

# **MV CABLES**

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## **PROGRAMME INFORMATION**

#### **EPD REFERENCES**

EPD Owner: IPROEB S.A. - STR. DRUMUL CETATII NR.19, BISTRITA, JUD. BISTRITA-NASAUD, ROMANIA, CP 420063

**Program Operator**: EPDItaly

#### **INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION**

This declaration has been developed referring to the EPDItaly, following the "Regolamento di EPDItaly" version 5.2; further information and the document itself are available at: www.epditaly.it. EPD document valid worldwide.

Reference PCR: EPDItaly007 REV. 2 – 2020/10/21 "Electronic and electrical products and systems"; EPDItaly016 REV. 2 - 2020/09/25 "Cables and wires"

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EPD process certification (Internal)



Third party verifier: ICMQ SpA, via De Castillia, 10 20124 Milano (www.icmq.it)

Accredited by: Accredia

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### THE COMPANY

**IPROEB SA**, company with tradition in the electrotechnical field, was established in **1982** becoming one of the important players in the cable and conductors' production market. Its products are used in modernizing and expanding the national energy system, the national railway network or contribute to achieve important industrial objectives.

The **field of activity** of IPROEB includes the production and marketing of:

- low and medium voltage cables with copper and aluminum conductors, respectively insulated in PVC, rubber and polyethylene;
- aluminum and aluminum alloy bare conductors;
- aluminum conductors steel reinforced;
- galvanized steel wire conductors;
- steel wire ropes;

- composite insulators;
- equipments for automatic facilities.

IPROEB SA operates on the **Romanian market** for: power suppliers electricity companies, companies operating in the construction and assembly sector of high voltage power lines and electrical substations and companies operating in the construction sector using low and medium voltage cables and conductors for electrical installations.

IPROEB SA also operates on foreign markets for companies in Europe, directly or through zonal distributors.

Regarding the investment activity, IPROEB focused at the acquisition of **new equipment**: intermediate wire drawing machine for copper wires, stranding machines, extrusion





lines and modernization of existing processes, in order to diversify manufacturing and improve products quality.

IPROEB prioritizes the health and safety of its personnel, collaborators and visitors, the satisfaction of its customers, the protection of the environment and the development of the communities with which it interacts as an absolute and integrated priority; the entire organization is oriented toward achieving these goals openly and transparently.

IPROEB is committed to developing long term sustainable business, preventing pollution and minimizing the environmental impact of its operations, making the most efficient use of natural resources and energy.

IPROEB believes that its responsibility to reduce the environmental impact of its activities is also an opportunity

to embrace innovation and technological change, engaging its partners in the value chain to add their efforts to achieve a cleaner future.

IPROEB SA has implemented the Quality Management System in accordance with ISO 9001: 2015, certified by TUV SUD Germany, The Environmental Management System in accordance with ISO 14001: 2015 and the Occupational Health and Safety Management System ISO 45001: 2018.

The products are tested and verified in our own testing laboratory, accredited by the national accreditation body RENAR Romania, in accordance with ISO 17025: 2015.

IPROEB products are certified and approved by certification bodies, recognized at national and international level such as: OICPE, AFER, INSEMEX.





## THE **PRODUCT**

### MEDIUM VOLTAGE CABLES

The medium voltage cables are produced of compacted stranded aluminum conductors.

The inner semiconductor layer, XLPE insulation and the outer semiconductor layer (easily strippable) are applied by the process of triple extrusion and the crosslinking in nitrogen medium.

Aluminum tape screen with copolymer adhering to the polyethylene jacket is applied in the same manufacturing process.

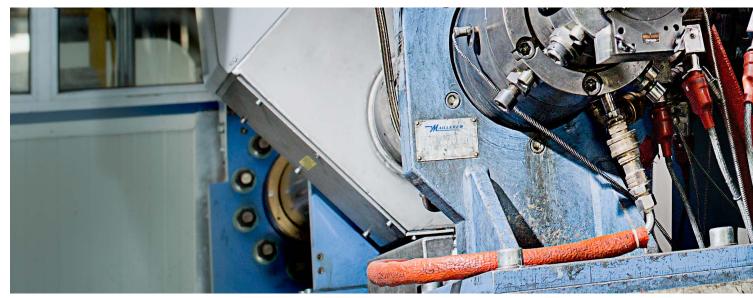
The XLPE polyethylene insulation used in the manufacture of cables ensures a low level of dielectric losses.

The cables are intended for the construction of medium voltage power lines.

The cables are with transverse and longitudinal protection when penetrating the water.

The cables are in accordance with the Global Standard GSC001 rev. 02/11.2018: Underground medium voltage cables.







