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# Safety Data Sheet

## FIL QUANTUM XL

Classified as: Hazardous according to the EPA Hazardous Substances  
 (Hazard Classifications) Notice 2020.

### Section 1: SUBSTANCE AND SUPPLIER DETAILS

**Product Name:** FIL Quantum XL

**Supplier:** FIL is a wholly owned subsidiary of  
 GEA Farm Technologies New Zealand Ltd

**Address:** 72 Portside Drive  
 Mt Maunganui 3116  
 New Zealand

**Phone:** +64 7 575 2162

**Website:** [www.fil.co.nz](http://www.fil.co.nz)

**Recommended Use:** Alkaline cleaner

**In Case of Emergency Contact:**

**CHEMCALL:** 0800 CHEMCALL (243 622)

### Section 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classified as a Dangerous Good for Transport.

Classified as hazardous according to criteria in the EPA Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classifications) Notice 2020.

HSNO APPROVAL NUMBER: **HSR002526**

HSNO CLASSIFICATIONS: 6.1D – Acutely toxic, oral  
 8.1A – Corrosive to metals  
 8.2B – Skin corrosive  
 8.3A – Eye corrosive

GHS Classification: Acute toxicity, oral – Category 4  
 Corrosive to metals – Category 1  
 Skin corrosion – Category 1B  
 Serious eye damage – Category 1

Hazard Statements:

H302 Harmful if swallowed  
 H290 May be corrosive to metals  
 H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

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GHS Pictograms:



**DANGER**

PREVENTION STATEMENTS:

- P102 Keep out of reach of children.
- P103 Read label before use.
- P234 Keep only in original container.
- P260 Do not breathe mist/spray.
- P264 Wash hands, exposed skin thoroughly after handling.
- P270 Do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this product.
- P280 Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye/face protection.

RESPONSE STATEMENTS:

- P101 If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.
- P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
- P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
- P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
- P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
- P321 Specific treatment (see first aid instructions on this label).
- P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
- P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.
- P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

STORAGE:

- P405 Store locked up.
- P406 Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

DISPOSAL:

P501 - In accordance with the EPA Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017. Dispose of via an approved waste disposal contractor. Refer to Section 13 of the SDS.

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

Mixture: Alkaline cleaner

Main Component	CAS Number	Concentration (%wt)
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	20-40%

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment and hence require reporting in this section.

**Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

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<b>Workplace Facilities Required:</b>	Eye wash and safety shower facilities should be provided.
<b>If Inhaled:</b>	Remove to fresh air. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.
<b>In Contact with Eye:</b>	Hold eyes open, flush continuously with water for at least 30 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention. Continue flushing until told to stop by a medical professional. Total flushing time should not be less than 30 minutes.
<b>In Contact with Skin:</b>	Remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin with plenty of water. Seek immediate medical attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
<b>If Swallowed:</b>	DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Rinse mouth. Give small quantities of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Seek immediate medical attention. If vomiting occurs, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration to lungs.
<b>Advice to Doctor:</b>	Treat symptomatically. Substance is alkaline and may continue to cause damage several hours after exposure. Pain and other effects are often delayed and there may be a time delay between exposure and patient applying first aid during which time burns have advanced. Ophthalmological opinion should be sought for burns to eyes.
<b>Other information:</b>	Pain is often delayed after exposure. It is important to wash skin or flush eyes immediately after suspected exposure and to continue flushing for a minimum of 20 minutes for skin and 30 minutes for eyes. By the time pain develops significant skin or eye damage may have already occurred. Special consideration needs to be given to eye exposures as sodium hydroxide reacts with eye proteins producing harmful alkaline substances which can further damage the eye.

### Section 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Fire/Explosion Hazard:</b>	Product is not flammable or combustible.
<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media:</b>	Use water spray or fog, foam, dry chemical powder, or carbon dioxide.
<b>Precautions in Connection with Fire:</b>	May give off toxic and corrosive fumes in a fire.
<b>Advice for firefighters:</b>	Wear full firefighting gear and self-contained breathing apparatus.

### Section 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**An emergency response plan meeting the requirements of Part 5 of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017 is required when held in quantities greater than 1,000L.**

<b>Precautions:</b>	Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering area. Avoid generating mist/spray. Avoid release to the environment.
<b>Suitable Protective Equipment:</b>	Emergency responders must use personal protective equipment, including gloves, protective overalls and footwear, safety goggles or face shield and respiratory protection if there is a risk of inhaling mist/spray.
<b>Spill or Leak Procedures.</b>	Contain the spill. Spill may be neutralised using weak acid such as citric or boric

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acid. Collect spilled material and place in a suitable, clean, chemical waste container. Ensure waste container is properly labelled.

