



Environmental Product Declaration

Statement of Verification

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This is to verify that the

Environmental Product Declaration

Provided by:

Guangdong Yuehua Iron and Steel Group Co., Ltd

Is in accordance with the requirements of:

EN ISO 14025:2010 and EN 15804:2012 + A2:2019/AC2021

and CARES PCR for Type III EPD of Semi-Finished and Finished Steel Products, February 2025

This declaration is for:

Carbon Steel Reinforcing Bar (Secondary production route - Scrap)



Company address:

Horse Racecourse, Yinghong Town, Yingde, Qingyuan City Guangdong Province China



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General Information

EPD Programme Operator	CARES Pembroke House, 21 Pembroke Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1XR UK www.carescertification.com
Applicable Product Category Rules	CARES Product Category Rules (PCR) for Type III Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) of Semi-Finished and Finished Steel Products, February 2025
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Declared/Functional Unit	1 tonne of carbon steel reinforcing bars manufactured by the secondary (scrap-based) production route
Applicability/Coverage	Manufacturer-specific product produced at a single plant of one manufacturer
EPD Type	Cradle to Gate with options, Modules C1-C4, and Module D
Background database	MLC (GaBi) Databases 2025.1 (Sphera, 2025)

Demonstration of Verification

CEN standard EN 15804 serves as the core PCR ^a

Independent verification of the declaration and data according to EN ISO 14025:2010

☐ Internal

☒ External

(Where appropriate ^b) Third party verifier:
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a: Product category rules

b: Optional for business-to-business communication; mandatory for business-to-consumer communication (see EN ISO 14025:2010, 9.4)



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Comparability

Environmental product declarations from different programmes may not be comparable if not compliant with EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC2021. Comparability is further dependent on the specific product category rules, system boundaries and allocations, and background data sources. See Clause 5.3 of EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC2021 for further guidance

Information modules covered

Product Stage			Construction Stage		Use Stage							End-of-life Stage				Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Raw materials supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport to site	Construction – Installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse, Recovery and/or Recycling potential
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Note: Checks indicate the Information Modules declared.

Manufacturing site

Guangdong Yuehua Iron & Steel Group Co., Ltd
Horse Racecourse, Yinghong Town, Yingde,
Qingyuan City
Guangdong Province
China

Construction Product:

Product Description

The product consists of steel reinforcing bars with a ribbed surface profile, manufactured in accordance with the standards listed in the References section. Reinforcing bars provide the tensile capacity that concrete lacks, enabling reinforced concrete to resist tension, bending, and cyclic loads while maintaining ductility and structural integrity. Their deformed surface ensures reliable bond and load transfer to the surrounding concrete in elements such as beams, slabs, columns, and foundations for buildings and civil engineering works.

In accordance with the requirements of EN 15804+A2, it is declared that the reinforcing steel bars and their associated packaging materials (steel wires or straps) are composed entirely of inorganic metallic substances and do not contain any biogenic carbon.

The declared unit is 1 tonne of carbon steel reinforcing bars manufactured by the Secondary (scrap based) production route.



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Technical Information

Property	Value, Unit
Production route	Scrap - EAF
Density	7850 kg/m ³
Modulus of elasticity	200000 N/mm ²
Weldability (C _{eq})	max 0.50 %
Yield strength (as per BS 4449:2005+A3:2016)	min 500 N/mm ² – max 650 N/mm ²
Tensile strength (as per BS 4449:2005+A3:2016)	min 540 N/mm ² (Tensile strength/Yield Strength ≥ 1.08)
Agt (% total elongation at maximum force as per BS 4449:2005+A3:2016)	min 5 %
Surface geometry (Relative rib area, fR as per BS 4449:2005+A3:2016)	min 0.040 for Bar Size >6mm & ≤12mm & min 0.056 for Bar size>12
Re-bend test (as per BS 4449:2005+A3:2016)	Pass
Fatigue test (as per BS 4449:2005+A3:2016)	Pass
Recycled content (as per ISO 14021:2016/Amd:2021)	97.6 (Including internal and external scrap) 96.2 (Including external scrap only)

* Technical Information details are as per relevant product standards listed in References section.

Main Product Contents

Material/Chemical Input	%
Fe	97
C, Mn, Si, V, Ni, Cu, Cr, Mo and others	3

Manufacturing Process

Steel scrap constitutes the primary metallic charge and is melted in an Electric Arc Furnace (EAF). The molten steel is transferred to a Ladle Furnace (LF) for secondary metallurgical refining, which encompasses chemical composition adjustment, temperature homogenisation, and inclusion control. The refined liquid steel is then continuously cast into square billets via a Continuous Casting Machine (CCM).