## **SCOPE AND TYPE OF EPD**

The approach used in this EPD is "Cradle to grave", according to reference PCR

#### **TABLE OF MODULES**

	CTURING AGE	DISTRIBUTION INSTALLATION STAGE STAGE		USE AND MAINTENANCE Stage	END-OF-LIFE Stage De-Installation	
UPSTREAM MODULE	CORE MODULE	DOWNSTREAM MODULE				

**SOFTWARE**: SimaPro ver. 9.2.0.1 (www.pre.nl)

MAIN DATABASE: Ecoinvent 3.6

REPORT LCA:LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT APPLIED TO CABLES FOR EPD PURPOSES

**GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE OF THE EPD:** Worldwide

TYPE OF EPD: Product specific EPD

**REFERENCE YEAR: 2020** 

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## DETAILED PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The cables are designed for the construction of medium voltage power lines.

The cables are for fixed installation, may be directly buried in soil and may be used indoors, also in wet locations, or outdoors on walls on metallic structures.

The cables are with radial and longitudinal protection against water penetrates.

INFORMATION	CABLE							
PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION	ARE4H5EX Underground medium voltage cables, three single bundled cables, with aluminium conductors, cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE) insulation, laminated aluminium foil screen and polyethylene outer sheath, without reaction to fire class							
	General data	3 x (1 x 95)	3 x (1 x 185)					
	Maximum resistance of conductors at 20°C	0.320 Ω/km	0.164 Ω/km					
	Maximum resistance of aluminium foil screen at 20°C	1.344 Ω/km	1.120 Ω/km					
PRODUCT FEATURES	Capacity (into the ground at 1 m depth, the temperature of conductors max. 90°C, the temperature of the soil 20°C, the thermal resistance of the soil 1°C m/W)	245 A	360 A					
	Short-circuit thermal current (the short-circuit duration is 0.5s, the initial temperature of the conductors equals the maximum temperature allowed in a 90°C permanent régime and the final temperature of the conductors is 250°C)	12 kA	24 kA					
	Approximative weight	2697 kg/km	3864 kg/km					
PRODUCT PROPERTIES	ARE4H5EX cables are in accordance with the Global Standard GSC001 rev. 05	5 /11/2018						
MANUFACTURING PLANT	IPROEB SA, Bistrita							

#### **CONTENT DECLARATION - EXCLUDING PACKAGING\***

MATERIAL	MASS SHARE	
ALUMINIUM	32 %	
XLPE	36 %	
PE	23 %	
OTHER POLYMERS AND SEMICONDUCTIVE TAPES	9 %	

<sup>\*</sup>Cable packaging is composed by wooden drums which are recovered and reused after product delivery to the customer. For this reason packaging has been excluded from content declaration.

## GENERAL MANUFACTURING SPECIFICATION

The aluminum wires are produced by drawing of aluminum rod of 9.5 mm.

The aluminium wires are stranded. Over conductor, the inner semiconductor layer, XLPE insulation and the outer semiconductor layer, are applied by the process of triple extrusion.

The process of the crosslinking occurs in nitrogen medium on triple extrusion line.

Over the insulated conductor a swelling semi-conducting tape is applied.

Then, the aluminum tape screen and the polyethylene jacket are applied in the same manufacturing process, on the jacket extrusion line.

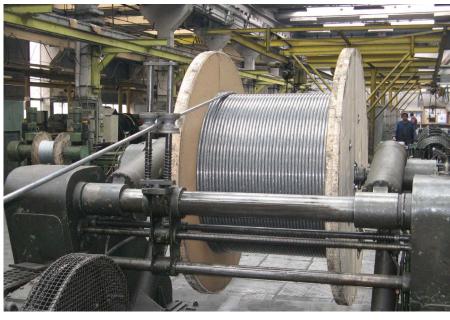
The single phase cables are assembled together forming three-phase cable.

The last stage of manufacturing is final control.















## **ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE**

The detailed environmental performance (in terms of potential environmental impacts, use of resources and waste generation) is presented for the three phases Upstream, Core and Downstream and related sub-phases.

