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## Granulated Sub Micron Cobalt Powder

### SAFETY DATA SHEET

#### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY

##### 1.1 Product identifier

Product Name	Granulated Sub Micron Cobalt Powder.
Product Code	GSMS
Chemical Name	Cobalt.
Chemical Family	Metal.
Chemical Formula	Co.
Synonym(s)	Cobalt metal Powder.
CAS No.	7440-48-4.
EINECS No.	231-158-0.
REACH Registration No.	01-2119517392-44-0012

##### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified use(s)	See Section: 7.3.
Uses advised against	None known.

##### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

Company Identification	Shu Powders Africa (Pty)Ltd Logra Industrial Park 40 Track 94040 Harrison Flats Old Main Road Cato Ridge Kwa-Zulu Natal 3680 South Africa
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##### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

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## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

- 2.1.1 Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 (CLP)** Respiratory Sensitisation Category 1B H334; May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.  
Skin Sensitisation Category 1 H317; May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
Eye irritant Category 2 H319; Causes serious eye irritation  
Reproductive toxicity Category 2 H361f; Suspected of damaging fertility. Specific effect: Fertility impairment in males.  
Aquatic Acute Category1 H400; Very toxic to aquatic life.  
Aquatic Chronic Category 1 H410; Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
- 2.1.2 Directive 67/548/EEC & Directive 1999/45/EC** Xn R42/43; May cause sensitization by inhalation and skin contact.  
Xi R36; Irritating to eyes.  
Repr. Cat 3 R62; Possible risk of impaired fertility.  
N R50/53; Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

### 2.2 Label elements

Product Name  
Hazard Pictogram

Granulated Sub Micron Cobalt Powder.



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Signal word(s)

Danger.

Hazard statement(s)

H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
H319: Causes serious eye irritation.  
H334: May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.  
H361f: Suspected of damaging fertility.  
H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces/no smoking.  
P261: Avoid breathing dust.  
P273: Avoid release to the environment.  
P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P285: In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.  
P501: Dispose of contents/container to an

approved waste disposal plant.  
P201: Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202: Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
P272: Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.  
P363: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
P391: Collect spillage.  
P405: Store locked up  
P302 + P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P304 + P341: IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
P305 + P351 + P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue Rinsing.  
P308 + P313: IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention or advice.  
P333 + P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.  
P342 + P311: If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a poison center or doctor/physician.  
P342 + P311: If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.  
Not classified as PBT or vPvB.  
For full text of H/P statements and R/S phrases see section 16.

**2.3 Other hazards**

**2.4 Additional Information**

**SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**Substances**

EC Classification No. 1272/2008

Hazardous ingredient(s)	%W/W	EINECS No.	REACH Registration No.	GHS classification	EC Classification and R Phrases
Cobalt 7440-48-4	98	231-158-0	01-2119517392-44-0012	Resp. Sens. 1B;H334, Eye Irr.2; 319 Skin Sens. 1; H317, Repr.2; H361f Aquatic Acute 1;H400, Aquatic Chronic 1; H410. M-factor: 10.	Repr. Cat 3; R62,Xi;R36 Xn R42/43,N;R50/53.

Paraffin Wax 8002-74-2	2	-	-	-	-
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## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

Inhalation

IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.

Skin Contact

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

Eye Contact

Hold eyelids apart and flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

Ingestion

If swallowed, rinse mouth with water (only if the person is conscious). If symptoms persist, obtain medical attention.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Inhalation: Cough, Sore throat, Wheezing, Increased difficulty in breathing.  
Ingestion: Abdominal pain, Vomiting.  
Eye Contact: Redness.

### 4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No special requirements.

## SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing Media

Suitable Extinguishing Media

As appropriate for surrounding fire. Extinguish with dry chemical, carbon dioxide.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

None.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

In the event of a fire the following can be released: Cobalt oxide dust. Acrid Smoke. Metal Fumes.

