

# VILLA PHOSPHITE 400 SL

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF PRODUCT AND COMPANY

**Product Name:** PHOSPHITE 400 SL  
 Fungicide  
**UN No.** 3264  
**Supplier:** Villa Crop Protection (Pty) Ltd.  
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### Emergency telephone numbers:

#### 24 Hr Transport / Spill emergency no:

Envirosure. +27 31 205 4918  
 (Hazcall24) +27 86 044 4411

(Client: Villa Crop Protection)

Griffon Poison Information Centre +27 82 446 8946

(Client: Villa Crop Protection)

### Poisoning Emergency telephone numbers:

Griffon Poison Information Centre +27 82 446 8946

Poisons Information Centre +27 861 555 777

### Villa Crop Protection Emergency number:

#### National Safety, Health and Environmental Manager:

+27 63 698 0668

## 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Active Ingredient:

**Common Name:** phosphorous acid, phosphonic acid

**Chemical Name:** phosphorous acid

**CAS No.:** 13598-36-2

**Chemical family:** inorganic

**Chemical formula:** H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub> (Mol. Wt.: 82)

### Formulation:

phosphorous acid neutralized with a base to potassium phosphite.

phosphorus acid equivalent: 400 g/ℓ

(Potassium phosphite: 560 g/ℓ)

Soluble liquid

**Use:** A water soluble systemic fungicide for the control of diseases in certain crops.

### Ingredients:

potassium phosphite (K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>3</sub>): 56%

CAS No.: 13492-26-7

water: to 1 litre

**Symbol:** Xi

**Indication of danger:** Irritant

**Risk Phrases:** R

## 3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**Carcinogen status:** OSHA & IARC: Not listed.

**Toxicity class:** WHO (Acute Hazard: U)  
 (Unlikely to be Hazardous)

**Main hazard:** Moderate to severe irritant to the eyes and skin.

Irritant to respiratory tract and mucous membrane. The product cause burns to exposed area.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES AND PRECAUTIONS

**Inhalation:** Move the victim to fresh air or remove source of contamination. Keep person warm and at rest. Treat symptomatically and supportively as and when required. Qualified personnel should perform administration of oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

**Skin contact:** Move the victim to fresh air and remove all contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods. Gently wipe off excess chemical. Wash affected skin areas gently and thoroughly with water and non-abrasive soap. Do not rub the skin. If irritation persists, seek medical advice. Persons who become sensitized may require specialized medical management.

**Eye contact:** Immediately flush the contaminated eyes with gently flowing clean water for 15 to 20 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids. If irritation persists, seek medical advice.

**Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting.** Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Obtain medical attention immediately. Qualified medical personnel should perform administration of oxygen. If the person is alert, rinse mouth thoroughly with water and give person large volumes of water or milk to drink. When vomiting occurs, keep head lower than hips to prevent aspiration.

**Advice to physician:** No specific antidotes are available. Treat symptomatically. If the product has been ingested, avoid gastric lavage and emesis. Dilute acid by drinking large amounts of water or milk. Ingested acid must be diluted approximately 100 fold.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### Fire and explosion hazard:

Negligible fire hazard. Non-combustible.

Flash point: 86,5°C.

May burn when exposed to heat or flames, but does not readily ignite.

**Hazardous products of combustion:** Fire may produce irritating or highly toxic oxides of phosphorous, flammable hydrogen and phosphine gases or other products of combustion.

Will react with metal with evolution of hydrogen giving rise to potentially flammable and explosive mixtures.

**Extinguishing agents:** Extinguish fires with carbon dioxide, dry powder, or alcohol-resistant foam. Water spray can be used for cooling of unaffected stock, but avoid water coming in contact with the product. Use as little water as possible. Use spray or fog. Solid stream

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may cause spreading. Contain water used for fire fighting for later disposal. Avoid the accumulation of polluted run-off from the site.

**Fire fighting:** Remove spectators from surrounding area. Isolate the fire area and evacuate downwind. Use a recommended extinguishing agent for the type of surrounding fire.

Fight fire from maximum distance and use unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles. Contain fire control agents for later disposal. Avoid inhaling hazardous vapours and fumes from burning materials. Keep upwind.

Remove container from fire area if possible and without risk. Water can be used to cool unaffected containers but must be contained for later disposal.

Dyke fire control water for later disposal. Do not scatter the material. Avoid pollution of waterways.

Do not use high volume water jet, due to contamination risk. Contain water used for fire fighting for later disposal. Avoid the accumulation of polluted run-off from the site.