Steelmaking and rolling are carried out at a single integrated site as a continuous casting–direct rolling sequence. Billets are charged directly from the CCM to the rolling mill at elevated temperature, so that the heat retained from casting is used for rolling and reheating is not required under normal operation. A billet reheating furnace is available and is operated as and when required. Fuel consumption associated with its operation is included within Module A3.

The billets are progressively reduced in cross-section through a series of roughing, intermediate, and finishing mill stands to achieve the specified diameter, surface geometry, and mechanical properties of the finished reinforcing bar. The specified yield strength and ductility class are developed by a combination of quench-and-self-tempering following the finishing pass and vanadium micro-alloying, with the vanadium addition made during ladle refining. The cooled bars are cut to length on a cold shear and collected on a cooling bed before being straightened and bundled.

Reinforcing bars are packaged into bundles and secured with steel wire or steel strap binding. Neither the reinforcing bar products nor the binding materials contain any biogenic content.

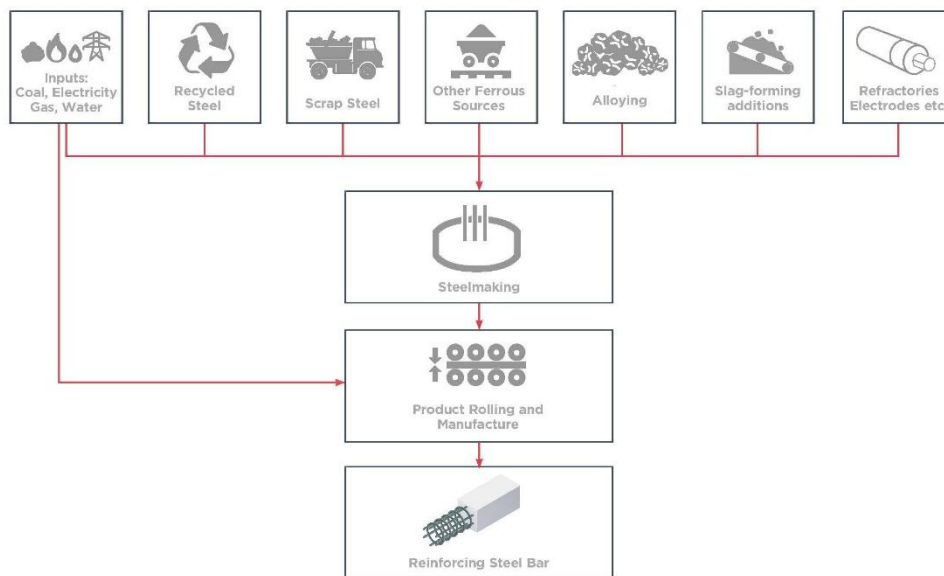


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Process flow diagram



Scrap/Rebar



Construction Installation

Processing and proper use of reinforcing steel products depends on the application and should be made in accordance with generally accepted practices, standards and manufacturing recommendations.

During transport and storage of reinforcing steel products the usual requirement for securing loads is to be observed.

Use Information

The composition of the reinforcing steel products does not change during use.

Reinforcing steel products do not cause adverse health effects under normal conditions of use.

No risks to the environment and living organisms are known to result from the mechanical destruction of the reinforcing steel product itself.

End of Life

Reinforcing steel products are not reused at end of life but can be recycled to the same (or higher/lower) quality of steel depending upon the metallurgy and processing of the recycling route.

A recycling rate of 92% is adopted for the primary end-of-life scenario in this EPD, with 100% landfill and 100% recycling declared as alternative scenarios per CARES PCR requirements.



Life Cycle Assessment Calculation Rules

This EPD uses the "Cut-off by Classification" method, also known as the recycled content method. It assigns the environmental impacts of primary material production to the initial user. Recyclable materials enter the recycling process without burdens, and secondary materials only bear the impacts of recycling.

This method promotes recycling by making producers responsible for waste management. It supports a circular economy by reducing the environmental impacts of primary material production.

This approach follows ISO 14040 and ISO 14044 standards for Life Cycle Assessments.

The Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) has been carried out using the characterisation method described in EN 15804+A2. For all indicators the characterisation factors from the Environmental Footprint v3.1 (EF 3.1) was applied.

Declared unit description

1 tonne of carbon steel reinforcing bars manufactured by the secondary (scrap-based) production route.

System boundary

The system boundary of the EPD follows the modular design defined by EN 15804+A2. Type of this EPD is Cradle to Gate with options, covering Modules A1-A5, C1-C4, and D.

Impacts and aspects related to losses/wastage (i.e. production, transport and waste processing and end-of-life stage of lost waste products and materials) are considered in the modules in which the losses/wastage occur.

Scrap is considered to reach end-of-waste after collection and processing to a defined scrap quality suitable for recycling, consistent with the applied modelling approach.

Data sources, quality and allocation

Data Sources and Quality:

Data selection and data quality evaluation were performed in accordance with BS EN 15941:2024, considering temporal, geographical and technological representativeness and prioritising specific data over generic data where available.