### 5.3 Advice for fire-fighters

Fire fighters should wear complete protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus. Dike fire control water for later disposal. Do not allow to enter drains, sewers or watercourses.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing dust. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, avoid direct contact.
<b>6.2 Environmental precautions</b>	Spillages or uncontrolled discharges into watercourses must be alerted to the appropriate regulatory body.
<b>6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up</b>	Sweep spilled substances into containers if appropriate moisten first to prevent dusting. Use vacuum equipment for collecting spilt materials, where practicable. Collect spillage. Transfer to a lidded container for disposal or recovery.
<b>6.4 Reference to other sections</b>	For handling advice see section 7. For personal protection see section 8. For waste disposal see section 13.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>7.1 Precautions for safe handling</b>	Provide adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing dust. Keep away from fire, sparks and heated surfaces. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. See Section: 8.
<b>7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat.
Storage Temperature	Ambient.
Storage Life	Stable under normal conditions.
Incompatible materials	Acids, Strong oxidising agents.
<b>7.3 Specific end use(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manufacture of cobalt</li><li>• Use of cobalt in the manufacture of inorganic cobalt substances</li><li>• Use of cobalt in the manufacture of cobalt carboxylates and resinates</li><li>• Manufacture of cobalt in the catalyst industry</li><li>• Industrial use of cobalt as catalyst</li><li>• Manufacture and industrial use of cobalt containing alloys, steels and tools</li><li>• Industrial use of cobalt in surface treatment processes</li><li>• Manufacture and industrial use of batteries using cobalt</li><li>• Industrial use of cobalt in the manufacture of inorganic pigments &amp; frits, glass, ceramic ware, varistors and magnets (calcination/sintering processes)</li><li>• Manufacture and industrial use of coatings and inks using cobalt as drier and/or pigment</li><li>• Industrial use of cobalt in the production of diamond tools</li><li>• Welding in industrial and/or professional</li></ul>

settings

- Professional use of dental alloys containing cobalt
- Professional use of diamond tools and other cobalt-containing tools
- Production of hardmetal powder
- Production of sintered hardmetal-containing articles
- Waste stage: Recycling of hardmetal-containing scrap materials

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### 8.1.1 Occupational Exposure Limits

SUBSTANCE	CAS No.	LTEL (8 hr TWA ppm)	LTEL (8 hr TWA mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (ppm)	STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Note:
Cobalt	7440-48-4	-	0.1	-	-	WEL, OEL (United Kingdom)
		-	0.05	-	-	Co, HTP 2009 Finland
		-	0.1	-	-	OSHA, USA
		-	0.05	-	-	NIOSH, USA
		-	0.02	-	-	TLV (ACGIH), USA
		-	0.05	-	-	NOHSC, Australia
		-	0.1	-	-	Minister of Labour, South Africa
		-	0.02	-	-	SER, Netherlands

8.1.2 Biological limit value Not established.

#### 8.1.3 PNECs and DNELs

DNEL	Oral	Inhalation	Dermal
Industry - Long Term – Local effects	-	40 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	-
Industry - Long Term - Systemic effects	-	-	-
Industry - Short term - Local effects	-	-	-
Industry - Short term - Systemic effects	-	-	-
Consumer - Long Term - Local effects	-	6.3 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	-
Consumer - Long Term - Systemic effects	9.5 µg/kg bw/day	-	-
Consumer - Short term - Local effects	-	-	-
Consumer - Short term - Systemic effects	-	-	-

	Predicted No effect Concentration (PNEC)
Aquatic Compartment	0.51 µg/l (Fresh water).
Marine Compartment	2.36 µg Co/L
Aquatic Compartment - sediment	11.2 mg Co/kg sediment dry wt
Aquatic Compartment – sediment, Added Risk Approach	9.5 mg Co/kg sediment dry wt
Marine Compartment - sediment	9.5 mg Co/kg sediment dry wt

Terrestrial Compartment	7.9 mg/kg Soil dw.
Sewage Treatment Plant - microorganisms	0.373 mg Co/L
Atmospheric Compartment	-

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### 8.2.1 Appropriate engineering controls

Provide adequate ventilation.

### 8.2.2 Personal protection equipment

Eye/face protection

Wear eye protection with side protection (EN166).