**Waste Disposal Methods:** Dispose of as per Section 13.

**Emergency preparation:** Ensure there is appropriate and adequate personal protective equipment, trained personnel and clean up materials for management of accidental release.

## Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid generating mist/spray. Do not eat drink or smoke when using this product. Remove contaminated clothing and wash hands and face before entering eating areas.

**Storage:** Keep out of reach of children. Store locked up. Store in original container. Keep away from heat and direct sunlight. Store away from food and animal feed.

**Site Storage Requirements:** Site Signage will be required when quantities exceed 250L.

## Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Workplace Exposure Standards NZ:** No Workplace Exposure Standards have been established for this product. Workplace Exposure Standards have been set for the following ingredient:

Sodium hydroxide: Ceiling 2ppm

**Engineering Controls:** Eyewash facilities and safety showers should be provided in the work area where there is a risk of exposure to eyes and skin. Use in a well-ventilated area. If natural ventilation is insufficient consider engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation to ensure workers are not exposed to levels exceeding the exposure standards.

**Personal Protective Equipment:** Observe good chemical hygiene practice.

**Hand protection:** Wear protective gloves that are resistant to the product, e.g. PVC. Gloves should be elbow length. Refer to Australian and New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2161 for protective gloves.

**Skin and body protection:** Use protective overalls and PVC apron. Remove any contaminated clothing to avoid prolonged contact with the skin. Wash work clothes regularly. Refer to Australian and New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 4501 for occupational protective clothing.

**Eye protection:** Use chemical safety goggles to protect eyes. Refer to AS/NZS 1336 for suitable eye and face protection.

**Respiratory protection:** Where there is inadequate ventilation and use results in the formation of mist/spray, use a respirator suitable for caustic mist/spray. Refer to AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716 for suitable respiratory protection.

**Other information:** PPE selected must be impervious to the substance. Do not eat, smoke, or drink where material is handled, processed, or stored. Wash hands carefully before eating, drinking, or smoking. Handle in accordance with safe industrial hygiene practices.

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## Section 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical State:</b>	Liquid	<b>Colour:</b>	Clear
<b>Odour:</b>	Odourless	<b>Odour Threshold:</b>	Not applicable
<b>pH:</b>	9.8	<b>Solubility:</b>	Fully miscible
<b>Melting/Freezing Point:</b>	Approx. 1°C (FP)	<b>Boiling Point:</b>	Approx. 115°C
<b>Flash Point:</b>	Not applicable	<b>Flammability:</b>	Not flammable
<b>Lower/Upper Flammability Limits:</b>	Not applicable	<b>Vapour Pressure:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Vapour Density:</b>	Not applicable	<b>Relative Density:</b>	1.33
<b>Partition Coefficient:</b>	Not available	<b>Auto-ignition Temperature:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decomposition Temperature:</b>	Not available	<b>Kinematic Viscosity:</b>	Not available
<b>Particle Characteristics:</b>	Not applicable		

## Section 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Stability:</b>	Stable under normal storage conditions.
<b>Reactivity:</b>	Reacts exothermically with acids. May produce toxic gases on contact with acids.
<b>Conditions to Avoid:</b>	Avoid generating mist/spray. Avoid excessive heat.
<b>Incompatibility:</b>	Incompatible with strong oxidisers, acids, reducing agents, metals, amines, ammonium compounds, cyanides, nitro compounds, phenols, and combustible organics.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition:</b>	Decomposition on heating may result in formation of toxic and corrosive fumes.

## Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute Exposure

<b>Acute Toxicity:</b>	LD50 oral > 300 - ≤ 2000 mg/kg. LD50 dermal > 2000 mg/kg LC <sub>50</sub> inhalation (mist) > 5.0 mg/L
<b>Inhalation:</b>	Inhalation of large volumes of mist/spray may cause irritation to mucous membranes.
<b>Ingestion:</b>	Ingestion may cause chemical burns to mouth and gastrointestinal tract and may cause nausea, diarrhoea, and vomiting.
<b>Skin Corrosion/Irritation:</b>	Product is highly skin corrosive and will remove skin hairs, cause redness, and skin burns. Pain may be delayed.
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation:</b>	Product is corrosive to the eyes and may cause corneal burns. Reacts with eye proteins. Pain may be delayed.
<b>Respiratory or Skin Sensitisation:</b>	No information available. Not expected to be a respiratory or skin sensitiser.

