

# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

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## 1. General Information

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### Structural Steel: Sections and merchant bars

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#### Declared product / declared unit

1 metric ton of structural steel sections and merchant bars

#### Scope:

This environmental product declaration (EPD) covers structural steel sections and merchant bars that are 100 % recycled from steel scrap. The Life Cycle Assessment refers to an average product and is based on data collected from the following electric arc furnace plants of bauforumstahl e.V. member companies:

- ArcelorMittal on the sites Differdange/Esch-Belval (Luxembourg), Olaberria/Bergara (Spain), Hunedoara (Romania)

- Peiner Träger (Germany)


- Stahlwerk Thüringen (Germany)

The data used represent >95 % of the annual production of sections and merchant bars from bauforumstahl e.V. member companies. The owner of the declaration shall be liable for the underlying information and evidence; the IBU shall not be liable with respect to manufacturer information, life cycle assessment data and evidences.

The EPD was created according to the specifications of EN 15804+A2. In the following, the standard will be simplified as *EN 15804*.

#### Verification

The standard EN 15804 serves as the core PCR	
Independent verification of the declaration and data according to ISO 14025:2011	
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## 2. Product

### 2.1 Product description/Product definition

This EPD applies to structural steel sections and merchant bars that are 100 % recycled from scrap. It covers steel products of grades S235 to S500. For the placing on the market of the product in the European Union/European Free Trade Association (EU/EFTA) (with the exception of Switzerland) Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011 (CPR) applies. The product needs a Declaration of Performance taking into consideration EN 10025-1:2004 Hot rolled products of structural steels – Part 1: General technical delivery conditions and the CE-marking. For the application and use the respective national provisions apply.

### 2.2 Application

Structural steels are intended for bolted, welded or otherwise connected constructions of buildings, bridges and other structures, or in composite steel and concrete structures. Examples are:

- single-storey buildings (industrial and storage halls, etc.)
- multi-storey buildings (offices, residential buildings, shops, car parks, high rise, etc.)
- bridges (railway bridge, road bridge, pedestrian bridge, etc.)
- other structures (power plants, stadiums, convention centres, airports, stations, etc.)

### 2.3 Technical Data

This EPD is valid for sections and merchant bars of varied grades and different forms of delivery. Specific information on dimension tolerances, constructional data as well as mechanical and chemical properties can be found in the relevant literature and/or the standards.

#### Constructional data

Name	Value	Unit
Density	7850	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Modulus of elasticity	210000	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Coefficient of thermal expansion	12	10 <sup>-6</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>
Thermal conductivity at 20°C λ	48	W/(mK)
Melting point depending on the alloy proportions up to	1536	°C
Shear modulus	81000	N/mm <sup>2</sup>

Performance data of the product is in accordance with the declaration of performance with respect to its essential characteristics according to EN 10025, Hot rolled products of structural steels. Further product standards are e.g.: ASTM A36, A572, A588, A709, A913/A913M and A992.

### 2.4 Delivery status

The dimensions of the declared products may vary according to the intended application.

### 2.5 Base materials/Ancillary materials

Structural steels are non-or-low-alloy steel products whose carbon content is between 0 and 0.6 %. Iron is the main component of structural steel. The content of other elements is less than 2 %. The exact chemical composition varies depending on the steel grade.

#### Auxiliary materials:

For the production by electric arc furnace: lime aluminium, ferroalloys (ferro silicon, ferro manganese, ferro nickel, ferro niobium, ferro vanadium, ferro titanium)

The rates of these additives depend on the steel grade.

The product for authorization contains substances on the ECHA list of substances of very high concern (SVHC) (14 July 2021) above 0.1 % by mass: **No**.

The product contains further carcinogenic, mutagenic, reprotoxic (CMR) substances of category 1A or 1B that not in the candidate list, above 0.1 mass % in at least one subproduct: **No**.

Biocides have been added to the construction product, or the product has been treated with biocides (a treated product pursuant to the Biocidal Product Regulation (EU) No.528/2012): **No**.

### 2.6 Manufacture

In the electric steel production route scrap is molten in an electric arc furnace to obtain liquid steel.

Refining (lowering of sulphur, phosphorous and other tramp elements) and alloying (e.g. about 1 % Mn, 0.2 % Si) and/or micro-alloying (e.g. about 0.01 % V) is applied to give the requested characteristics to the steel.

At the end of the steelmaking process, the liquid steel is transformed into a semi-finished product in a continuous casting machine, or in special cases, poured into ingot moulds to form blocks.

