

### Environmental product declaration Ceramic tiles, glazed ceramic tiles

(BIIa clasification according to EN 14411:2013)

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### 1 General information

# **1.1.** Identification and description of the organisations carrying out

the declaration

Declaration made by: Instituto de Tecnología Cerámica – (ITC-AICE) Cyclus Vitae Solutions S.L.

Life Cycle Assessment made by: Instituto de Tecnología Cerámica – (ITC-AICE). Report reference C142416, 24 of September, 2014.

Commissioned by: Pamesa Cerámica S.L. Cno. Alcora nº 8, Apdo. Correos 14 12550 Almazora, Castellón. España.

### **1.2.** Identification of the product

This environmental product declaration describes the environmental information based on a life cycle assessment of glazed ceramic tiles (BIIa water absorption group) manufactured by PAMESA CERÁMICA S.L., considering the geographical and technical coverage of Spain during 2013.

The ceramic tiles included in the study belong to the BIIa water absorption group according to UNE-EN 14411:2013 (equivalent to ISO 13006:2012); i.e they have a water absorption between 0,5% and 3% (glazed ceramic tiles )The product sizes that lie within the scope of the study have a thickness between 7,5 mm and 13 mm, and are as follows:

20x60 cm	60x60 cm	31,6x31,6 cm
31,6x60 cm	31,8x31,8 cm	45x45 cm

These products are manufactured in the following locations owned by PAMESA CERÁMICA S.L.

Fabrication	of the tiles
Compacglass S.L.	Compacglass S.L.
(Factory 1)	(Factory 3)
Camí de la Lloma de	Ctra. Onda-Vila real
Miralcamp, 4	km 3,5
12200 Onda,	12200 Onda,
Castellón, España	Castellón, España

### **1.3.** Functional or declared unit

The Declared Unit is "1 m<sup>2</sup> covering of a (floor, partitions and façade) surface with glazed stoneware (Blla group)".

### **1.4.** Name of the Program

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AENOR is a founding member of the Association ECO Platform of European EPD Program Operators.

### **1.5.** Conformity

This Environmental Product Declaration has been developed and verified in accordance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804.







# **1.6.** Identification of the Product Category Rules (PCR)

Descriptive title of the PCR	Ceramic coverings
Panel that approved this PCR	CERAMIC COVERINGS
PCR registration date and code	2013-09-06 RCP-002-AENOR GlobalEPD
PCR version number	001
Public consultation period for the PCR	2013-05-07 to 2013-05-31
Approval date of the PCR	2013-09-06
PCR valid until	2018-09-05
Programme Operator	AENOR

# **1.7.** Date of issue of the declaration and period of validity

This EPD, with code 002-015 is issued on 2014-11-06 and will be valid for 5 years.

### **1.8.** Information modules

The life cycle stages considered are:

#### Product stage:

Raw materials extraction and processing (A1) Transport to the manufacturer (A2)

Manufacturing (A3)

**Module D:** Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary from reuse, recovery, and/or recycling potentials

This EPD is thus "cradle to gate with options". opciones.

### Product stage (modules A1, A2 Y A3) Raw materials supply (A1)

The basic materials for these tiles are mainly clay and recovered ceramic material generated before and after the firing.

The most common glaze raw materials are quartz, kaolin, alkaline feldspars, calcium carbonate, borates, zircon, clay, calcined alumina, ceramic frits, pigments, and additives such as suspending agents, deflocculants, or binders.

### Transport (A2)

Raw materials have different sources according to their nature and properties.

All raw materials of the body are national and extracted in places located at less than 200 km. The raw materials for the glaze, depending on the distance and location, are transported by land, using tracks, of shipped using cargo freighters.

All raw materials are transported in bulk, i.e. with no packing.

### Manufacturing (A3)

The preparation of the raw materials are made in the facilities Onda Cogeneración S.L. and Arcillas Atomizadas S.A., both members of the PAMESA Group and located in Onda

In these facilities, after the reception of the materials and its storage in warehouses, the dosage and the mix using the appropriate rations is made. These raw materials are first grinded with a wet process and then dried to obtain an atomized granule. Only in case of feldspars there is a pre-treatment to ensure they are acceptable for the use.

