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green**cast**



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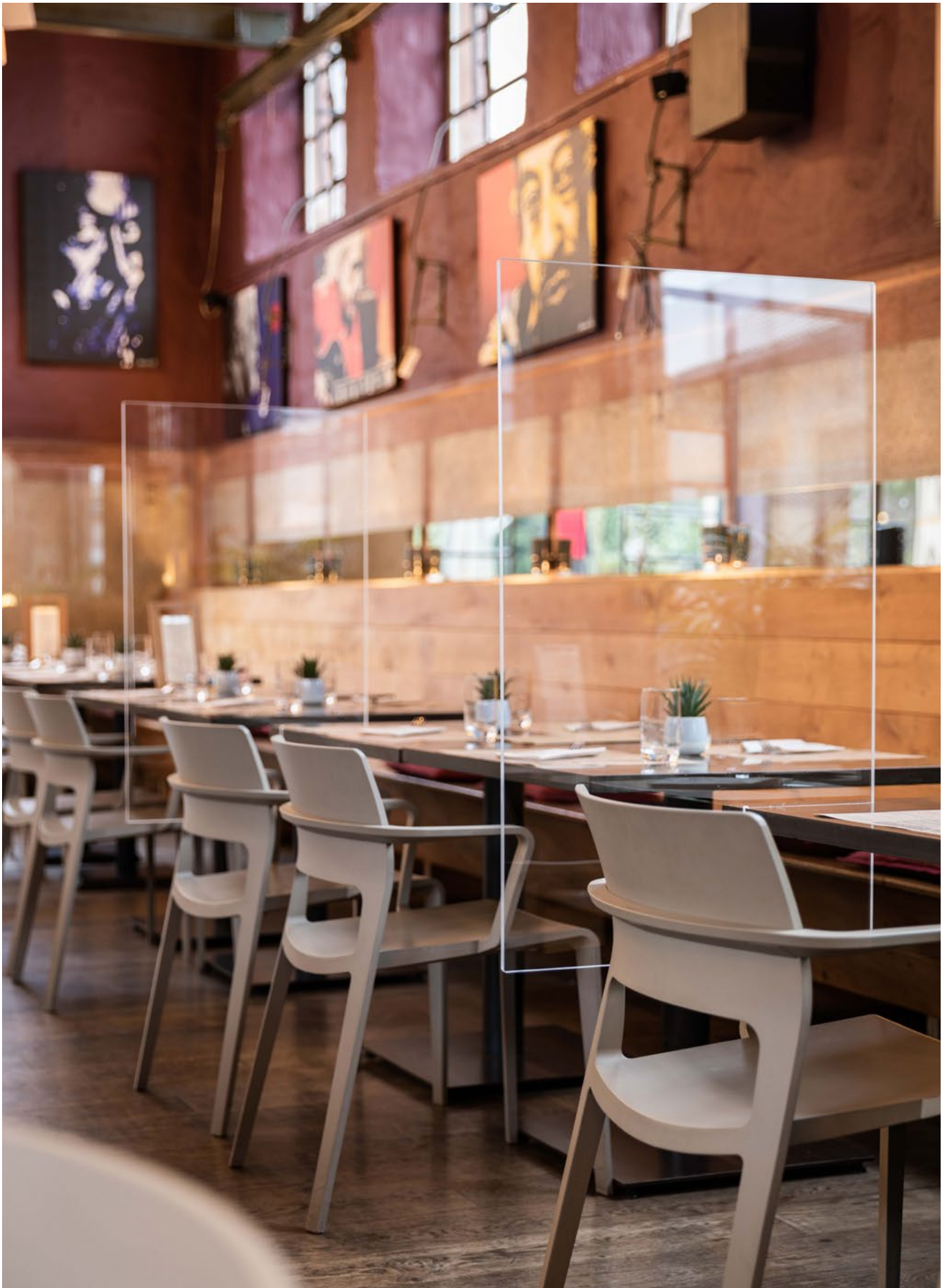
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The company

The history of Madreperla S.p.A. has its roots in the early 1950's, and it's a history of a company's development and growth based on a family tradition, that it's now in its third generation.

Madreperla started the plant for the production of acrylic sheets for the manufacturing of acrylic buttons, that following the fashion trends of those years had a mother of pearl look – hence the name Madreperla (that means mother of pearl in Italian).