The semi-product (beam-blank, slab, bloom or billet) is hot-rolled into the final product dimensions (H-shape, I-shape, U-shape, L-shape and other merchant bars).

Quality control: ISO 9001 Monitoring according to the product standards, e.g. EN 10025, Part 1.

### 2.7 Environment and health during manufacturing

No measures relating to safety, health and environment protecting during the manufacturing process extending beyond national guidelines are required.

### 2.8 Product processing/Installation

#### Processing recommendations:

Planning, processing, implementation and intended use of section and merchant bar constructions have to be carried out depending on the respective applications according to the generally recognized rules of engineering and manufacturer's recommendations.

The standards of EN 1993 and EN 1994 (EUROCODE EC3 and EC4) apply to the design of steel structures and composite steel and concrete structures. They include the requirements regarding serviceability, bearing capacity, durability and fire resistance of steel structures EC3 and composite steel and concrete structures EC4.

The Standard Parts 1+2 of EN 1090 apply to the execution of steel structures and include the requirements for factory production control.

In addition, the European Standards will work in connection with national amendments, national instructions, guidelines and publications, as well as legal provisions.

Regarding transport and storage of sections and merchant bars, the generally accepted requirements for securing loads have to be observed.

Instruction details of the manufacturer based on verified standards and guidelines regarding welding, galvanizing as well as hot and cold forming are to be observed in every case.

Occupational safety / Environmental protection:

When processing/using structural steel pursuant to the generally recognized rules of engineering there are no measures to be taken which are going beyond the public occupational health and safety.

The processing/using of steel sections and merchant bars does not release substantial environmental pollutants. Particular measures to protect the environment are not required.

Residual material:

During processing residual pieces as well as turnings are separately collected. This scrap steel is entirely recycled by melting and producing new steel products.

**2.9 Packaging**

Structural steel is delivered unpacked.

**2.10 Condition of use**

Structural steels are non- /low-alloyed steel products generated by alloying iron with other metals and non-metals (esp. carbon). Iron is the main component of steel sections and merchant bars. The components are listed under chapter 2.5 'Base materials'. During usage, no changes in material composition shall occur.

**2.11 Environment and health during use**

The intended use of structural steel does not pose a hazard to health or the environment in any known way.

**2.12 Reference service life**

The reference service life is not relevant for consideration of the LCA. As construction products with many different applications, a reference service life for structural steel as sections and merchant bars is not declared here. The purpose, possible corrosion protection and adequate maintenance are decisive for service life.

**2.13 Extraordinary effects**

**Fire**

The material is class A1, i.e. not flammable per *EN 13501*. The material does not emit fumes or fire-gases.

Name	Value
Building material class acc. /EN 13501-1/	A1

**Water**

Steel is stable to water, insoluble and does not emit substances in water. In case of flooding, no impacts are to be expected. Steel can corrode in the presence of oxygen in the water (= slow oxidation).

**Mechanical destruction**

Due to the ductility of steel, steel structures react resilient in the event of unforeseeable mechanical destruction: In case of a tensile load necking will occur before cracking. In case of lasting high compression load, components of steel may buckle or bulge. No splintering or breaking edges shall result.

**2.14 Re-use phase**

**General:**

After the service life of structural steel constructions, the material is collected as secondary material for recycling or reuse.

**Recycling:**

Structural steel is 100 % recyclable to new products of similar or higher quality. Due to the magnetic properties, even small amounts are regained after dismantling. Possible coatings (metallic, organic or intumescent) do not limit the recyclability. On the European market 88 % of the products are used for closed-loop recycling.

**Reuse:**

Structural steel elements can be reused. On the European market, 11 % of the products are reused after dismantling. Data from industry estimates based on the following source: *European Commission Technical Steel Research*

**2.15 Disposal**

Due to its high value, steel scrap is not disposed, but fed into a well-established endless cycle of reuse and recycling. However, in case of dumping due to collection loss no environmental impacts are expected.

Waste code according to European Waste Catalogue *EWC*: 17 04 05 - iron and steel

**2.16 Further information**

Additional information on constructing with steel can be obtained from [www.bauforumstahl.de](http://www.bauforumstahl.de).

**3. LCA: Calculation rules**

**3.1 Declared Unit**

The reference unit is 1 ton of structural steel - sections and merchant bars.

Foreground data describing the on-site production are integrated into the *LCA FE Software* model for all sites under study. The LCI is assessed based on annual production data. Background data are taken from the *LCA FE Database*.

