The following current national occupational exposure limit values apply (Poland):

Copper and its compounds – calculated to Cu: for fumes (TLV-TWA, TLV-STEL) – TLV-TWA: 0,2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, TLV-STEL: not assigned

Derived No Effect Levels (DNELs):

DNEL (Long-term – systemic effects) – 0,041 mg Cu/kg b.w./d (oral, dermal)

DNEL (Short-term – systemic effects) – 0,082 mg Cu/kg b.w./d (oral, dermal)

Predicted No Effect Concentrations (PNECs):

PNEC (Freshwater) – 7,8 µg/l

PNEC (Marine water) – 5,2 µg/l

PNEC (Sediment freshwater) – 87 mg/kg dry wt.

PNEC (Sediment marine) – 676 mg/kg dry wt.

PNEC (Soil) – 65,5 mg/kg dry wt.

PNEC (STP) – 230 mg/l

Additional information:

Regulation of the Minister of Family, Labour and Social Policy of June 12th, 2018 on the highest allowable concentrations and intensities of agents harmful for health in the work environment (Official Journal 2018, pos. 1286 with subsequent amendments);

Regulation of the Minister of Health of December 30th, 2004, on Safety at Work related to handling with chemicals in work environment (Official Journal 05.11.86, with subsequent amendments);

Determination in air at the workplace (Poland):

PN-Z-04030-05:1991 Air purity protection – Dust content tests – Determination of total dust at workplaces according to filtration and gravimetric method;

PN-Z-04030-06:1991 Air purity protection – Dust content tests – Determination of respirable dust at workplaces according to filtration and gravimetric method;

PN-EN-04008-7:2002 Air purity protection – Sampling – Air sampling principles at occupational place and the interpretation of results;

PN-EN 689:2018-07 Occupational exposure - Measurement of inhalation exposure to chemical agents - Strategy for testing compliance with limit values;

PN-EN 482+A1:2016-01 Occupational exposure – General requirements for measurement procedures of chemical agents;

PN-ISO 4225/Ak:1999 Air quality – General issues – Terminology (national paper)

**8.2 Exposure controls:**

Prevent formation of dust where possible. Ensure appropriate ventilation/exhaustion at machinery and places where dust can be generated.

Any deposit of dust which cannot be avoided should be regularly removed preferably using appropriate industrial vacuum cleaners or central vacuum systems.

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Waste air should be released into the atmosphere only after it has passed through suitable dust separators.

Waste water generated during the production process or cleaning operations should be collected and should preferably be treated in an on-site waste water treatment plant which ensures efficient removal of copper.

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**SECTION 9. Physical and chemical properties**

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**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties:**

Appearance: solid, copper colour. The particle size >1mm

Odour: odourless

Odour threshold: n/a

pH: n/a

Melting point: 1083°C

Initial boiling point: not applicable to a solid that melts >300°C

Flash point: not applicable to an inorganic solid

Self-ignition point: n/a

Evaporation rate: not applicable to an inorganic solid

Flammability: n/a

Explosive point: n/a

Vapour pressure: n/a

Vapour density: n/a

Density: about 8 930 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (20°C)

Solubilities:

in water (20°C): insoluble

in acids (20°C): depends on acid type and concentration

in organic solvent (20°C): no data

Partition coefficient n-octanol/water: no data

Viscosity: n/a

Explosive properties: n/a

Oxidising properties: none

**9.2 Other information:**

None

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**SECTION 10. Stability and reactivity**

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**10.1. Reactivity:** n/a (see section 9)

**10.2. Chemical stability:** under normal conditions and in absence of chemical agents exposure - the substance is stable.

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions:** with acids releases soluble copper compounds

**10.4 Conditions to avoid:** avoid dust formation and contact with acids.

**10.5 Incompatible materials:** strong acids

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:** the element Cu<sup>0</sup> does not decompose but may be transformed into other metal forms (e.g. Cu<sup>2+</sup>) – see section 10.3.

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**SECTION 11. Toxicological information**

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**11.1 Information on toxicological effects:**

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**Acute toxicity (oral):**

On the basis of available data the classification criteria are not met.

**Acute toxicity (inhalation):**

On the basis of available data the classification criteria are not met.

**Skin corrosion/irritation:**

On the basis of available data the classification criteria are not met.

**Serious eye damage/ eye irritating:**

On the basis of available data the classification criteria are not met.

**Respiratory tract or skin sensitization:**

On the basis of available data the classification criteria are not met.

**Germ cell mutagenicity:**

On the basis of available data the classification criteria are not met.