In both facilities, the drying process by atomization includes a system of cogeneration for combined heat and electric power. In this cogeneration process electricity is generated using a system of gas turbines; part of the heated gases generated during the combustion of the natural gas for electric power is used in the atomization process. Both the heated gases and part of the electric power generated are incorporated and used in the manufacturing process itself, thus reducing the energy demand from the grid.







The atomized granules are transported to the factory using trucks and there it is stored in silos. Using a feeding system that uses belts with weight control, it is sent to the forming stage.

Once the tiles are formed using unidirectional pressing with a dry process, they are sent to a dryer with a continuous process to reduce moisture and thus increase the mechanical resistance, to allow the downstream processing.

Once the tiles are removed from the dryer they are decorated with a slim layer of ceramic glaze. This glaze is manufactured in specialized factories located in the same region of Castellón.

Part of the raw materials used for decoration is fritted (fusion of the raw materials and sudden cooling, obtaining insoluble glass. This fritted raw materials, and the rest, are milled with a wet process in the facilities, but in few cases is bought milled from a supplier. For the application of the glaze different techniques are applied like bells, disks and spraying machines. Over these pieces an additional decoration can be applied with ink injection, printing or gravure.

Once the pieces are decorated, they are fired in a single layer oven with roller. This is the most important stage in the production process, as the materials have a fundamental change in the properties, obtaining a hard material, resistant to water and to chemical products that has, generally, high performance.

After the quality control procedures, also known as sorting, some pieces are treated with additional mechanical surface treatments, to obtain new effects in the ceramic pieces. These treatments are made in the factory of PAMESA and are pre-cuts, cuts, surface polishing, beveling, etc.

For the packaging of the pieces cardboard, pallets, and polyethylene is used. Once the pallet is prepared is stored in the logistic area of the factory.

All the waste from raw ceramic pieces and ceramic sludge are managed by the manufacturers of the atomized granule, to be incorporated in the process as raw material for the manufacturing of ceramic tiles; regarding the waste of fired pieces they are all recovered to be for the atomized granule (raw materials) or managed to be recycled in other construction products. In addition, for the treatment of the atmospheric emission generated in different points, the company has bag filters comprised by textile membranes permeable to gases that retains the particulate matter contained in those gas flows. The material recovered in this system is used again in the process.

### Module D: Benefits and loads beyond the product system boundary

The avoided loads related with the management of the waste from packaging generated in the manufacturing stage.

### **1.9.** Representativeness of the EPD

This Environmental Product Declaration contains environmental information regarding tiles of the water absorption group BIIa. The product have been included in groups so the results presented are representative of the average environmental performance of all formats included in the scope, weighted by the production.

In addition this EPD includes the environmental data on the tiles that exhibit a minimum and a maximum impact, thus delimiting the average results obtained in the LCA.

Comparison of construction products shall be based on the same function, using the same functional unit at building level (or architectural or civil engineering works), i.e. including the performance of the product during the life cycle and the requirements stated in EN ISO 14025, 6.7.2.

EPD from different type III program operators might be not directly comparable as the assumptions, scope and calculation rules might be different.

# **1.10.** Where can further information on this EPD be obtained?

For further information regarding please contact the manufacturer, PAMESA CERÁMICA S.L., via web http:// www.pamesa.com or using the following email: nacional@pamesa.com (Spain) or export@pamesa. com (International).







### 2 Product

### **2.1.** Description of the product

This Environmental Product Declaration covers the ceramic tiles from the water absorption group BIIa (glazed stoneware), the classification is based on EN 14411:2013:2013 (equivalent to ISO 13006:2012), the geographical and technical coverage of Spain with data from 2013.