**Personal protective equipment:** Fire fighters and others that may be exposed should wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Do not breath corrosive fumes from burning material. Keep upwind.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES (SPILLAGE)

**Personal precautions:** Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe in spray or fumes. For personal protection see Section 8.

**Environmental precautions:** Do not allow entering drains or watercourses. Spillage or uncontrolled discharges into water courses (or public waters) to be reported immediately to the Police and to the Department of Water/Environmental Affairs. Considered as Marine Pollutant.

**Occupational spill:** Do not touch-spilled material; stop leak if you can do it without risk. Keep out unprotected persons and animals.

**For spills:** Soak up with absorptive material such as damp earth or sand or other suitable non-combustible absorbent material. Place the material into a clean, dry container and cover for subsequent disposal. Label containers with its content and dispose it in accordance with local regulations.

In situations where product comes in contact with water, contain contaminated water for later disposal. Prevent material from spreading by damming in with absorptive material. Do not flush spilled material into drains. Keep spectators away and upwind.

Open burning or dumping of this material is prohibited. Do not get water inside containers.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

**Handling:** Do not use near source of sparks or open flame. Harmful in contact with skin and if swallowed. Irritating to eyes and skin. Avoid contact with eyes and skin, and inhalation of spray and vapour. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, smoking, or using the toilet. Operators should change and wash clothing daily. Remove clothing immediately if the product gets inside. Then wash skin thoroughly using a non-abrasive soap and put on clean clothing. Do not apply directly to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Water used to clean equipment must be disposed of correctly to avoid contamination.

**Storage:** Do not store near sources of sparks, flame or heat. Keep under lock and key and out of reach of unauthorised persons, children and animals. Store in its original labelled container in isolated, dry, cool and well-ventilated area. Not to be stored next to foodstuffs and water supplies. Local regulations should be complied with.

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROL / PERSONAL PROTECTION

It is essential to provide adequate ventilation. The measures appropriate for a particular work site depend on how this material is used and on the extent of exposure. Ensure that control systems are properly designed and maintained. Comply with occupational safety, environmental, fire, and other applicable regulations.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

If engineering controls and work practices are not effective in controlling exposure to this material, then wear suitable personal protective equipment including approved respiratory protection.

**Respirator:** An approved respirator suitable for protection from mists of pesticides is adequate. Limitations of respirator use specified by the approved agency and the manufacturer must be observed.

**Clothing:** Employee must wear appropriate protective (impervious) clothing and equipment to prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact with this substance.

**Gloves:** Employee must wear appropriate synthetic protective gloves to prevent contact with this substance.

**Eye protection:** The use of safety goggles is recommended.

**Emergency eyewash:** Where there is any possibility that an employee's eyes may be exposed to this substance, the employer should provide an eye wash fountain or appropriate alternative within the immediate work area for emergency use.

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### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance:** Clear colourless water based solution, with typical phosphite salt solution odour.

**Flammability:** Not flammable & not combustible.

**Flash point:** 86.5 °C.

**Corrosiveness:** Corrosive.

**Solubility:** Forms a solution in water.

**pH:** 6.9 in 1% aqueous solution.

**Density:** 1.35 ± 0,05 g/ml.

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability:** Chemically and thermally stable.

**Storage stability:** Stable for a period of 2 years under normal warehouse conditions.

**Conditions and Materials to Avoid:** Keep the product in a cool, dry place, at below 30 °C. Protect from sunlight, open flame and sources of heat. Avoid contact with caustic soda, chlorates, nitrates, calcium carbide, mild steel, aluminium alloy, brass, tin & galvanized material. Incompatible with strong oxidizing agents.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Will react with metal with evolution of hydrogen.

Thermal decomposition products include highly toxic oxides of phosphorous, flammable hydrogen and phosphine gases.

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> in rats:**

K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>3</sub> = Toxicity category III.

*Technical (phosphorous acid):* 1895 mg/kg

*Related potassium phosphate (KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>):* > 500 mg/kg

**Acute dermal LD<sub>50</sub> in rabbits:**

K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>3</sub> = Toxicity category III.

*1: Related potassium phosphate (KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>):* > 2000 mg/kg

*2: Related potassium phosphate (KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>):* 4640 mg/kg

**Acute inhalation in rats:**

K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>3</sub> = Toxicity category IV.

**Acute skin irritation in rabbits:**

K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>3</sub> = Toxicity category IV.

Moderate irritant.