Skin protection (Hand protection/ Other)

Wear protective clothing and gloves: Butyl rubber, Neoprene, PVC.

Respiratory protection

A suitable dust mask or dust respirator with filter type P (EN143 or EN405) may be appropriate.

Thermal hazards

Not applicable.

### 8.2.3 Environmental Exposure Controls

Avoid release to the environment.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Powder.

Colour

Silver-Grey.

Odour

Odourless.

Odour Threshold (ppm)

Not established.

pH (Value)

Not applicable.

Melting Point (°C)

1494°C @1013hPa.

Boiling point/boiling range (°C):

2927°C @1013hPa.

Flash Point (°C)

Not applicable.

Evaporation rate

Not applicable.

Flammability (solid)

The product is not flammable.

Explosive limit ranges.

Not available.

Vapour Pressure (mm Hg)

Not applicable.

Vapour Density (Air=1)

Not applicable.

Relative Density

8.89 @ 20°C.

Solubility (Water)

2.94mg/l @ 20°C.

Solubility (Other)

Not available.

Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/water)

Not available.

Auto Ignition Temperature (°C)

Not applicable.

Decomposition Temperature (°C)

Not available.

Viscosity (mPa.s)

Not applicable.

Explosive properties

Not applicable.

Oxidising properties

Not oxidising.

### 9.2 Other information

None.

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat and dust generation.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Acids, Strong oxidising agents.

### 10.6 Hazardous Decomposition Product(s)

Cobalt oxide dust, Acid smoke, Metal fumes.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Ingestion

LD50(rat) = 7510mg/kg. Low oral toxicity. Main Symptoms: Abdominal pain, Vomiting.

Inhalation

Low acute toxicity. Main Symptoms: Cough, Sore throat, Wheezing, Increased difficulty in breathing.

Skin Contact

LD50(Dermal) >2000mg/kg. Low acute toxicity.

Eye Contact

Low acute toxicity. Main Symptoms: Redness.

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Not classified. OECD TG 439:95.1% (Non Irritant)

#### Serious eye damage/irritation

Eye Irrit. 2; causes serious eye irritation OECD TG 437:1.79 (Irritation)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Resp. Sens. 1B; May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. Skin Sens. 1; May cause an allergic skin reaction.

#### Mutagenicity

There is no evidence of mutagenic potential.

#### Carcinogenicity

No evidence of carcinogenicity.

#### Reproductive toxicity

Repr. 2; Suspected of damaging fertility. Specific effect: fertility impairment in males.

#### STOT - single exposure

None anticipated.

#### STOT - repeated exposure

None anticipated.

#### Aspiration hazard

None anticipated.

### 11.2 Other information

None.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

Aquatic Acute 1; Very toxic to aquatic life.

Aquatic Chronic 1; Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

By analogy with similar materials: Cobalt dichloride.

Fish: LC50 = 1.5 µg/l (Fresh water)

Aquatic invertebrates: LC50 = 0.61 mg/l (Fresh water) ; 2.32 mg/l (Sea water)

EC10 (Fresh water Fish) = 351.4 mg/l.

NOEC Aquatic invertebrates: = 5.47 µg/l (Fresh water) ; 206 µg/l (Sea water)

Algae: LC50 = 144 µg/l (Fresh water) ; 24.1 µg/l (Sea water)

NOEC Algae = 4.9 µg/l (Fresh water) ; 1.23 µg/l (Sea water).

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Aquatic plants: Bioconcentration factor (BCF) : >100 – 5000.

Aquatic invertebrates: BCF <300.

Fresh water, Fish: BCF/ BAF <10.

Marine, Fish: BCF/ BAF <10.

The substance has low potential for bioaccumulation.



<b>12.4 Mobility in soil</b>	The substance is essentially insoluble in water.
<b>12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment</b>	Not applicable.
<b>12.6 Other adverse effects</b>	None anticipated.