**Declared unit**

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	t
Density	7850	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Conversion factor to 1 kg	0.001	-

The average EPD is calculated considering a production volume weighted approach and is representative for all steel products covered by the declared unit.

**3.2 System boundary**

Type of the EPD: cradle-to-gate - with options: Modules A1-A3, Modules C1-C4 and Module D were considered.

**Modules A1-A3** cover the production stage including the upstream burdens of purchased raw materials (ferroalloys, lime, dolomite, etc.), their transports and the manufacturing at the production sites under study. Material and energy flows for the electric arc furnace and the hot strip mills are considered. Electricity consumption is modelled via residual grid mix (e.g. production in Germany + imports - exports -certified "green" electricity).

**Modules C1-C4** consider the dismantling of the considered product (C1), the transportation of the dismantled components to their final EoL destination (C2), the waste processing for reuse, recovery or recycling (C3) as well as the disposal (C4).

**Module D** refers to the End-of-Life, including recycling and/or reuse.

**3.3 Estimates and assumptions**

All assumptions are documented in detail and represent the reality best possible based on available data. Due to lack of available datasets for some alloying elements (e.g. ferro vanadium) South-African datasets were used instead of local data. The use of South-African data sets represents a 'worst case' assumption for European production so the set-up scenario is considered conservative approach. Based on the LCA practitioner's knowledge working with the respective industries, the proxy for silico-manganese was considered as 75 % ferro manganese and 25 % ferro silicon. All sites are calculated considering the country-specific residual grid mix.

### 3.4 Cut-off criteria

No cut-off criteria are applied in this study. All reported data were incorporated and modelled using the best available LCI data. Packaging materials and their transportation, or the steel straps used to bundle the considered steel products for delivery, are neglected due to low contribution to the overall life cycle results.

### 3.5 Background data

Secondary data from the *LCA FE Database* (former GaBi) were used to model the background system in the LCA model.

### 3.6 Data quality

Technological: All primary and secondary data are modelled to be specific to the technologies or technology mixes under study. Where technology-specific data are unavailable, proxy data are used. The overall technological representativeness is considered to be good.

Geographical: All primary and secondary data are collected specific to the country / region under study. Where country/region-specific data are unavailable, proxy data are used. The overall geographical representativeness is

considered to be good.

Temporal: All primary data are collected for a representative year. All secondary data come from the *Sphera LCA FE Databases* and are representative of the years 2017-2022. As the study intended to compare the product systems for the reference year 2018-2020, temporal representativeness is good.

### 3.7 Period under review

The foreground data collected by the manufacturer are based on yearly production amounts and refer to the years 2018-2020.

### 3.8 Geographic Representativeness

Land or region, in which the declared product system is manufactured, used or handled at the end of the product's lifespan: Western Europe

### 3.9 Allocation

Primary data are allocated using the partitioning approach developed by *worldsteel/EUROFER* for calculating life cycle inventories of co-products in steel production. The so-called co-product methodology allocates environmental effects to the steelmaking process and the emerging co-products (here: EAF slag) based on physical relations. Material-inherent flow properties are thus taken into account.

### 3.10 Comparability

Basically, a comparison or an evaluation of EPD data is only possible if all the data sets to be compared were created according to *EN 15804* and the building context, respectively the product-specific characteristics of performance, are taken into account. The *LCA FE Database* (CUP version 2022.2) was used to calculate the LCA. .

## 4. LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

### Characteristic product properties of biogenic carbon

The declared product does not include biogenic carbon.

### End-of-Life Scenarios

The EPD covers three End-of-Life scenarios (*Steel/Construction-info*; European Commission Technical Steel Research):

- Scenario 1: 100 % Recycling
- Scenario 2: 100 % Reuse
- Scenario 3: European average 88 % Recycling, 11 % Reuse and 1 % Loss

### End of life (C1-C4)

Name	Value	Unit
Landfilling - Scenario 1	0	kg
Landfilling - Scenario 2	0	kg
Landfilling - Scenario 3	10	kg

### Re-use, recovery- and recycling potential (D)

Name	Value	Unit
Recycling - Scenario 1	1000	kg
Recycling - Scenario 2	0	kg
Recycling - Scenario 3	880	kg
Reuse - Scenario 1	0	kg
Reuse - Scenario 2	1000	kg
Reuse - Scenario 3	110	kg