**Carcinogenicity:**

On the basis of available data the classification criteria are not met.

**Reproductive toxicity:**

On the basis of available data the classification criteria are not met.

**STOT-single exposure/ STOT-repeated exposure:**

On the basis of available data the classification criteria are not met.

**Aspiration hazard:**

On the basis of available data the classification criteria are not met.

**Concentration and lethal and toxic doses:**

Copper: no data for metallic copper

(the following data refer to copper powders and fumes):

- LD50 (mouse, oral): 0,7 mg/kg

- TDLO (human, oral): 0,12 mg/kg

- TCL0 (human, inhalation): 0,001 mg/l

- LC50 (rat, inhalation): no data

- LD50 (rat, skin): no data

**11.2. Information on likely routes of exposure:**

Routes of absorption for copper: ingestion (swallowing), inhalation.

**11.3. Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

Detailed information on symptoms related to the product and the possible effects from exposure are described in Section 4.2.

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**SECTION 12. Ecological information**

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**12.1. Toxicity:** based on an assessment of compliance with the Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 and Directive 67/548/EEC, copper massive does not meet the criteria for classification of chronic toxicity to aquatic organisms.**12.2. Persistence and degradability:** cannot be degraded, but may be transformed between different phases, chemical species, and oxidation states.**12.3. Bioaccumulative potential:** danger of cumulative effects in living organisms**12.4. Mobility in soil:** product poorly mobile in soil and in aquatic environment**12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:** do not apply to inorganic substances

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**12.6. Other adverse effects:** copper is not expected to contribute to ozone depletion, ozone formation, global warming or acidification.

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**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

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Anything that has not been recovered or disposed of should be transferred to an appropriate and authorized waste recipient.

Waste classification (waste catalog – Official Journal 2020, item 10):

17 04 01 Copper, bronze, brass

17 04 07 Metal mixtures

10 06 01 Slags from primary and secondary production

Legal basis: The Act of 14 December 2012 on waste (Official Journal 2013, item 21, with subsequent amendments); Directive 2006/12 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006 on waste (Official Journal L 114, 27.4.2006, with subsequent amendments).

Packaging: Used disposable packaging should be forwarded to an authorized recipient of packaging waste. Reusable packaging, after cleaning, can be used further.

Manage packaging in accordance with Directive 94/62 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 1994 on packaging and packaging waste (Official Journal L 365, 31.12.1994, as amended).

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**SECTION 14: Transport information**

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The general transport regulations apply. Covered transportation is recommended.

**14.1. UN number:** n/a

**14.2. UN proper shipping name:** n/a

**14.3. Transport hazard class(es):** n/a

**14.4. Packing group:** n/a

**14.5. Environmental hazards:** n/a

**14.6. Special precautions for user:** secure packages against moving while shipping.

**14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code:** n/a

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

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**15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

The substance is not covered by the regulations of the Regulation (EC) No. 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and Council of 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2000 on substances depleting ozone layer (Official Journal L 244 of 29.09.2000, with subsequent amendments) or the Regulation (EC) No. 850/2004 of the European Parliament and Council of April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004, on permanent organic contamination and changing the Directive 79/117/EEC (Official Journal L 158 of 30.4.2004, with subsequent amendments).

The substance is not subject to regulations of the Regulation of the European Parliament and Council (EC) No. 689/2008 of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 on export and import of hazardous chemicals (Official Journal L 204 of 31.07.2008, with subsequent amendments).

Provisions of law:

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Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and Council of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical substances (REACH), creating European Chemicals Agency, changing the Directive 1999/45/EC as well as revoking the Council (EC) decree No 793/93 as well as the Commission Directive (EC) No. 1488/94 as well as the Council Directive 76/769/EEG and Council Directive 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2006/21/EC (with subsequent amendments).

Regulation of the European Parliament and Council (EC) No. 1272/2008 dated December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 on classification, marking and packing hazardous substances and mixtures, changing and revoking the Directive 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EEC as well as changing the Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

Regulation of the Commission (EC) No. 453/2010 of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, changing the Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2007 of the European Parliament and Council on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical substances (REACH) (Official Journal L 133 with subsequent amendments).