In the 80's significant investments allowed reconversion of the production for sheets for industrial application and in the late 80's the first trials for the regeneration system of PMMA (the recycling of pre- and postconsumer waste Polymethylmethacrylate waste material). From 2000-2005 Madreperla developed the idea of improving the production of the recycling process to such a quality standard that could be used to produce high quality cost acrylic sheets complying with ISO 7823.1. In the year 2010 Green Cast® acrylic sheets were launched in the market.

MADREPERLA
USA

MADREPERLA S.A
France



MADREPERLA S.p.A
Italy (Headquarter)

The product

Object of this EPD® is the transparent Green Cast® acrylic sheet (polymethylmethacrylate sheet).

GREEN CAST®

The Green Cast® acrylic sheet is produced with 100% R-MMA, recycled methylmethacrylate monomer produced by Madreperla SpA in Cinisello Balsamo (Italy). Green Cast® acrylic sheet is complying with ISO 7823.1 has an excellent workability, so has a considerable range of applicability. General features of Green Cast® are high resistance to external agents and UV rays, high light transmission, resistance to chemical aggression by saturated hydrocarbons, acids and diluted alkali, mineral oils and oils and greases of natural and vegetable origin. In addition, a wide range of colours and finishing are available upon request.

Available technical specification are listed in the table:

Technical specification	Value	Unit	Standard
Compressive strength	130	MPa	ISO 604
Tensile strength	76	MPa	ISO 527 - 2/1B/5
Elasticity modulus	3300	MPa	ISO 527 - 2/1B/1
Flexural strength	130	MPa	ISO 178



Content declaration

The Green Cast[®] sheet does not contain any of the substances listed in the SHVC list in quantities >0.1% and comply with the most recent REACH regulations regarding the “Substances of very High Concern”.

The Green Cast[®] is composed by 100% recycled R-MMA and additive as listed in the table below.

The packaging materials for distribution are:
PVC gaskets, PE film, cardboard, pallets.

In this study, only the transparent Green Cast[®] sheet has been considered.



RAW MATERIAL	GREEN CAST
<i>R-MMA</i>	<99%
<i>Catalysts</i>	<1%
<i>UV filters</i>	<1%
<i>Antioxidants</i>	<1%
<i>Polymerization regulators</i>	<1%
<i>Release agents</i>	<1%
<i>Lubricant</i>	<1%
<i>Descaling additives</i>	<1%