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### Chronic Exposure:

**Mutagen/Carcinogen/Reproductive Toxicant** No chronic toxicity effects expected.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure:** No information available. No known effects.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity Repeated Exposure:** No information available. No known effects.

**Aspiration Hazard:** No information available. Not expected to be an aspiration hazard.

Toxicity data is based on hazardous ingredient information and information in the EPA Chemical Classification and Identification Database.

## Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity:** Not expected to be ecotoxic in the aquatic environment.

LC/EC<sub>50</sub> > 100 mg/L

**Persistence/degradability:** Not expected to be persistent.

**Bioaccumulation:** Not expected to bioaccumulate.

**Mobility in soil:** No information available.

**Other adverse effects:** None identified.

**Ingredients with Ecotoxic classifications:** There are no ingredients that have ecotoxic classifications.

Ecotoxicity data is based on information in the EPA Chemical Classification and Identification Database.

## Section 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal:** Do not allow product to enter drains or waterways. Recycle and reuse wherever possible. Waste product may be treated with dilute acid prior to disposal so it is no longer hazardous. Dispose of waste product via an approved waste disposal contractor.

**Disposal of Packaging:** Dispose of packaging via an approved waste disposal contractor. Triple rinse containers when empty. Add rinse solution to use solutions.

Avoid contamination of natural water supplies with the product or empty container. After cleaning, all existing labels should be removed.

## Section 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Classified as a Dangerous Good for transport in accordance with NZS5433:2020, IMDG or IATA.



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NZS5433:2020  
 UN No: 1824  
 Proper Shipping Name: Sodium hydroxide solution  
 Class: 8  
 Packing Group: II  
 Environmental hazard: No  
 Limited Quantity: 1 L  
 Hazchem Code: 2R

IMDG:  
 UN No: 1824  
 Proper Shipping Name: Sodium hydroxide solution  
 Class: 8  
 Packing Group: II  
 Marine Pollutant: No  
 EmS: F-A, S-B  
 Limited Quantity: 1 L

IATA:  
 UN No: 1824  
 Proper Shipping Name: Sodium hydroxide solution  
 Class: 8  
 Packing Group: II  
 Environmental hazard: No

Ensure transportation methods prevent leakage from packages and collapsing loads.

**Section 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**Group Standard Allocation:**                      Cleaning Products (Corrosive) Group Standard 2020

**HSNO Approval Code:**                              HSR002526

**Classifications:**                                      Acute toxicity, oral – Category 4  
    Corrosive to metals – Category 1  
    Skin corrosion – Category 1B  
    Serious eye damage – Category 1

**NZ Inventory of Chemicals:**                      All ingredients are listed in the NZ Inventory of Chemicals.

<b>This substance triggers:</b>	Compliance Certificate	250 L
	Certified Handler	N/A
	Emergency Response Plan	1,000 L
	Secondary Containment	N/A
	Signage	250 L

This substance is not required to be Tracked. All workplace personnel handling this substance are required to be trained on the safe handling and PPE requirements for the hazards associated with this substance.

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## Section 16: OTHER INFORMATION

The information provided in this Safety Data Sheet relates only to the specific material designated herein. This Safety Data Sheet summarises our best knowledge of the health and safety hazard information of the product and how to safely handle the product in the workplace. Each user should read this SDS and consider the information in the context of how the product will be handled and used in the workplace including its use in conjunction with other products.

This substance is approved under HSNO for use as a cleaning product. All reasonable care has been taken to ensure that the information and advice contained herein are from sources believed to be reliable and to represent the most up-to-date knowledge available at the date given in Section 16. No liability is assumed for any damages related to the use or misuse of this substance.

All chemical materials may present unknown hazards as people have varying degrees of sensitivity to chemicals. Therefore, this product should be used with caution. The information herein is given in good faith, but no warranty, express or implied is made.

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### References:

EPA NZ Chemical Classification and Information Database  
EPA Guide: Guide to Classifying Hazardous Substances in New Zealand, Version 1

Summary of Abbreviations: EPA – Environmental Protection Authority  
GHS – Global Harmonisation System  
CAS – Chemical Abstracts Service  
TWA – Time Weighted Average

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