MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET
M-I BAR

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

TRADE NAME: M-I BAR

OTHER NAME: Barium sulfate

APPLICATIONS: Oil well drilling fluid additive. Weighting agent.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE: 281-561-1600

SUPPLIER: Supplied by a Business Unit of
M-I L.L.C.
P.O. Box 42842, Houston, Texas 77242-2842
See cover sheet for local supplier.

TELEPHONE: 281-561-1509
FAX: 281-561-7240

CONTACT PERSON: Sam Hoskin

2. COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

INGREDIENT NAME:	CAS No.:	CONTENTS :	EPA RQ:	TPQ:
Barite	7727-43-7	91-93 %		
Silica, crystalline, quartz	14808-60-7	4-6 %		
Mica	12001-26-2	1-5 %		

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:

CAUTION! MAY CAUSE EYE, SKIN AND RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITATION. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid breathing airborne product. Keep container closed. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not take internally.

This product is a/an tan to gray powder. Slippery when wet. No significant immediate hazards for emergency response personnel are known.

ACUTE EFFECTS:

HEALTH HAZARDS, GENERAL:

Particulates may cause mechanical irritation to the eyes, nose, throat and lungs. Particulate inhalation may lead to pulmonary fibrosis, chronic bronchitis, emphysema and bronchial asthma. Dermatitis and asthma may result from short contact periods.

INHALATION: May be irritating to the respiratory tract if inhaled.

INGESTION: May cause gastric distress, nausea and vomiting if ingested.

SKIN: May be irritating to the skin.

EYES: May be irritating to the eyes.

CHRONIC EFFECTS:

CARCINOGENICITY:

IARC: Not listed. OSHA: Not regulated. NTP: Not listed.

ATTENTION! CANCER HAZARD. CONTAINS CRYSTALLINE SILICA WHICH CAN CAUSE CANCER. Risk of cancer depends on duration and level of exposure.

IARC Monographs, Vol. 68, 1997, concludes that there is sufficient evidence that inhaled crystalline silica in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources causes cancer in humans. IARC classification Group 1.

ROUTE OF ENTRY:

Inhalation. Skin and/or eye contact.

TARGET ORGANS:

Respiratory system, lungs. Skin. Eyes.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

GENERAL: Persons seeking medical attention should carry a copy of this MSDS with them.

INHALATION: Move the exposed person to fresh air at once. Perform artificial respiration if breathing has stopped. Get medical attention.

INGESTION: Drink a couple of glasses water or milk. Do not give victim anything to drink of he is unconscious. Get medical attention.

SKIN: Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

EYES: Promptly wash eyes with lots of water while lifting the eye lids. Continue to rinse for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

AUTO IGNITION TEMP. (°F): N/D
FLAMMABILITY LIMIT - LOWER(%): N/D
FLAMMABILITY LIMIT - UPPER(%): N/D

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:

This material is not combustible. Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:

No specific fire fighting procedure given.

UNUSUAL FIRE & EXPLOSION HAZARDS:

No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS:

This material is not combustible.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS:

Wear proper personal protective equipment (see MSDS Section 8).

SPILL CLEAN-UP PROCEDURES:

Do not contaminate drainage or waterways. Repackage or recycle if possible.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING PRECAUTIONS:

Avoid handling causing generation of dust. Wear full protective clothing for prolonged exposure and/or high concentrations. Eye wash and emergency shower must be available at the work place. Provide good ventilation. Mechanical ventilation or local exhaust ventilation is required.

STORAGE PRECAUTIONS:

Store at moderate temperatures in dry, well ventilated area. Keep in original container.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

		OSHA PEL:		ACGIH TLV:		OTHER:		
INGREDIENT NAME:	**CAS No.:**	**TWA:**	**STEL:**	**TWA:**	**STEL:**	**TWA:**	**STEL:**	**UNITS:**
Barite	7727-43-7	15		10				mg/m3 total dust
Silica, crystalline, quartz	14808-60-7	*		0.1				mg/m3 resp.dust
Mica	12001-26-2	20 mppcf *		3				mg/m3 total dust

INGREDIENT COMMENTS:

* OSHA PELs for Mineral Dusts containing crystalline silica are 10 mg/m3 / (%SiO2+2) for quartz and 1/2 the calculated quartz value for cristobalite and tridymite. * mppcf = millions of particles per cubic foot of air.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Use appropriate engineering controls such as, exhaust ventilation and process enclosure, to reduce air contamination and keep worker exposure below the applicable limits.

VENTILATION: Supply natural or mechanical ventilation adequate to exhaust airborne product and keep exposures below the applicable limits.

RESPIRATORS: Use at least a NIOSH-approved N95 half-mask disposable or reuseable particulate respirator. In work environments containing oil mist/aerosol use at least a NIOSH-approved P95 half-mask disposable or reuseable particulate respirator. For exposures exceeding 10 x PEL use a NIOSH-approved N100 Particulate Respirator.