Act of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2001, Environment Protection Law (Official Journal 01.62.627 with subsequent amendments);

Act of February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 on chemical substances and their mixtures (Official Journal No. 63, item 322);

Regulation of the Minister of Family, Labour and Social Policy of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 on the highest allowable concentrations and intensities of substances harmful for health in the work environment (Official Journal 2018, item 1286, with subsequent amendments);

Regulation of the Board of Ministers of August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004, on the list of works banned for adolescents and conditions of their employing for some works. (Official Journal No. 200 item 2047, with subsequent amendments);

Act of October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002, on road transportation of hazardous goods (Official Journal No. 199, item 1671, with subsequent amendments);

Act of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004, on railway transportation of hazardous goods (Official Journal No. 97, item 962);

Act of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2001, on waste (Official Journal No. 62, item 628, with subsequent amendments);

Regulation of the Minister of Climate of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 on the waste catalogue (Official Journal 2020, item 10);

Act of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013, on packages and packages waste (Official Journal 2013, item 888, with subsequent amendments);

Regulation of the Minister of Health of 30 December 2004 on occupational health and safety related to the presence of chemical agents at work (Official Journal No. 11, item 86, with subsequent amendments);

Regulation of the Minister of Health of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 on the testing and measurements of harmful factors at the work place (Official Journal No. 33 item 166, with subsequent amendments);

Regulation of the Minister of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation of 12 July 2019 on substances particularly harmful to the water environment and the conditions to be met when introducing sewage into waters or soil, as well as when discharging rainwater or snowmelt into waters or into water facilities (Official Journal 2019, item 1311).

**15.2. Chemical safety assessment**

Chemical safety assessment of the substance has been carried out.

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**SECTION 16: Other information**

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Changes were made to the sections:

- 1.3. - Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet,
- 6.2. - Environmental precautions,
- 8.1. - Control parameters,
- 13 - Disposal considerations,
- 15.1. - Substance specific legislation on safety, health and environmental protection.

Explanations of abbreviations and acronyms used in the MSDS:

**CAS number** – means numerical identification assigned to chemical substance by the American organization named Chemical Abstract Service (CAS), enabling substance identification.



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**WE number** – the number assigned to chemical substance in EINECS -. European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances, or the number assigned to chemical substance in ELINCS – European List of Notified Chemical Substances or the number in chemical substances inventory included in “No-longer polymers” document.

**Index number** – it is an identification code given in part 3 of the annex VI to the Regulation of the European Parliament and Council (EC) No. 1272/2008 dated December 16th, 2008, on classification, marking and packing hazardous substances and mixtures, changing and revoking the Directive 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EEC as well as changing the Decree (EC) No 1907/2006.

**Registration number** – number given by ECHA after substance/intermediate registration by the manufacturer/importer according to REACH Regulation.

**LD<sub>50</sub>** – dose of toxic substance expressed in milligrams per kilogram of body mass necessary to kill 50% of the examined population within specified time.

**LC<sub>50</sub>** – concentration of a substance in the inhaled air, expressed in milligrams per litre, which causes death of 50% of the examined population after specified period of exposure.

**EC<sub>50</sub>** – substance dose expressed in milligrams per litre causing the given pharmacological effect (e.g. inhibition of growth) at 50% of the examined population within specified time.

**NOEC** – no effect concentration - concentration of the substance expressed in milligrams per litre, at which no toxic effects can be observed.

**NDS/TLV-TWA** – the highest admissible concentration/threshold limit value – weighted average value – concentration of toxic chemical whose action on an employee during 8-hour daily shift and average weekly time of work provided in the Labour Code, during the period of his occupational activity should not cause negative changes of his health condition and of health condition of his next generations.

**NDSch/TLV-STEL** – the highest admissible short term concentration/short term exposure limit – weighted average of concentration of the specified, toxic chemical compound which should not cause negative changes of an employee health if present in the work environment for not longer than 15 minutes and not more often than twice per shift with occurrences separated by more than 1 hour.

Necessary training: Post-related training within the scope of safe use of a substance considering its hazardous properties for humans and the environment.

Sources of information used during preparation of the MSDS:

- Own results of qualitative and quantitative analyses of the substance;
- Hazardous Substances – Practical Guide, ALFA-WEKA;
- European Chemical Substance Information System;
- Encyclopedia of Technology CHEMISTRY - WNT
- CHEMISTRY – structure and reactions, Milton K. Snyder;
- Chemical Safety Report for the substance.

More detailed information on electrolytic copper can be obtained in the elaboration: „Chemical Safety Report” (Substance name: copper), European Copper Institute), 2010

The data herein are based on our latest knowledge. Recipients of our product must take into account existing laws and other regulations.

This MSDS is the property of KGHM Polska Miedź S.A. and features only our product.

Further information can be obtained under the telephone numbers given in section 1.

MSDS has been developed by Damian Czwardziel based on the electrolytic copper’s MSDS prepared by KGHM Polska Miedź S.A. "Legnica" Smelter and Refinery.