## 5. LCA: Results

The following table contains the LCA results for a declared unit of 1 ton structural steel - sections and merchant bars.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY (X = INCLUDED IN LCA; ND = MODULE OR INDICATOR NOT DECLARED; MNR = MODULE NOT RELEVANT)**

Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from the gate to the site	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery-Recycling-potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MNR	MNR	MNR	MND	MND	X	X	X	X	X

**RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT according to EN 15804+A2: 1 ton structural steel sections and merchant bars**

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3/1	C3/2	C3/3	C4/1	C4/2	C4/3	D/1	D/2	D/3
GWP-total	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	5.6E+02	2.19E+00	2.51E+00	0	0	0	0	0	1.45E-01	2.85E+02	-5.57E+02	2.1E+02
GWP-fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	5.6E+02	2.86E+00	2.52E+00	0	0	0	0	0	1.49E-01	2.85E+02	-5.57E+02	2.1E+02
GWP-biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	3.8E-01	-7.61E-01	-2.47E-02	0	0	0	0	0	-4.42E-03	-1.46E-01	-4.09E-01	-1.83E-01
GWP-luluc	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	6.64E-02	9.32E-02	1.7E-02	0	0	0	0	0	2.75E-04	5.88E-03	-4.66E-02	4.71E-04
ODP	kg CFC11 eq	1.85E-09	5.72E-12	2.48E-13	0	0	0	0	0	3.51E-13	6.23E-13	-1.85E-09	-2.03E-10
AP	mol H <sup>+</sup> eq	1.4E+00	1.1E-02	2.65E-03	0	0	0	0	0	1.06E-03	6.12E-01	-1.4E+00	4.28E-01
EP-freshwater	kg P eq	1.2E-04	5.1E-05	9.03E-06	0	0	0	0	0	2.53E-07	5.17E-05	-1.09E-04	3.72E-05
EP-marine	kg N eq	3.22E-01	2.17E-03	8.17E-04	0	0	0	0	0	2.71E-04	1.08E-01	-3.21E-01	6.71E-02
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq	3.5E+00	2.83E-02	9.87E-03	0	0	0	0	0	2.97E-03	9.45E-01	-3.49E+00	5.15E-01
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	9.71E-01	8.5E-03	2.25E-03	0	0	0	0	0	8.22E-04	4.37E-01	-9.69E-01	3.09E-01
ADPE	kg Sb eq	1.08E-04	1.52E-06	2.55E-07	0	0	0	0	0	1.53E-08	7.1E-04	-1.07E-04	6.64E-04
ADPF	MJ	9.01E+03	2.4E+02	3.32E+01	0	0	0	0	0	1.95E+00	2.62E+03	-8.97E+03	1.5E+03
WDP	m <sup>3</sup> world eq deprived	5.66E+01	2.3E-01	2.83E-02	0	0	0	0	0	1.64E-02	5.3E+01	-5.66E+01	4.41E+01

GWP = Global warming potential; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential of land and water; EP = Eutrophication potential; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants; ADPE = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADPF = Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential

**RESULTS OF THE LCA - INDICATORS TO DESCRIBE RESOURCE USE according to EN 15804+A2: 1 ton structural steel sections and merchant bars**

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3/1	C3/2	C3/3	C4/1	C4/2	C4/3	D/1	D/2	D/3
PERE	MJ	7.66E+02	1.6E+01	2.3E+00	0	0	0	0	0	2.93E-01	-1.65E+02	-7.64E+02	-2.41E+02
PERM	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERT	MJ	7.66E+02	1.6E+01	2.3E+00	0	0	0	0	0	2.93E-01	-1.65E+02	-7.64E+02	-2.41E+02
PENRE	MJ	9.02E+03	2.41E+02	3.33E+01	0	0	0	0	0	1.96E+00	2.62E+03	-8.98E+03	1.5E+03
PENRM	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENRT	MJ	9.02E+03	2.41E+02	3.33E+01	0	0	0	0	0	1.96E+00	2.62E+03	-8.98E+03	1.5E+03
SM	kg	1.16E+03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1.65E+02	0	-1.56E+02
RSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	2.41E+00	1.76E-02	2.66E-03	0	0	0	0	0	4.97E-04	1.2E+00	-2.41E+00	8.72E-01

PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERT = Total use of renewable primary energy resources; PENRE = Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRM = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRT = Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW = Use of net fresh water

**RESULTS OF THE LCA - WASTE CATEGORIES AND OUTPUT FLOWS according to EN 15804+A2: 1 ton structural steel sections and merchant bars**