The glazed stoneware included in the study covers different models with different formats. The product dimensions included in the study are (in cm):

20x60 cm	60x60 cm	31,6x31,6 cm
31,6x60 cm	31,8x31,8 cm	45x45 cm



*Figure* **1** – *Installed product* 

### **2.2.** Application of the product

The intended use of the product is surface covering. Generally, this product is used for floorings, but it can also be used for wall cladding. In addition, the versatility of the ceramic tile also allows the installation in different environments such as in homes, offices, shops, hospitals, etc. Annex I provides the technical characteristics of the product, but the data sheet for a particular model can be provided by the manufacturer on request.

The life cycle assessment (LCA) on which this declaration was performed according to standards ISO 14040 and ISO 14044 and the PCR document on ceramic coverings V.001, PCR n° 2 of AENOR GlobalEPD.

The Declared Unit is "1 m<sup>2</sup> covering of a surface (floor, partitions and façade) with glazed ceramic tiles (water absorption group Blla)".

This LCA is of the "cradle-to-grave with options" type; i.e. it includes the product manufacturing with additional modules (module D in this case), but not covering the full life cycle.

### **2.3.** Product components

None of the end-product components are included in the Candidate List of substances of very high concern for authorisation.

Body raw materials (95%): clay, recycled fired and unfired ceramic material and additives

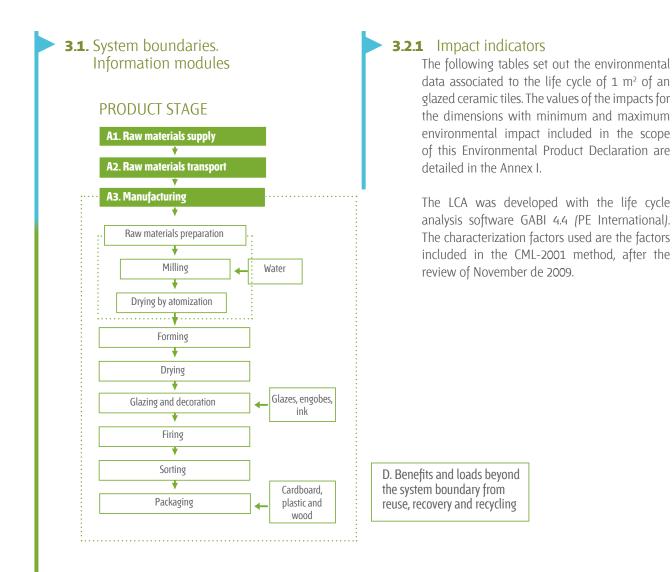
Glaze raw materials (5%): feldspars, carbonates,quartz, borates, silicates, kaolins, zirconium oxides, clays, alumina, and zinc oxide.







# **3** Results of the life cycle assessment (LCA)



### **3.2.** Declaration of environmental parameters derived from LCA

The environmental parameters derived from the LCA for the products under study are set out below.







			LIFE CYCLE STAGES				
			PRODUCT STAGE			BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE LIFE CYCLE	
IMPACT CATEGORY	PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	Аз	D	
Global warming	Global warming potential	kg CO <sub>2</sub> equiv	1,1	3,5E-01	5,2	-8,0E-03	
Ozone depletion	Ozone depletion potential	kg CFC-11 equiv	1,2E-07	7,1E-10	1,9E-07	-8,2E-10	
Acidification for soil and water	Acidification potential of soil and water	kg SO <sub>2</sub> equiv	6,1E-03	2,4E-03	6,9E-03	-6,2E-06	
Eutrophication	Eutrophication potential	kg (PO4)³- equiv	3,6E-04	5,5E-04	2,0E-03	-3,0E-06	
Photochemical ozone formation	Photochemical ozone formation potential	kg Ethene equiv	6,2E-04	2,3E-04	3,0E-04	-2,5E-06	
Depletion of abiotic resources - elements	Abiotic depletion potential for non fossil resources	kg Sb equiv	1,3E-04	7,5E-09	5,0E-07	-1,2E-09	
Depletion of abiotic resources – fossil fuels	Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources	M] (net calorific value)	17,6	4,9	56,7	-1,2E-01	
A1. Raw materials supply A2. Transport	A3. Production D. Reuse, recovery and rec	cycling potential		<u>.</u>			

**Table 1.** Parameters describing environmental impacts for glazed stoneware tiles (BIIa) [average values]





### 3.2.2 Use of resources

The following table shows the parameters that describe the use of resources associated to the life cycle of  $1 \text{ m}^2$  of an averaged glazed ceramic tiles. The values of the impacts for the dimensions

with minimum and maximum environmental impact included in the scope of this Environmental Product Declaration are detailed in the Annex II.