Data Sources:

Foreground manufacturing data for carbon steel reinforcing bar (rebar) production were provided by Guangdong Yuehua Iron & Steel Group Co., Ltd for the reference period 01/01/2025 – 31/12/2025 and are representative of the manufacturing site stated in this EPD. Foreground data collection was carried out to meet the cut-off rules of EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021. Foreground data were checked for completeness and plausibility, including mass balance verification, and were verified by CARES during the audit conducted in June 2026.

The manufacturing technology and key inputs are described in the Manufacturing Process section and the simplified Process Flow Diagram.

Background datasets are consistently sourced from MLC (GaBi) Databases 2025.1 (Sphera, 2025), selecting country/region-specific datasets where available and appropriate. The selection of the background data for electricity generation is in line with the CARES PCR 2025. Country or region-specific power grid mixes are selected from MLC (GaBi) Databases 2025.1 (Sphera, 2025); thus, consumption grid mix of South China has been selected to suit specific manufacturing location, and also for fabrication, installation and demolishing location. The applied emission factor of carbon footprint of the applied consumption grid mix of South China is 0.549 kg CO₂ eq/kWh.

Data Quality:

Data quality was assessed and reported with respect to geographical, technological and time representativeness and prioritising specific over generic data. Foreground data were site-specific and based on a continuous 12-month period (2025) and were verified during the CARES audit in March 2026. Background data are consistently sourced from MLC (GaBi) Databases 2025.1 (Sphera, 2025).

There isn't any data from different LCI/LCA databases are used considering that the overall consistency of the study is not adversely affected.



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Schemes applied for data quality assessment was as per EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC2021, Annex E, Table E.1 — Data quality level and criteria of the UN Environment Global Guidance on LCA database development. No poor or very poor data was found during the assessment of relevant data.

Data quality level and criteria of the UN Environment Global Guidance on LCA database development:

Geographical Representativeness	: Good
Technical Representativeness	: Very good
Time Representativeness	: Good

Allocation:

Electric Arc Furnace slag and mill scale are produced as co-products from the steel manufacturing processes. Impacts are allocated between the steel, the slag and the mill scale based on economic value. The revenue generated from both mill scale, and induction furnace slag are 0.05% and 0.16% respectively, and their total is less than 1% in relation to the product based on current market prices, these co-products are of definite value and are freely/readily traded in reality. For this reason, economic allocation has been applied to the processes where these co-products arise.

Production losses of steel during the production process are recycled in a closed loop offsetting the requirement for external scrap. Specific information on allocation within the background data is given in the MLC (GaBi) Databases 2025.1 (Sphera, 2025).

Cut-off criteria

On the input side all flows entering the system and comprising more than 1% in total mass or contributing more than 1% to primary energy consumption are considered. All inputs used as well as all process-specific waste and process emissions were assessed. For this reason, material streams which were below 1% (by mass) were captured as well. In this manner the cut-off criteria according to the PCR requirements are fulfilled).

The mass of steel wire or strap used for binding the product bundle is less than 1 % of the total mass of the product.



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LCA Results

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Core environmental impact indicators									
Life Cycle Stage	Impact Category		GWP-total	GWP-fossil	GWP-biogenic	GWP-luluc	ODP	AP	EP-freshwater
			kg CO ₂ eq	kg CO ₂ eq	kg CO ₂ eq	kg CO ₂ eq	kg CFC11 eq	mol H ⁺ eq	Kg P eq
Product stage	Raw material supply	A1	259	258	0.803	0.175	3.36E-10	1.620	4.79E-05
	Transport	A2	19.5	19.2	0.036	0.194	2.31E-12	0.057	5.12E-05
	Manufacturing	A3	443	440	1.230	1.46	1.82E-09	1.56	2.50E-04
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	7.22E+02	7.17E+02	2.069	1.83	2.16E-09	3.24	3.49E-04
Construction process stage	Transport	A4	25.4	25.1	0.048	0.266	3.04E-12	0.038	6.96E-05
	Construction	A5	88.2	87.6	0.244	0.289	2.52E-10	0.371	6.00E-05
Use stage	Use	B1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Maintenance	B2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Repair	B3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Replacement	B4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Refurbishment	B5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Operational energy use	B6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Operational water use	B7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
%92 Recycling / %8 Landfill Scenario									
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	2.09	2.09	8.33E-04	6.83E-05	1.62E-13	0.012	2.52E-07
	Transport	C2	48.4	47.8	0.090	0.477	5.75E-12	0.120	1.26E-04
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	1.23	1.22	3.96E-05	0.005	3.40E-12	0.009	1.82E-06
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	301	301	-0.070	0.147	1.54E-10	0.692	1.05E-04
100% Landfill Scenario									
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	2.09	2.09	8.33E-04	6.83E-05	1.62E-13	0.012	2.52E-07
	Transport	C2	2.23	2.20	0.004	0.023	2.67E-13	0.003	6.11E-06
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	15.3	15.3	4.95E-04	0.063	4.25E-11	0.108	2.27E-05
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	2.31E+03	2.31E+03	-0.539	1.13	1.18E-09	5.31	8.07E-04
100% Recycling Scenario									
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	2.09	2.09	8.33E-04	6.83E-05	1.62E-13	0.012	2.52E-07
	Transport	C2	52.4	51.8	0.097	0.516	6.22E-12	0.131	1.36E-04
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	127	127	-0.030	0.062	6.46E-11	0.291	4.42E-05