**DECLARED UNIT (D.U.)** The declared unit is 1 km of cable manufactured in Iproeb headquarter in Bistrita

#### **MV CABLES - 3\*1\*95**

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS - 3\*1\*95**

POTENTIAL Environmental Impacts	UNITS / D.U.	UPSTREAM + CORE PROCESS	DOWNSTREAM Process				TOTAL
		MANUFACTURING STAGE	DISTRIBUTION STAGE	INSTALLATION STAGE	USE AND MAINTENANCE STAGE	END-OF-LIFE STAGE	
GWP	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1,27E+04	1,90E+02	0,00E+00	3,86E+01	7,54E+02	1,37E+04
GWP,f	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1,25E+04	1,90E+02	0,00E+00	3,86E+01	7,52E+02	1,35E+04
GWP,b	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	3,38E+01	1,11E-02	0,00E+00	5,70E-03	1,35E+00	3,51E+01
GWP,luluc	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1,32E+02	1,54E-03	0,00E+00	2,47E-03	7,33E-01	1,33E+02
GWP,ghg	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1,23E+04	1,89E+02	0,00E+00	3,78E+01	7,43E+02	1,33E+04
ODP	kg CFC11 eq	1,04E-03	4,51E-05	0,00E+00	1,68E-06	3,14E-05	1,12E-03
AP	mol H+ eq	6,92E+01	6,61E-01	0,00E+00	1,85E-01	2,21E+00	7,23E+01
EP,f	kg P eq	4,90E-01	9,73E-05	0,00E+00	1,88E-03	2,09E-02	5,13E-01
EP,m	kg N eq	1,07E+01	2,11E-01	0,00E+00	4,14E-02	4,19E-01	1,13E+01
EP,t	mol N eq	1,18E+02	2,33E+00	0,00E+00	4,60E-01	4,63E+00	1,25E+02
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	3,81E+01	6,34E-01	0,00E+00	1,18E-01	1,25E+00	4,01E+01
ADPE	kg Sb eq	1,37E-03	8,25E-06	0,00E+00	9,89E-07	7,95E-05	1,46E-03
ADPF	МЈ	2,63E+05	2,69E+03	0,00E+00	7,87E+02	6,11E+03	2,73E+05
WDP	m³	1,28E+03	-4,51E-01	0,00E+00	6,06E+00	3,26E+02	1,61E+03

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**POCP** Photochemical ozone creation potential

**ADPE** Abiotic depletion potential minerals & metals\*

**ADPF** Abiotic depletion potential fossil fuels\*

**WDP** Water use deprivation potential\*

Additional environmental impact indicators are computed in the LCA report but not reported in the EPD.

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#### **RESOURCE USE PER DECLARED UNIT - 3\*1\*95**

POTENTIAL Environmental Impacts	UPSTREAM + CORE DOWNSTREAM PROCESS PROCESS						TOTAL	
		MANUFACTURING STAGE	DISTRIBUTION STAGE	INSTALLATION STAGE	USE AND MAINTENANCE STAGE	END-OF-LIFE STAGE		
PERE	МЈ	4,64E+04	4,13E+00	0,00E+00	1,98E+02	5,85E+02	4,72E+04	
PERM	МЈ	2,22E+04	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,22E+04	
PERT	МЈ	6,86E+04	4,13E+00	0,00E+00	1,98E+02	5,85E+02	6,94E+04	
PENRE	МЈ	2,04E+05	2,63E+03	0,00E+00	9,63E+02	7,70E+03	2,16E+05	
PENRM	МЈ	8,30E+04	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	8,30E+04	
PENRT	МЈ	2,87E+05	2,63E+03	0,00E+00	9,63E+02	7,70E+03	2,99E+05	
SM	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	
RSF	МЈ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	
NRSF	МЈ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	
FW	m³	2,94E+02	7,39E-03	0,00E+00	1,36E-01	1,09E+01	3,05E+02	

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**PENRT** Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources

**SM** Use of secondary raw materials

**RSF** Use of renewable secondary fuels

NRSF Use of non-renewable secondary fuels

FW Use of net fresh water

#### **OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE CATEGORIES PER DECLARED UNIT - 3\*1\*95**

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS	UNITS / D.U.	UPSTREAM + CORE PROCESS	DOWNSTREAM PROCESS			TOTAL	
		MANUFACTURING STAGE	DISTRIBUTION STAGE	INSTALLATION STAGE	USE AND MAINTENANCE STAGE	END-OF-LIFE STAGE	
HWD	kg	3,72E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	3,72E+00
NHWD	kg	2,10E+02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,10E+02
RWD	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
CRU	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
MFR	kg	5,57E+01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	5,57E+01
MER	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
EE	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00

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IMPACTS		MANUFACTURING STAGE	DISTRIBUTION STAGE	INSTALLATION STAGE	USE AND MAINTENANCE STAGE	END-OF-LIFE STAGE	
GWP	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1,93E+04	2,67E+02	0,00E+00	1,97E+01	1,08E+03	2,06E+04
GWP,f	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1,89E+04	2,67E+02	0,00E+00	1,96E+01	1,08E+03	2,03E+04
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ODP	kg CFC11 eq	1,67E-03	6,33E-05	0,00E+00	8,53E-07	4,50E-05	1,77E-03
AP	mol H+ eq	1,08E+02	9,26E-01	0,00E+00	9,41E-02	3,16E+00	1,13E+02
EP,f	kg P eq	7,99E-01	1,36E-04	0,00E+00	9,58E-04	2,99E-02	8,30E-01
EP,m	kg N eq	1,56E+01	2,96E-01	0,00E+00	2,11E-02	6,00E-01	1,65E+01
EP,t	mol N eq	1,72E+02	3,26E+00	0,00E+00	2,34E-01	6,63E+00	1,83E+02
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	5,75E+01	8,88E-01	0,00E+00	5,98E-02	1,79E+00	6,02E+01
ADPE	kg Sb eq	2,16E-03	1,16E-05	0,00E+00	5,04E-07	1,14E-04	2,29E-03
ADPF	МЈ	3,79E+05	3,78E+03	0,00E+00	4,01E+02	8,76E+03	3,92E+05
WDP	m³	1,78E+03	-6,31E-01	0,00E+00	3,08E+00	4,67E+02	2,25E+03