		LIFE CYCLE STAGES			
		PR	ODUCT ST	AGE	BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE LIFE CYCLE
PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	Aз	D
Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	M], net calorific value	2,8	6,7E-03	8,3	-1,3E-01
Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	M], net calorific value	0	0	0	0
Total use of renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	M], net calorific value	2,8	6,7E-03	8,3	-1,3E-01
Use of non renewable primary energy excluding non renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	M], net calorific value	23,6	5,0	134,0	-1,5E-01
Use of non renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	M], net calorific value	0	0	0	0
Total use of non renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	M], net calorific value	23,6	5,0	134,0	-1,5E-01
Use of secondary material	kg	0	0	0	0
Use of renewable secondary fuels	MJ, net calorific value	0	0	0	0
Use of non renewable secondary fuels	MJ, net calorific value	0	0	0	0
Net use of fresh water	m <sup>3</sup>	2,9E-02	9,4E-05	4,1E-02	-5,6E-04
A1. Raw materials A3. Production supply A2. Transport D. Reuse, recovery and recy	cling potential				

 Table 2. Parameters describing use of resources for glazed stoneware tiles (BIIa) [average values]





### **3.2.3.** Waste categories and output flows

The following tables set out the environmental data associated to the life cycle of  $1 \text{ m}^2$  of an averaged glazed ceramic tiles. The values of the impacts for the dimensions with minimum and

maximum environmental impact included in the scope of this Environmental Product Declaration are detailed in Annex III.

		LIFE CYCLE STAGES				
		PRODUCT STAGE			BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE LIFE CYCLE	
PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	D		
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	5,3E-03	0	2,5E-02	3,4E-05	
Non hazardous waste disposed	kg	5,3	1,3E-02	57,5	2,3E-01	
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	1,1E-03	8,9E-06	2,4E-03	9,5E-06	
A1. Raw materials A3. Productions A3. Productions A3. Productions A3. Productions A3. Production A3. Productions A3. Productins A3. Productions A3. Productions A3. Productions A3. Production	n overy and recycling	potential				

 Table 3. Parameters describing waste categories for glazed stoneware tiles (BIIa) [average values]

		LIFE CYCLE STAGES			
	PRODU		DUCT S	TAGE	BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE LIFE CYCLE
PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	Аз	D
Components for re-use	kg	0	0	0	0
Materials for recycling	kg	0	0	0	-6,4E-03
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0	0	0	0
Exported energy	M] per energy carrier	0	0	0	0
A1. Raw materials A3. Production supply A2. Transport D. Reuse, recovery a	nd recycling potential				

 Table 4. Parameters describing waste categories for glazed stoneware tiles (BIIa) [average values]





**3.3.** Additional information regarding the release of dangerous substances into indoor air, soil and water during use stage

#### **3.3.1.** Indoor air emissions

In the ceramic tile manufacturing process, tiles are subjected to a thermal process above 1000 °C. At these temperatures, any organic compound in the compositions decomposes, yielding an inert end-product free of any volatile organic compounds that might be released in the use stage.

#### 3.3.2. Release to soil and water

Ceramic tiles release no compounds into the soil or water during their use stage because a completely inert product is involved that undergoes no physical, chemical, or biological transformations, is neither soluble nor combustible, and does not react physically or chemically or in any other way, is not biodegradable, and does not adversely affect other materials with which it enters into contact such that it might produce environmental pollution or harm human health. It is a non-leaching product, so that it does not endanger the quality of surface water or groundwater.