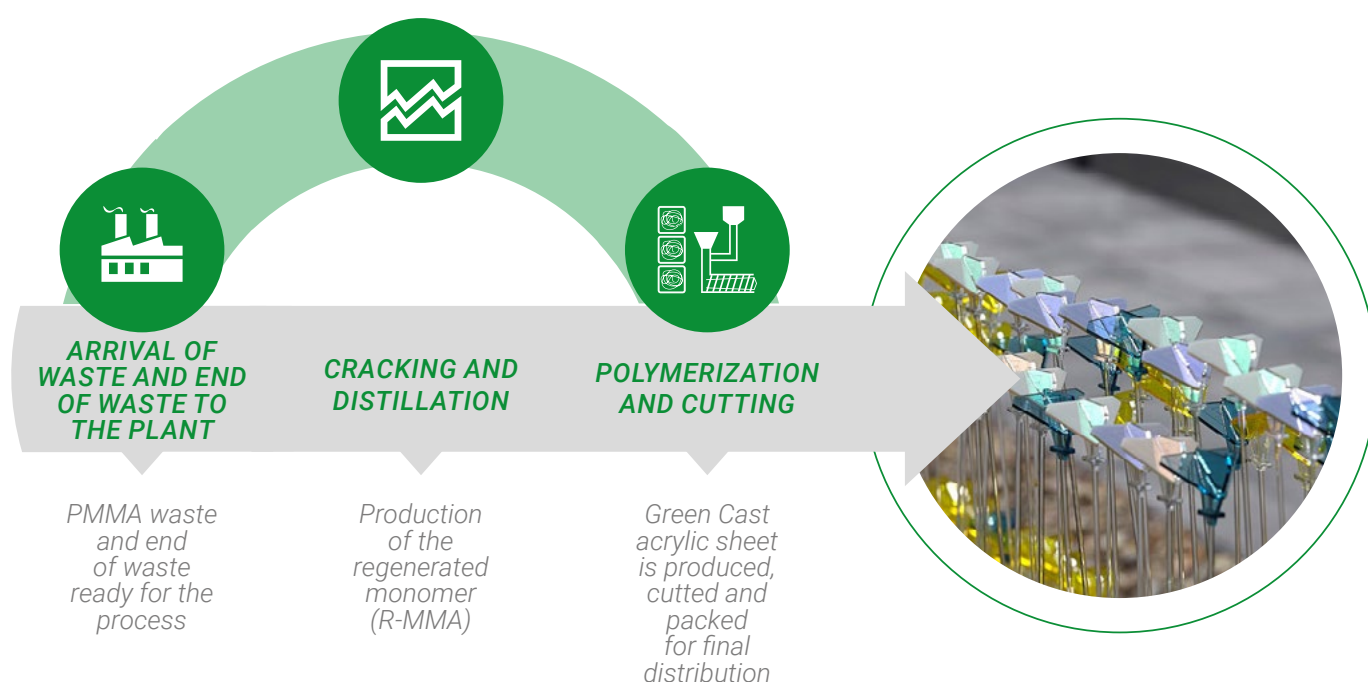
Production process

Green Cast® sheets are produced in Cinisello Balsamo's plant (Italy).

The scheme below shows the manufacturing process of the **Regeneration System** (the recycling of pre- and postconsumer PMMA waste) launched in 2000 with proprietary technology, and subsequent production of polymethylmethacrylate sheets by casting process to obtain Green Cast® sheets.

The production process begins with the arrival of PMMA waste and PMMA end of waste, associated with an external activity of collection, sorting and grinding of PMMA polymers. These products are regenerated through thermal cracking under controlled temperature, followed by high quality distillation to obtain Regenerated monomer (R-MMA). The underproducts of distillation (oligomers) are used in the same process to produce energy.

The R-MMA produced is used at 100% for the production of Green Cast® sheets instead of virgin MMA (produced by chemical synthesis). The production process of the sheets is based on the casting technology with a high automated plant developed by Madreperla's technical R&S team.



Scope and type of EPD[®]

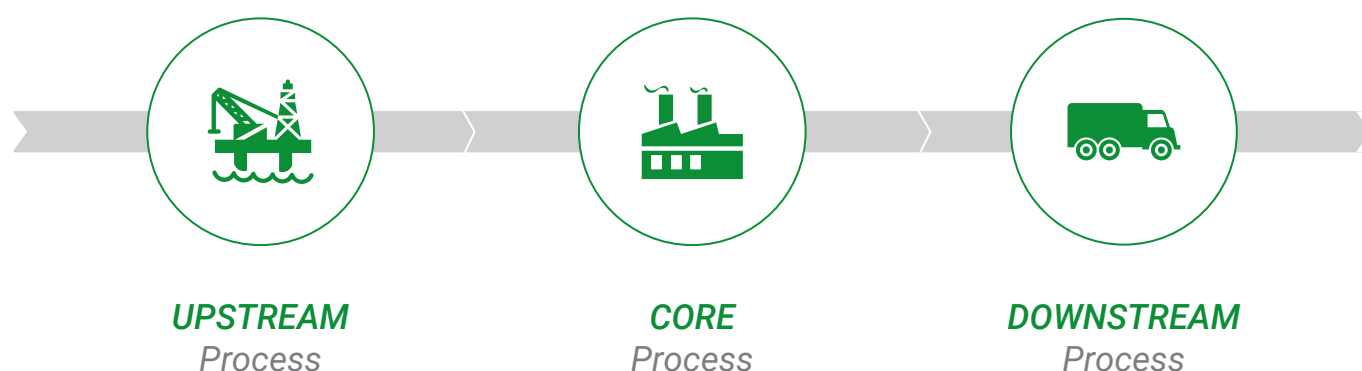
Geographical Scope: Global

Software: Simapro 9.1.1.1

Database: Ecoinvent 3.6, Plastics Europe

Declared Unit: 1 m³ of Green Cast[®] sheet packed and ready for final distribution

The LCA study includes all the processes according to PCR 2018:10



LCA METHODOLOGY

Product environmental burden has been processed in accordance with EPD general instructions issued by International EPD[®] System (GPI v3.01) and PCR 2018:10 v1.01, "Boards, blocks, panels, sheets of plastics, or in composite system, for structural application (non construction)".

This declaration is a cradle to gate with options EPD type, based on the application of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodology.