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PENRM	MJ	1,03E+05	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,03E+05
PENRT	MJ	4,17E+05	3,69E+03	0,00E+00	4,90E+02	1,10E+04	4,32E+05
SM	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
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		MANUFACTURING STAGE	DISTRIBUTION STAGE	INSTALLATION STAGE	USE AND MAINTENANCE STAGE	END-OF-LIFE STAGE	
HWD	kg	4,41E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	4,41E+00
NHWD	kg	2,47E+02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,47E+02
RWD	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
CRU	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
MFR	kg	5,79E+01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	5,79E+01
MER	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
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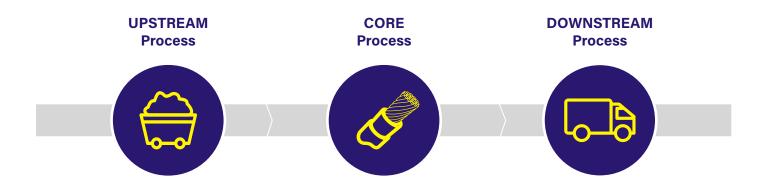
**MER** Materials for energy recovery

**EE** Exported energy

## **CALCULATION RULES**

According to reference PCR the main activities are listed and divided in three subsystems. Results are reported accordingly

- UPSTREAM Process
- CORE Process
- DOWNSTREAM Process



## LCA METHODOLOGY

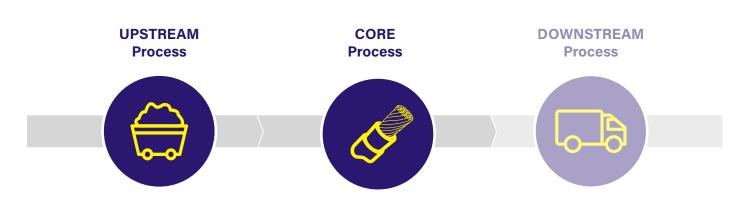
The environmental burden of the product has been processed according to the general rules of the EPDItaly and reference PCR.

This declaration is based on the application of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodology to the whole life-cycle system, using Iproeb primary data related to 2020.

Customized LCA questionnaires were used to gather in-depth information about all aspects of the production system (for example, raw materials specifications, pre-treatments, process efficiencies, air emissions, waste management), ultimately providing a complete picture of the environmental burden of the system.

Environmental impacts of the use phase are calculated considering 1 A of electric load. Real energy losses can be computed by multiplying the impact by the actual current intensity of the cable.

# **UPSTREAM + CORE** PROCESS





MANUFACTURING PLANT

## **DOWNSTREAM**

## **PROCESS**





## **ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION**

From 2006, IPROEB has implemented the Environmental Management System according to the ISO 14001:2015, having identified the criteria and methods necessary to identify, eliminate and / or minimize aspects with negative impact on the environment, both on the company's staff and third parties.

For the reduction of greenhouse gases, Iproeb SA has subscribed, adopted and implemented the principles of ISO 14067: 2018 and based on the CFP study report issued on 19.03.2021 it has obtained the certificate no. A022/29.03.2021, issued by IMQ Italia for the CCBYY cable.

All equipment is equipped with exhaustive systems and dust collecting systems, mounted on the floor that are guided by a centrifugal fan to cyclones provided with ventilation systems.

Water is used for technological purposes as cooling water, in a closed circuit during extrusion operations. The water is cooled in the cooling tower, in a closed circuit, with evaporator system type BAC VXI 50 - 4 with the help of a set of coils and recirculation pumps.

The activity does not result in toxic compounds that have negative effects on the environment, terrestrial ecosystems not being influenced.

The IPROEB company in collaboration with Life Cycle Engineering has started the life cycle assessment for some of the manufactured products, according to the main normative guidelines provided in the ISO 14040: 2021 and ISO 14044: 2021 standards.

The impact on the environment has been assessed in accordance with standard EN 15804 + A2: 2019.

The study evaluated the specific environmental emission factors / impact indicators, which are updated periodically.

#### **ISSUED**

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### **REFERENCES**

- BSI (2019) EN 50693:2019 Product category rules for LCA of electronic and electrical products and systems.
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