# **4** Verification

CEN standard EN	15804 serves as core PCR
	declaration and data in conformity with EN ISO 14025:2010 external
Third-p	arty verifier
AENOR	Asociación Española de Normalización y Certificación

Note 1: EPD developed in different program operators may not be comparable, due to differences in the assumptions, scope and calculation rules.

Note 2: Comparisons for construction product shall be made using for the same function, using the same functional unit and at building (or engineering works) level, i.e. considering the performance of the product in the full life cycle and including the specifications in UNE-EN ISO 14025, 6.7.2.







# ANNEX I Parameters describing environmental impacts

					LIFE CY	CLE STAGES	
			PF	RODUCT ST	AGE	BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE LIFE CYCLE	
IMPACT CATEGORY	PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	Аз	D	
Global warming	Global warming potential	kg CO <sub>2</sub> equiv	1,0	3,2E-01	4,8	-8,0E-03	
Ozone depletion	Ozone depletion potential	kg CFC-11 equiv	1,1E-07	6,5E-10	1,9E-07	-8,2E-10	
Acidification for soil and water	Acidification potential of soil and water	kg SO <sub>2</sub> equiv	5,8E-03	2,2E-03	7,0E-03	-6,2E-06	
Eutrophication	Eutrophication potential	kg (PO4)³- equiv	3,5E-04	5,0E-04	1,9E-03	-3,0E-06	
Photochemical ozone formation	Photochemical ozone formation potential	kg Ethene equiv	5,9E-04	2,1E-04	3,2E-04	-2,5E-06	
Depletion of abiotic resources - elements	Abiotic depletion potential for non fossil resources	kg Sb equiv	1,3E-04	6,9E-09	4,6E-07	-1,2E-09	
Depletion of abiotic resources – fossil fuels	Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources	MJ (net calorific value)	17,0	4,5	52,0	-1,2E-01	
A1. Raw materials supp A2. Transport	A1. Raw materials supply A2. Transport     A3. Production D. Reuse, recovery and recycling potential						

**Table 5.** Parameters describing environmental impacts for glazed stoneware tiles (BIIa) [values for the format with lower impact]





			LIFE CYCLE STAGES					
			PRODUCT STAGE			BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE LIFE CYCLE		
IMPACT CATEGORY	PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	Аз	D		
Global warming	Global warming potential	kg CO <sub>2</sub> equiv	1,3	4,4E-01	6,3	-8,0E-03		
Ozone depletion	Ozone depletion potential	kg CFC-11 equiv	1,4E-07	8,9E-10	2,1E-07	-8,2E-10		
Acidification for soil and water	Acidification potential of soil and water	kg SO <sub>2</sub> equiv	6,9E-03	3,0E-03	6,5E-03	-6,1E-06		
Eutrophication	Eutrophication potential	kg (PO4) <sup>3-</sup> equiv	4,0E-04	6,9E-04	2,2E-03	-3,0E-06		
Photochemical ozone formation	Photochemical ozone formation potential	kg Ethene equiv	7,3E-04	2,9E-04	2,1E-04	-2,5E-06		
Depletion of abiotic resources - elements	Abiotic depletion potential for non fossil resources	kg Sb equiv	1,3E-04	9,4E-09	6,2E-07	-1,2E-09		
Depletion of abiotic resources – fossil fuels	Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources	MJ (net calorific value)	20,6	6,1	69,5	-1,1E-01		
A1. Raw materials supp A2. Transport	ly A3. Production D. Reuse, recovery and re	cycling potential						

**Table 6.** Parameters describing environmental impacts for glazed stoneware tiles (BIIa) [values for the format with higher impact]





### ANNEX II Parameters describing use of resources

UNIT alorific value alorific value	<b>A1</b> 2,6 0	<b>ODUCT ST/</b> <b>A2</b> 6,1E-03 0	AGE A3 8,2 0	BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE LIFE CYCLE D -1,3E-01 0
alorific value alorific value	2,6 0	6,1E-03	8,2	-1,3E-01
alorific value	0			
		0	0	0
alorific value				
	2,6	6,1E-03	8,2	-1,3E-01
alorific value	22,2	4,5	122,0	-1,5E-01
alorific value	0	0	0	0
alorific value	22,2	4,5	122,0	-1,5E-01
	0	0	0	0
alorific value	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
alorific value			3,8E-02	-5,6E-04
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supply A2. Transport