Green Cast[®] at plant level was described by using specific data from Madreperla manufacturing facility (Cinisello Balsamo, IT) for year 2020. Customized LCA questionnaires were used to gather in-depth information about all aspects of the production system, in order to provide a complete picture of the environmental burden of the system from waste supply and monomer production (Upstream) to polymerization and cutting of Green Cast[®] acrylic sheets (Core), to final distribution (Downstream).

An Italian average delivery scenario of 500 km has been used. Further process in downstream, use phase and product end of life is out of the scope of the study.

The exclusion criteria applied in this study are consistent with those suggested by the reference PCR 2018: 10. Data for elementary flows to and from the product system that contribute to a minimum of 99% of the declared impacts are included.

UPSTREAM process



PMMA WASTE AND END OF WASTE SUPPLY



CRACKING OF PMMA POLYMERS



DISTILLATION OF CRUDE R-MMA



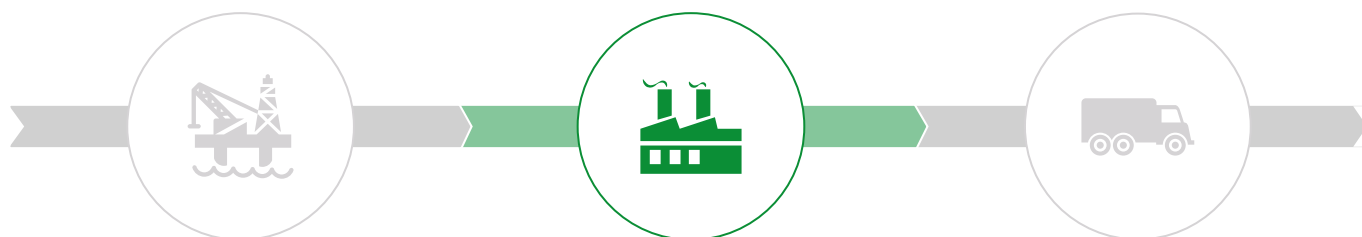
ENERGY WARES INPUT UPSTREAM PROCESSES (E.G. ELECTRICITY, HEATING FUEL);



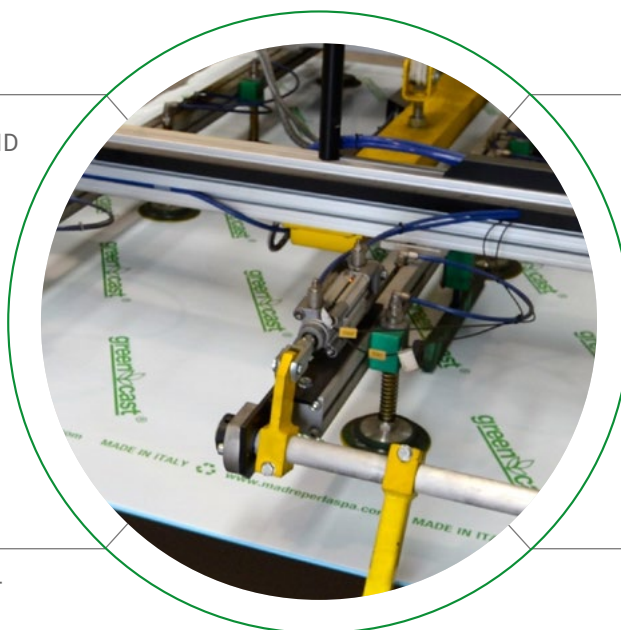
TREATMENT OF WASTE GENERATED BY UPSTREAM PROCESSES



| CORE process



CASTING PROCESS AND
POLYMERIZATION



ENERGY WARES INPUT
CORE PROCESS (E.G.
ELECTRICITY 100%
RENEWABLE, HEATING
FUEL, ETC.)



TRIMMING OF GASKET
AND PACKAGING

TREATMENT OF WASTE
GENERATED BY CORE
PROCESSES



| DOWNSTREAM process



DISTRIBUTION TO
THE FINAL COSTUMER



ITALY:
DISTANCE BY TRUCK ~ 500 km



Environmental performance

The detailed environmental performance (in terms of use of resources, waste generation, potential environmental impacts) is presented for the three phases:

UPSTREAM Process, CORE Process, Downstream Process

According to PCR 2018:10, the values in the Total column are the sum of only Upstream and Core Process.

DECLARED UNIT (D.U.)