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3/1	C3/2	C3/3	C4/1	C4/2	C4/3	D/1	D/2	D/3
HWD	kg	8.39E-07	1.62E-09	1.76E-10	0	0	0	0	0	1E-10	2.02E-08	-8.39E-07	-7.31E-08
NHWD	kg	2.9E+00	3.75E-02	5.43E-03	0	0	0	0	0	1E+01	-3.97E+01	-2.9E+00	-3.81E+01
RWD	kg	1.05E+00	1.21E-03	6.18E-05	0	0	0	0	0	2.17E-05	-3.26E-04	-1.05E+00	-1.16E-01
CRU	kg	0	0	0	0	1E+03	1.1E+02	0	0	0	0	0	0

MFR	kg	0	0	0	1E+03	0	8.8E+02	0	0	0	0	0	0
MER	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EEE	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EET	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

HWD = Hazardous waste disposed; NHWD = Non-hazardous waste disposed; RWD = Radioactive waste disposed; CRU = Components for re-use; MFR = Materials for recycling; MER = Materials for energy recovery; EEE = Exported electrical energy; EET = Exported thermal energy

**RESULTS OF THE LCA – additional impact categories according to EN 15804+A2-optional:  
1 ton structural steel sections and merchant bars**

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3/1	C3/2	C3/3	C4/1	C4/2	C4/3	D/1	D/2	D/3
PM	Disease incidence	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
IR	kBq U235 eq	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
ETP-fw	CTUe	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
HTP-c	CTUh	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
HTP-nc	CTUh	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
SQP	SQP	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND

PM = Potential incidence of disease due to PM emissions; IR = Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235; ETP-fw = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for ecosystems; HTP-c = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for humans (cancerogenic); HTP-nc = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for humans (not cancerogenic); SQP = Potential soil quality index

The additional and optional impact categories according to EN15804+A2 are not declared as this is not required according to PCR Part A.

**Disclaimer 1 – for the indicator IRP**

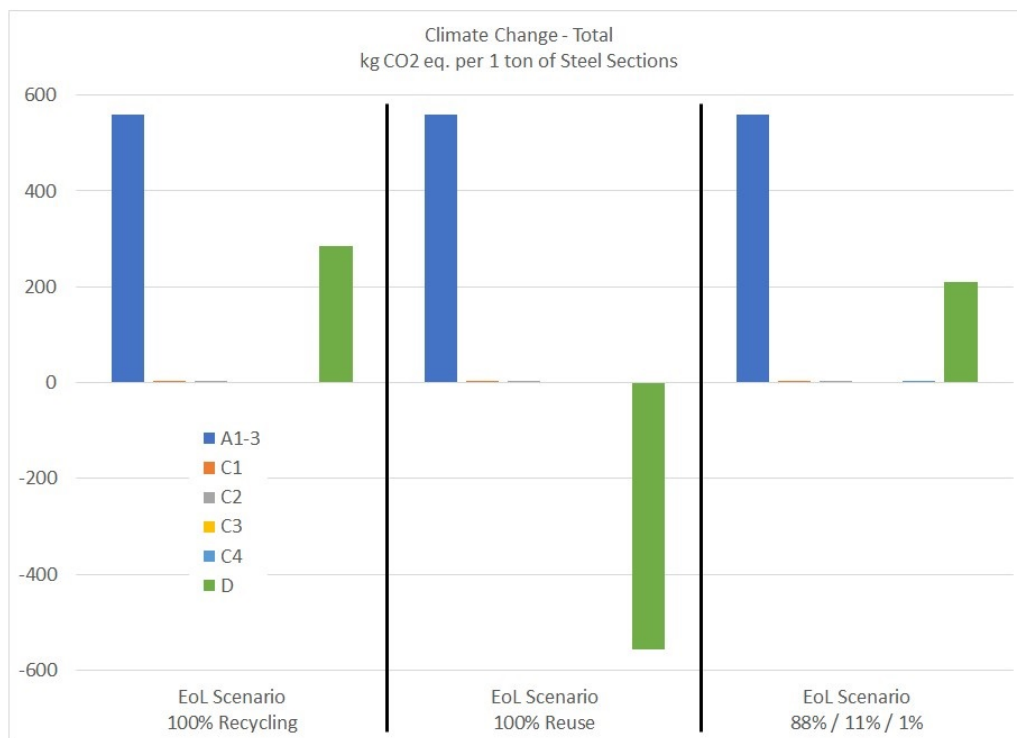
This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low-dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure or radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, radon and some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator.

