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# Material Safety Data Sheet

## 1. Product identification

Product use: *Rhizobium* Inoculant  
MSDS number: NZBWI-220  
Effective date: August 1, 2011

## **Black Gold™ O/R/WR peat**

### 2. Composition:

Component	CAS number	OSHA PEL	% (w/w)
Pure culture of <i>Rhizobium leguminosarum</i> bv. <i>trifolii</i>	Not available	Not available	Not available
<b>Hazardous ingredient</b> Crystalline quartz (Small amounts of quartz are a naturally-occurring component of the carrier substrate.)	<b>CAS number</b> 14808-60-7	<b>OSHA PEL</b> 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>ACGIH TL V</b> 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Note:** This product contains beneficial microorganisms. Novozymes exclusively uses non-pathogenic beneficial microorganisms that are considered to be non-allergenic, non-irritating and non-sensitizing when used as directed. Exposure to very high levels of airborne microbial spores may result in very rare respiratory impairments or cause an allergic reaction in sensitized individuals. A Material Safety Data Sheet is supplied with all products.

### Emergency overview:

Do not vacuum up spills, since dust generated by this product may create an electrically conductive (explosive) medium when mixed with air.

### 3. Hazard identification:

**NFPA:** 1-Health, 1-Flammability, 1-Reactivity

#### Potential health effects:

**Primary entry routes:** Oral (swallowing), inhalation  
**Eyes:** Dust may cause mechanical irritation of eye  
**Skin contact:** No known hazard.  
**Skin absorption:** A single prolonged exposure is not likely to result in this material being absorbed in harmful amounts. Do not expose open cuts or wounds to products.  
**Ingestion:** Small amounts swallowed incidental to industrial handling are not likely to cause injury. Ingestion of larger amounts may cause stomach discomfort or pain  
**Inhalation:** Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause injury to the respiratory tract.  
**Chronic effects:** Chronic inhalation of quartz dust causes lung disease  
**Medical conditions aggravated by exposure:** Respiratory disease  
**Target organs:** Lungs  
**Carcinogenicity:** Quartz is listed as a carcinogen by NTP and IARC  
**Birth defects:** Not available  
**Reproductive effects:** Not available  
**Mutagenic effects:** Not available

### 4. First aid measures:

**Eyes:** Flush with a continuous gentle stream of water for 5 minutes. If irritation develops, get medical attention.  
**Skin:** Wash with plenty of soap and water.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting unless instructed to do so by qualified medical personnel. If individual is conscious, give them plenty of water to drink. Get medical attention if stomach discomfort develops.  
**Inhalation:** Move individual to fresh air. Encourage coughing. Get medical attention if breathing difficulty develops.  
**Note to physician:** Employ supportive care. Treatment should be based on the judgment of the physician in response to reactions of the patient.

### 5. Fire-fighting measures:

**Flash point:** Not applicable  
**Explosive limits:** Not applicable  
**Auto-ignition temperature:** Not determined  
**Extinguishing media:** Use media suitable for the surrounding fire  
**Sensitivity to mechanical impact/static discharge:** Dust generated may create an electrically conductive medium when mixed with air.  
**Unusual fire and explosion hazards:** None known.  
**Fire-fighting equipment:** Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus and full turn-out gear.  
**Special fire fighting procedures:** Caution, burning may continue inside bag after surface is out. Break bag to separate pile to assure that the fire is extinguished. Take care to keep dusting to a minimum.

### 6. Accidental release measures:

Do not vacuum up spills of peat products, since the dust can form an explosive mixture when mixed in air. Sweep up spills and store in a suitable container until proper disposal can be arranged.

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## 7. Handling and storage:

Store any unused product in original unopened containers in a cool, dry place, away from sunlight, drafts and direct heat sources. Practice reasonable caution to avoid contact with this product. Avoid breathing dust if generated. Users should wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or the toilet. Keep out of reach of children. Do not ship or store this product with food, feed, drugs or clothing.

## 8. Exposure controls, personal protection, and exposure limits:

**Rhizobium leguminosarum:** Not available  
**Quartz:** OSHA PEL 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> ACGIH 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
**Ventilation:** Special ventilation is not required for the normal handling and use of this product when following the label instructions  
**Engineering controls:** Good ventilation is required.  
**Breathing:** Use a NIOSH or MSHA approved air-purifying respirator if respiratory irritation is experienced.  
**Protective clothing:** Wear clean body-covering clothing and impervious gloves when handling this product.  
**Eyes:** Safety glasses with side shields recommended.  
**Other protection:** Washing facilities should be available.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties:

**Boiling point:** Not applicable  
**Vapor pressure:** Not applicable  
**Volatility:** Not applicable  
**pH:** 6.5 to 7.3  
**Appearance:** Dark brown powder  
**Odour:** Earthy  
**Coefficient of water/oil distribution:** Not available  
**Physical state:** Solid  
**Water solubility:** Insoluble  
**% volatile (volume):** Not available  
**Specific gravity:** 0.6  
**Melting point:** Not available  
**Vapor density:** Not available  
**Freezing point:** Not available

## 10. Stability and reactivity:

**Stability:** Stable  
**Incompatibility:** Acids, bases, oxidizers, reducers, disinfectants, fungicides, and/or biocides may inactivate.  
**Hazardous decomposition products:** Thermal decomposition releases CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, hydrocarbons.  
**Hazardous polymerization:** Does not occur

## 11. Toxicological information:

**Skin absorption:** Not available  
**Ingestion:** Oral LD<sub>50</sub> is not available  
**Inhalation:** Inhalation LC<sub>50</sub> is not available

## 12. Ecological information:

**Toxicity to bees:** Not available. Not a likely hazard  
**Toxicity to fish:** Not available. Not a likely hazard  
**Toxicity to birds:** Not available. Not a likely hazard

## 13. Disposal considerations

This product may be disposed of by placement in any landfill approved for domestic waste.

## 14. Transportation information:

This product is not regulated as a hazardous material for all modes of transportation within the U.S. and Canada.

**Hazard class:** Not applicable

## 15. Regulatory information:

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

**Proposition 65:** Contains no components subject to warning requirements

**Master reference:** On file  
**MSDS status:** New MSDS

## 16. Other information:

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This information may not be adequate for every application and therefore it is up to the user to determine the suitability of this information based on conditions of use, storage or local regulations.

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