**Acute eye irritation in rabbits:**

K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>3</sub> = Toxicity category III.

Moderate to severe irritant.

**Dermal sensitisation:**

The product is corrosive. Effects depend on concentration and duration of exposure. Repeated or prolonged contact may result in dermatitis or similar effects to acute exposure.

**Other:** Given the low toxicity of mono- (KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>3</sub>) and di- (K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>3</sub>) potassium salts of phosphorous acid (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub>) and history of safe use, a determination of no harm for the

general population, as well as subgroups including infants and children, was made.

Based on tests with animals, these chemicals are not expected to harm humans. The substances have been used in Australia and other countries (South Africa and USA) for more than ten years with no indication of adverse effects.

Not listed as carcinogen, not listed as endocrine disrupter and not listed as reproductive and developmental toxin.

### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Phosphorous acid and its salts are not found naturally, but are closely related to common substances that are found in the environment. The active ingredients (salts) may share common metabolic mechanisms with other salts of phosphorous acid, however, due to limited use, these salts are not expected to pose significant contribution to the cumulative effects from fungicidal use. Most of the phosphate ingested by humans and animals is converted to orthophosphate (both H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> & HPO<sub>4</sub>), prior to absorption in the small intestine.

**Drinking water exposure:** The product is likely to be biodegraded in the terrestrial and aquatic environments. Health risk is considered negligible.

**ECOTOXICOLOGY:** A potential for exposure exists to non-target insects, fish and other wildlife with foliar spray applications. However, test results indicate that the product is practically non-toxic to birds and freshwater fish, and slightly toxic to aquatic organisms. Therefore, do not apply directly to water and do not contaminate water.

**Birds: Practically not toxic to birds.**

**Fish: Practically not toxic to freshwater fish.**

**Daphnia: Slightly toxic to invertebrates.**

**Bees: Practically not toxic to bees.**

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION

**Pesticide disposal:** Open dumping or burning of this pesticide is prohibited. Waste resulting from the use of this product cannot be reused or reprocessed. Never pour untreated waste or surplus products into public sewers or where there is any danger of run-off or seepage into water systems. Do not contaminate rivers, dams or any other water sources with the product or used containers.

Comply with local legislation applying to waste disposal.

**Container disposal:** Emptied containers retain vapour and product residues. Observe all labelled safeguards until container is destroyed.

**TRIPLE RINSE** empty containers in the following manner: Invert the empty container over the spray or mixing tank and allow draining for at least 30 seconds after the flow has slowed down to a drip. Thereafter rinse the container three times with a volume of water equal to a minimum of a third of that of the container. Add the rinsing to the

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contents of the spray tank before destroying the container in the prescribed manner.

Do not re-use the empty container for any other purpose but destroy it by perforation and flattening and bury in an approved dumpsite. Prevent contamination of food, feedstuffs, drinking water and eating utensils.

Comply with local legislation applying to waste disposal.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**UN NUMBER:** 3264

**Road Transport ADR/RID:**

Class: 8  
 Packaging group: III  
 Exempt kg: 200 kg  
 Factor F: 5  
 Shipping name: CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Phosphorous acid)

**Air Transport IATA/ICAO:**

Class: 8  
 Packaging group: III  
 Shipping name: CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Phosphorous acid)

**Maritime Transport IMDG/IMO:**

Class: 8  
 Packaging group: III  
 Shipping name: CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Phosphorous acid)

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Symbol:** C, Xi

**Indication of danger:** Corrosive; Irritant

**Risk phrase(s):**

**R 5** Heating may cause an explosion.  
**R 34** Causes burns.  
**R 36/37/38** Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.  
**R 52** Harmful to aquatic organisms.

**Safety phrases:**

**S 2** Keep out of reach children.  
**S 3/9/14** Keep in a cool, well-ventilated place away from metal and sources of ignition.  
**S 13** Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.  
**S 23** Do not breathe vapour/spray.  
**S 24/25** Avoid contact with skin and eyes.  
**S 36/37/39** Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.  
**S 60** This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste.  
**S 61** Avoid release to the environment.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Packaging:** Packed in 1, 5, 10, 20 and 25 litres fluorinated plastic containers and labelled according to South African regulations and guidelines.

**Disclaimer:** The information on this sheet is not a specification; it does not guarantee specific properties. The information is intended to provide general guidance as to health and safety based upon our knowledge of the handling, storage use of the product. It is not applicable to unusual or non-standard uses of the product nor where instructions or recommendations are not followed.

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