**Disclaimer 2 – for the indicators ADPE, ADPF, WDP, ETP-fw, HTP-c, HTP-nc, SQP**

The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high as there is limited experience with the indicator.

**6. LCA: Interpretation**

The following figure shows the results of the individual modules for all considered End-of-Life scenarios using the example of climate change.



(module A1-3) dominates the product system for all scenarios.

It is visible that module D varies significantly depending on the considered End-of-Life scenario. The manufacturing phase

The following tables give a detailed evaluation of all LCIA

results of the production phase (A1-A3):

	On-Site	Alloys	Energy	Auxiliaries
<b>1. Environmental impact indicators</b>				
01 EN15804+A2 Climate Change - total [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	~30%	>20%	~40%	~10%
02 EN15804+A2 Climate Change, fossil [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	~30%	>20%	~40%	~10%
03 EN15804+A2 Climate Change, biogenic [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]			~85%	<15%
04 EN15804+A2 Climate Change, land use and land use change [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]		~50%	~40%	~10%
05 EN15804+A2 Ozone depletion [kg CFC-11 eq.]		<10%	<90%	<5%
06 EN15804+A2 Acidification [Mole of H <sup>+</sup> eq.]	>20%	<55%	>20%	<<5%
07 EN15804+A2 Eutrophication, freshwater [kg P eq.]		~20%	<55%	~25%
08 EN15804+A2 Eutrophication, marine [kg N eq.]	>30%	<35%	~30%	<5%
09 EN15804+A2 Eutrophication, terrestrial [Mole of N eq.]	>30%	<35%	~30%	<5%
10 EN15804+A2 Photochemical ozone formation, human health [kg NMVOC eq.]	>30%	<35%	<30%	~5%
11 EN15804+A2 Resource use, mineral and metals [kg Sb eq.]		~70%	<30%	<<5%
12 EN15804+A2 Resource use, fossils [MJ]		<15%	~80%	>5%
13 EN15804+A2 Water use [m <sup>3</sup> world equiv.]	>15%	>60%	>35%	~15%
<b>2. Ressource use indicators</b>				
01 EN15804+A2 Use of renewable primary energy (PERE) [MJ]		~20%	>75%	~5%
03 EN15804+A2 Total use of renewable primary energy resources (PERT) [MJ]		~20%	>75%	~5%
04 EN15804+A2 Use of non-renewable primary energy (PENRE) [MJ]		<15%	~80%	>5%
06 EN15804+A2 Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources (PENRT) [MJ]		<15%	~80%	>5%
10 EN15804+A2 Use of net fresh water (FW) [m <sup>3</sup> ]	<10%	<40%	>50%	<<5%
<b>3. Output flows and waste categories</b>				
01 EN15804+A2 Hazardous waste disposed (HWD) [kg]		<15%	~85%	<5%
02 EN15804+A2 Non-hazardous waste disposed (NHWD) [kg]		<55%	~40%	>5%
03 EN15804+A2 Radioactive waste disposed (RWD) [kg]		<<5%	>95%	<<5%

Climate Change, Acidification Potential, Eutrophication Potential (marine, terrestrial) and Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential are mostly caused by onsite emissions, extraction and processing of raw materials as well as the supply chain of electricity. Eutrophication Potential (freshwater) is driven by the extraction and processing of raw materials as well as the supply chains of electricity and natural gas. Ozone Depletion is dominated by the generation of electricity. Resource Use (mineral and metals) relates to the use of non-renewable elements in the production of alloying materials and

the generation of electricity. Resource Use (fossils) is dominated by the generation of electricity. Total use of renewable and non-renewable primary energy carrier (PERT and PENRT) is dominated by the supply chains of electricity and natural gas. Radioactive waste comes from the supply chain of electricity. Non-hazardous wastes is mostly caused during the production of alloying materials. Hazardous waste for deposition is mainly produced during generation of natural gas and electricity.

## 7. Requisite evidence

This EPD covers semi-finished structural steel of hot rolled construction products. Further processing and fabrication depend on the intended application. Therefore, further documentation is not applicable. **7.1 Weathering performance** The rusting rate of unalloyed steel depends on the position of the component and the conditions

of the surrounding atmosphere (corrosivity categories according to *EN ISO 12944-2*.

If required, the surfaces of fabricated structural components are usually protected with anticorrosion material in order to prevent any direct contact with the atmosphere. The weathering of this protection depends on the applied protection system.

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