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

<b>13.1 Waste treatment methods</b>	Recover or recycle if possible. Dispose of contents/container to: Licensed recycler. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state or national legislation.
<b>13.2 Additional Information</b>	No information available.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

	<b>Land Transport</b>	<b>Sea Transport</b>	<b>Air Transport</b>
14.1 UN - Number	3077	3077	3077
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Cobalt)	Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Cobalt)	Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Cobalt)
14.3 Transport Hazard Classes	9	9	9
14.4 Packing Group	III	III	III
14.5 Environmental hazards	Environmentally hazardous	Marine Pollutant	Environmentally hazardous
14.6 Special Precautions for users	None	Ems (fire): F-G Ems (spill):S-G	None.
14.7 Transport in bulk in accordance to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and IBC Code	Not applicable.	Not applicable	Not applicable

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### 15.1.1 EU regulations

Authorisations and/or restrictions on use	None known.
Candidate List of Substances of Very high concern for authorisation	Not Listed.
REACH: Annex XIV List of substances subject to authorisation	Not Listed
REACH: Annex XVII Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles	Not Listed.
Community Rolling Action Plan (CoRAP); Draft 29/02/2012	Not Listed.

#### 15.1.2 National regulations

None known.

### 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

Available.

#### TCSA Status

All components of this product are in the US TSCA inventory.

#### TCSA 12(b) Export Notification

No components of this product are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

<b>California Proposition 65</b>	This material may contain the following chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects and are subject to the requirements of California Proposition 65: Cobalt Metal Powder (7440 – 48 -4) – Cancer
<b>Clean Air Act S112 Extremely Hazardous Air pollutants</b>	Cobalt compounds
<b>SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous substance list</b>	This product does not contain greater than 1.0% of any chemical substance on the SARA Extremely Hazardous Substance List.
<b>SARA (311, 312) Hazard Class</b>	Chronic Health Hazard
<b>SARA Section 313 Toxic Chemicals</b>	Cobalt Compounds 100 %
<b>Australian Inventory Chemical Substances</b>	All components are listed on the Australian Core Inventory of chemical Substances (ACOIN).
<b>Canadian Inventory</b>	All Components are on the Domestic Substance List (DSL).
<b>EINECS Regulations</b>	All components are on the European Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (EINECS).
<b>Japan</b>	All components are listed on the Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS).
<b>Korean Chemical Inventory</b>	All components are on the Korean List of Existing Chemical substances.
<b>Philippine Inventory</b>	All components are listed on the Philippines Inventory of Chemical and Chemical Substances (PICCS).
<b>Chinese Inventory</b>	All Components are listed on the Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances.

**LEGEND**

LTEL	Long Term Exposure Limit
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
STOT	Specific Target Organ Toxicity
DNEL	Derived No Effect Level
PNEC	Predicted No Effect Concentration
PBT	PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
vPvB	very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
WEL	Workplace Exposure Limit (UK HSE EH40)
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limits
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH	National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
TLV (ACGIH)	Threshold Limit Value (American Conference of Industrial Hygienists)
NOHSC	National Occupational Health and Safety Commission
SER	The Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands
NOEC	No Observable Effect Concentration
BAF	Bioaccumulation Factor
BCF	Bioconcentration Factor
OECD TG	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Test Guideline
Eye Irrit. 2	Serious eye damage/irritation Category 2
Resp. Sens. 1B	respiratory or skin sensitization Category 1B
Skin Sens. 1	respiratory or skin sensitization Category 1
Aquatic Acute 1	Hazardous to the aquatic environment Acute Category 1
Aquatic Chronic 1	Hazardous to the aquatic environment Chronic Category 1
Xi	Irritant
Xn	Harmful
N	Hazardous to the aquatic environment
Repr. Cat 3	Reproductive toxicity category 3

**Risk Phrases**

R42/43	May cause sensitization by inhalation and skin contact.
R50/53	Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
R36	Irritating to eyes.
R62	Possible risk of impaired fertility.

**Hazard statement(s)**

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H334	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
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H410	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
H228	Flammable solid
H319	Causes serious eye irritation
H361f	Suspected of damaging fertility.

**Hazard pictogram(s)**

GHS08



GHS09

**Sources of Key data used to compile the Data Sheet:**

Chemical Safety Report

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