D. Reuse, recovery and recycling potential

Table 7. Parameters describing use of resources for glazed stoneware tiles (BIIa) [values for the format with lower impact]





		LIFE CYCLE STAGES				
		PRODUCT STAGE			BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE LIFE CYCLE	
PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	Аз	D	
Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	M], net calorific value	3,2	8,3E-03	8,7	-1,3E-01	
Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	M], net calorific value	0	0	0	0	
Total use of renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	M], net calorific value	3,2	8,3E-03	8,7	-1,3E-01	
Use of non renewable primary energy excluding non renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	M], net calorific value	27,6	6,2	170,0	-1,5E-01	
Use of non renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	M], net calorific value	0	0	0	0	
Total use of non renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	M], net calorific value	27,6	6,2	170,0	-1,5E-01	
Use of secondary material	kg	0	0	0	0	
Use of renewable secondary fuels	M], net calorific value	0	0	0	0	
Use of non renewable secondary fuels	M], net calorific value	0	0	0	0	
Net use of fresh water	m <sup>3</sup>	3,1E-02	1,2E-04	5,2E-02	-5,6E-04	
A1. Raw materials       A3. Production         supply       D. Reuse, recovery and recycling potential						

Table 8. Parameters describing use of resources for glazed stoneware tiles (BIIa) [values for the format with higher impact]





# ANNEX III Parameters describing waste categories and other output flows

		LIFE CYCLE STAGES				
		PRODUCT STAGE			BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE LIFE CYCLE	
PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	Аз	D	
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	4,9E-03	0	2,0E-02	3,4E-05	
Non hazardous waste disposed	kg	4,8	1,2E-02	47,4	2,3E-01	
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	1,0E-03	8,1E-06	2,4E-03	9,5E-06	
A1. Raw materialsA3. ProductionsupplyD. Reuse, recovery and recycling potential						

**Table 9.** Parameters describing waste categories for glazed stoneware tiles (BIIa) [values for the format with lower impact]

				LIFE CY	CLE STAGES	
		PRODUCT STAGE			BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE LIFE CYCLE	
PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	Аз	D	
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	6,5E-03	0	3,8E-02	3,4E-05	
Non hazardous waste disposed	kg	6,7	1,6E-02	93,9	2,3E-01	
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	1,4E-03	1,1E-05	2,6E-03	9,5E-06	

A1. Raw materials supply A2. Transport A3. Production

D. Reuse, recovery and recycling potential

**Table 10.** Parameters describing waste categories for glazed stoneware tiles (BIIa) [values for the format with higher impact]





		LIFE CYCLE STAGES				
		PRODUCT STAGE			BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE LIFE CYCLE	
PARAMETER	UNIT	A1 A2 A3		Aз	D	
Components for re-use	kg	0	0	0	0	
Materials for recycling	kg	0	0	0	-6,4E-03	
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0	0	0	0	
Exported energy	M] per energy carrier	0	0	0	0	
A1. Raw materials       A3. Production         supply       D. Reuse, recovery and recycling potential						

**Table 11.** Parameters describing other output flows for glazed stoneware tiles (BIIa) [values for the format with lower impact]

		LIFE CYCLE STAGES				
		PRODUCT STAGE			BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE LIFE CYCLE	
PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	Аз	D	
Components for re-use	kg	0	0	0	0	
Materials for recycling	kg	0	0	0	-6,4E-03	
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0	0	0	0	
Exported energy	M] per energy carrier	0	0	0	0	
A1. Raw materials A3. Production supply	·	·	·	·		

supply A2. Transport

D. Reuse, recovery and recycling potential

**Table 12.** Parameters describing other output flows for glazed stoneware tiles (BIIa) [values for the format with higher impact]