This study uses **1 m³ of Green Cast® sheet packed and ready for final distribution.**

1 m³ corresponds to 1,19 ton of Green Cast®.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

IMPACT CATEGORY	UNITS / m ³	UPSTREAM PROCESS	CORE PROCESS	TOTAL	DOWNSTREAM PROCESS
GWP-total	kg CO ₂ eq	1,43E+03	1,11E+03	2,54E+03	8,19E+01
GWP-f	kg CO ₂ eq	1,43E+03	1,08E+03	2,51E+03	8,19E+01
GWP-b	kg CO ₂ eq	1,56E+00	2,92E+01	3,07E+01	5,17E-03
GWP-luluc	kg CO ₂ eq	5,70E-02	2,35E-01	2,92E-01	6,55E-04
AP	mol H ⁺ eq	2,84E+00	2,81E+00	5,64E+00	4,74E-01
EP	kg P eq	8,88E-03	1,60E-02	2,48E-02	4,92E-05
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	2,62E+00	2,00E+00	4,62E+00	5,45E-01
ADPe	kg Sb eq	1,52E-04	6,27E-04	7,79E-04	4,87E-06
ADPf	MJ	1,62E+04	1,25E+04	2,87E+04	1,17E+03
WDP	m ³ eq	4,03E+03	1,20E+03	5,23E+03	-2,58E-01

GWP Global warming potential, total

GWP_f Global warming potential, fossil

GWP_b Global warming potential, biogenic

GWP_{luluc} Global warming potential, land use & land use change

AP Acidification Potential

EP Eutrophication Potential

POCP Photochemical ozone creation potential

ADPe Abiotic depletion potential minerals & metals*

ADPf Abiotic depletion potential fossil fuels*

WDP Water use deprivation potential*

RESOURCE USE PER DECLARED UNIT

IMPACT CATEGORY	UNITS / m ³	UPSTREAM PROCESS	CORE PROCESS	TOTAL	DOWNSTREAM PROCESS
PERE	MJ	3,28E+02	2,24E+03	2,57E+03	1,64E+00
PERM	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
PERT	MJ	3,28E+02	2,24E+03	2,57E+03	1,64E+00
PENRE	MJ	1,15E+02	7,12E+02	8,27E+02	1,14E+03
PENRM	MJ	1,82E+04	1,39E+04	3,21E+04	0,00E+00
PENRT	MJ	1,84E+04	1,46E+04	3,29E+04	1,14E+03
SM	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
RSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
NRSF	MJ	4,07E+03	2,97E+03	7,04E+03	0,00E+00
FW	m ³	9,13E+01	2,72E+01	1,18E+02	2,32E-02

PERE Renewable energy (carrier)

PERM Renewable energy (feedstock)

PERT Renewable energy (total)

PENRE Non-renewable energy (carrier)

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SM Use of secondary 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

IMPACT CATEGORY	UNITS / m ³	UPSTREAM PROCESS	CORE PROCESS	TOTAL	DOWNSTREAM PROCESS
HWD	MJ	3,81E+01	2,98E-01	3,84E+01	0,00E+00
NHWD	MJ	0,00E+00	4,63E+01	4,63E+01	0,00E+00
RWD	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
CRU	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
MFR	MJ	7,92E+00	0,00E+00	7,92E+00	0,00E+00
MER	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
EE	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00

HWD Hazardous waste disposed

NHWD Non-hazardous waste disposed

RWD Radioactive waste disposed

CRU Components for re-use

MFR Material for recycling

MER Materials for energy recovery

EE Exported energy



Annex

The declared unit of the study is 1 m³ of Green Cast[®] sheet packed and ready for final distribution while **in this annex** the values shown in the 3 tables below refers to **1 ton of R-MMA and 1 ton of Green Cast[®] sheet**.

