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Re: True to Scale sand based products.

Recently there have been press reports of asbestos being found in imported coloured sand intended for children's play.

Background:

Commercial Asbestos is a family of relatively uncommon, complex, naturally occurring silicate minerals. However, their defining property is that they occur in a fibrous form.

There is also a series of fibrous minerals, tremolite being one, that are classified along with commercial asbestos.

Asbestos minerals have very specific geological origins. In the UK, minor occurrences are restricted to the outer-most islands of the Shetlands and the Southern tip of Cornwall. In neither location are asbestos minerals commercially mined or processed.

Asbestos is worked in the USA, where a Tremolite occurrence was reported in play-pit sand some eight years ago. It is also worked in China the country of origin of the current play pit sand concern. Other notable producers of asbestos include South Africa, Canada and Russia.

Qualifying Statement:

The base sands for the "True to Scale" range of products can be absolutely identified as coming from geological formations distinctly outside of those known to potentially contain asbestos. This together with quantitative chemical analysis provides a high level of assurance of non-contamination.

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