PROTECTIVE GLOVES:

Use suitable protective gloves if risk of skin contact.

EYE PROTECTION:

Wear dust resistant safety goggles where there is danger of eye contact.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:

Wear appropriate clothing to prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact.

HYGIENIC WORK PRACTICES:

Wash promptly with soap and water if skin becomes contaminated. Change work clothing daily if there is any possibility of contamination.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE/PHYSICAL STATE:	Powder, dust.
COLOR:	Tan. to Grey.
ODOR:	Odorless or no characteristic odor.
SOLUBILITY DESCRIPTION:	Insoluble in water.
MELT./FREEZ. POINT (°F, interval):	2876
DENSITY/SPECIFIC GRAVITY (g/ml):	4.20 - 4.25 TEMPERATURE (°F): 68
BULK DENSITY:	107 - 135 lb/cu ft; 1714 - 2163 kg/m3
VAPOR DENSITY (air=1):	N/A
VAPOR PRESSURE:	N/A TEMPERATURE (°F):

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY: Normally stable.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID:
N/A.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:
Will not polymerize.

POLYMERIZATION DESCRIPTION:
Not relevant.

MATERIALS TO AVOID:
N/A

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:
No specific hazardous decomposition products noted.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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No toxicological data is available for this product.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ACUTE AQUATIC TOXICITY:
This product passes the mysid shrimp toxicity test required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region VI (Gulf of Mexico) NPDES Permit, which regulates offshore discharge of drilling fluids, when tested in a standard drilling fluid. Contact M-I's Environmental Affairs Department for more information.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

WASTE MANAGEMENT:
This product does not meet the criteria of a hazardous waste if discarded in its purchased form. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste. This is because product uses, transformations, mixtures, processes, etc, may render the resulting materials hazardous.

DISPOSAL METHODS:

Recover and reclaim or recycle, if practical. Should this product become a waste, dispose of in a permitted industrial landfill. Ensure that containers are empty by RCRA criteria prior to disposal in a permitted industrial landfill.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

U.S. DOT:
U.S. DOT CLASS: Not regulated.

CANADIAN TRANSPORT:
TDGR CLASS: Not regulated.

SEA TRANSPORT:
IMDG CLASS: Not regulated.

AIR TRANSPORT:
ICAO CLASS: Not regulated.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

REGULATORY STATUS OF INGREDIENTS:

NAME:	CAS No:	TSCA:	CERCLA:	SARA 302:	SARA 313:	DSL(CAN):
Barite	7727-43-7	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Silica, crystalline, quartz	14808-60-7	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Mica	12001-26-2	Yes	No	No	No	Yes

US FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

WASTE CLASSIFICATION: Not a hazardous waste by U.S. RCRA criteria. See Section 13.

REGULATORY STATUS: This Product or its components, if a mixture, is subject to following regulations (Not meant to be all inclusive - selected regulations represented):

SECTION 313: This product does not contain toxic chemical subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372.

SARA 311 Categories:
1: Immediate (Acute) Health Effects.
2. Delayed (Chronic) Health Effects.

The components of this product are listed on or are exempt from the following international chemical registries:
TSCA (U.S.)
DSL (Canada)
EINECS (Europe)
AICS (Australia)
ENCS (Japan)
KECL (S. Korea)

STATE REGULATIONS:

STATE REGULATORY STATUS: This product or its components, if a mixture, is subject to following regulations (Not meant to be all inclusive - selected regulations represented):.

Massachusetts Right-to-Know.
Pennsylvania Right-to-Know.
Illinois Right-to-Know.

CANADIAN REGULATIONS:
LABELS FOR SUPPLY:

REGULATORY STATUS: This Material Safety Data Sheet has been prepared in compilance with the Controled Product Regulations.

Canadian WHMIS Classification: D2A - Other Toxic Effects: Very Toxic Material

16. OTHER INFORMATION

NPCA HMIS HAZARD INDEX: * 1 Slight Hazard
FLAMMABILITY: 0 Minimal Hazard
REACTIVITY: 0 Minimal Hazard
NPCA HMIS PERS. PROTECT. INDEX: E - Safety Glasses, Gloves, Dust Respirator

USER NOTES: N/A = Not applicable N/D = Not determined

INFORMATION SOURCES: OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits, 29 CFR 1910, Subpart Z, Section 1910.1000, Air Contaminants.

ACGIH Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents (latest edition).

Sax's Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials, 9th ed., Lewis, R.J. Sr., (ed.), VNR, New York, New York, (1997).

IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Risk of Chemicals to Humans, Silica, Some Silicates, Coal Dust, and para-Aramid Fibrils, Vol. 68, World Health Organization, Lyon, France, 1997.

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