According to PCR 2018:10, the values in the Total columns below both for R-MMA and Green Cast[®] are the sum of only Upstream and Core Process.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS			
IMPACT CATEGORY	UNITS / ton	R-MMA	GREEN CAST
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GWP-luluc	kg CO ₂ eq	4,60E-02	2,46E-01
AP	mol H ⁺ eq	1,75E+00	4,74E+00
EP	kg P eq	6,95E-03	2,09E-02
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	1,42E+00	3,88E+00
ADPe	kg Sb eq	1,25E-04	6,54E-04
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PERE	MJ	2,57E+02	2,16E+03
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PERT	MJ	2,57E+02	2,16E+03
PENRE	MJ	7,02E+02	6,95E+02
PENRM	MJ	1,39E+04	2,70E+04
PENRT	MJ	1,46E+04	2,77E+04
SM	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
RSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
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FW	m ³	7,04E+01	9,95E+01

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NHWD	MJ	0,00E+00	3,89E+01
RWD	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
CRU	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
MFR	MJ	6,10E+00	6,66E+00
MER	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
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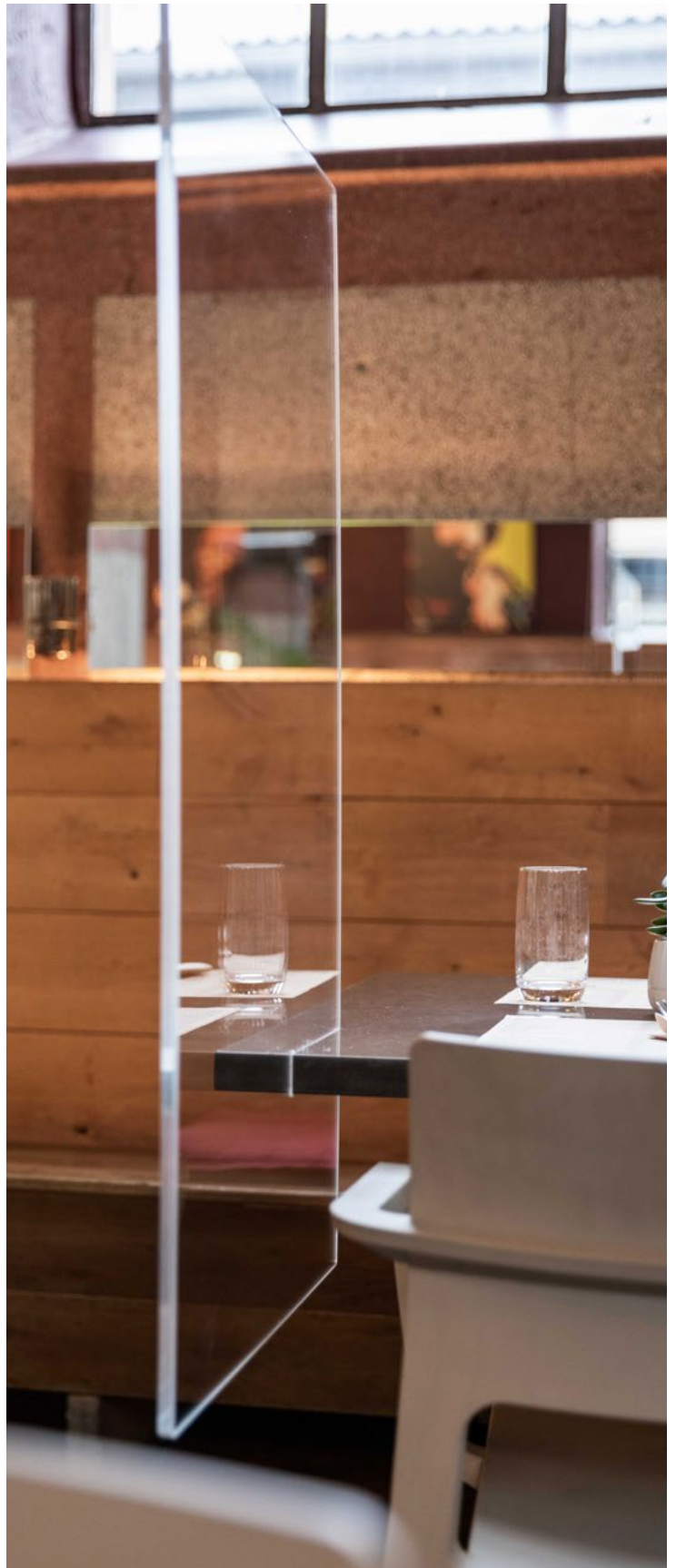
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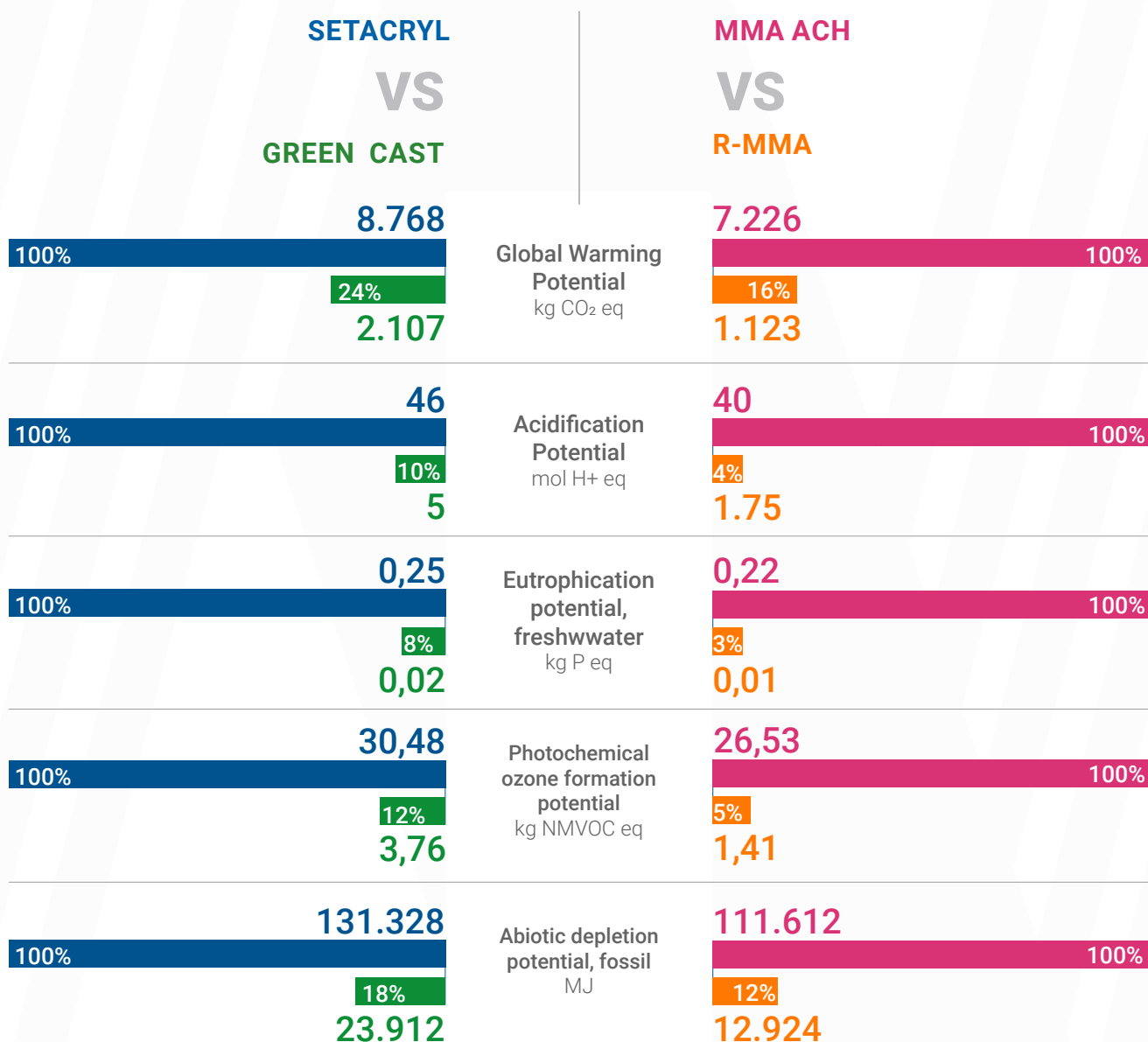
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Comparison extrapolated from the LCA between **Setacryl** and **Green Cast**

On the same production line as the Green Cast® of Madreperla it is possible to obtain Setacryl sheets, using synthetic monomer produced with **ACH technology**. The benefits of using recycled monomer for the production of Green Cast® sheet are evident if you look at the values of the environmental impact indicators, expressed in the figure below.

100% represent Setacryl sheet produced with MMA ACH raw material

100% represent the impact of MMA ACH upon Ecoinvent figures for the different impact



Environmental indicators for impact categories such as Global Warming Potential undergo a considerable decrease of more than 75% compared to a sheet produced with synthetic MMA (ACH). The decrease is over 80% for "Acidification potential", "Eutrophication potential, freshwater", "Photochemical ozone formation potential" and "Abiotic depletion potential, fossils".