GWP-total = Global warming potential, total;
 GWP-fossil = Global warming potential, fossil;
 GWP-biogenic = Global warming potential, biogenic;
 GWP-luluc = Global warming potential, land use and land use change;

ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer;
 AP = Acidification potential, accumulated exceedance; and
 EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment



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Core environmental impact indicators

Life Cycle Stage	Impact Category		EP-marine	EP-terrestrial	POCP	ADP-mineral & metals	ADP-fossil	WDP
			kg N eq	mol N eq	kg NMVOC eq	kg Sb eq	MJ, net calorific value	m³ world eq deprived
Product stage	Raw material supply	A1	0.216	2.37	0.670	1.33E-04	2.45E+03	69.9
	Transport	A2	0.018	0.195	0.044	1.27E-06	251	0.077
	Manufacturing	A3	0.333	3.62	0.99	2.67E-05	5.21E+03	290
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	0.567	6.19	1.70	1.61E-04	7.91E+03	3.60E+02
Construction process stage	Transport	A4	0.016	0.164	0.033	1.71E-06	329	0.103
	Construction	A5	0.071	0.771	0.207	1.71E-05	9.92E+02	41.7
Use stage	Use	B1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Maintenance	B2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Repair	B3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Replacement	B4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Refurbishment	B5	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Operational energy use	B6	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Operational water use	B7	0	0	0	0	0	0
%92 Recycling / %8 Landfill Scenario								
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	4.08E-03	0.045	0.011	2.94E-08	27.7	0.016
	Transport	C2	0.054	0.580	0.129	3.15E-06	626	0.191
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0.002	0.025	0.007	7.57E-08	16.0	0.132
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	0.167	1.79	0.559	2.98E-06	2.28E+03	2.12
100% Landfill Scenario								
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	4.08E-03	0.045	0.011	2.94E-08	27.7	0.016
	Transport	C2	1.40E-03	0.015	0.003	1.50E-07	28.8	0.009
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0.028	0.308	0.085	9.46E-07	200	1.65
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	1.28	13.8	4.29	2.28E-05	1.75E+04	16.2
100% Recycling Scenario								
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	4.08E-03	0.045	0.011	2.94E-08	27.7	0.016
	Transport	C2	0.058	0.630	0.140	3.41E-06	678	0.207
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	0.070	0.754	0.235	1.25E-06	959	0.889

ADP-mineral&metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources;
 ADP-fossil = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer;
 WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption.
 The results of the three environmental impact indicators above shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experienced with these indicators.

EP-marine = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment;
 EP-terrestrial = Eutrophication potential, accumulated exceedance;
 POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone;
 PM = Particulate matter.



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Parameters describing environmental impacts

Life Cycle Stage	Impact Category		PM	IRP	ETP-fw	HTP-c	HTP-nc	SQP
			disease incidence	kBq U ²³⁵ eq	CTUe	CTUh	CTUh	dimensionless
Product stage	Raw material supply	A1	1.42E-05	2.46	474	2.56E-08	1.21E-06	885
	Transport	A2	7.84E-07	0.046	320	4.31E-09	2.39E-07	107
	Manufacturing	A3	2.09E-05	20.0	730	1.02E-07	1.49E-06	755
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	3.59E-05	22.51	1.52E+03	1.32E-07	2.94E-06	1.75E+03
Construction process stage	Transport	A4	3.76E-07	0.060	426	5.73E-09	3.23E-07	146
	Construction	A5	4.19E-06	2.66	293	1.69E-08	4.16E-07	2.31E+02
Use stage	Use	B1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Maintenance	B2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Repair	B3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Replacement	B4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Refurbishment	B5	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Operational energy use	B6	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Operational water use	B7	0	0	0	0	0	0
%92 Recycling / %8 Landfill Scenario								
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	7.82E-08	5.77E-04	32.9	5.92E-10	7.53E-09	0.036
	Transport	C2	1.45E-06	0.113	792	1.07E-08	5.87E-07	262
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	1.08E-07	0.019	13.8	2.13E-10	7.98E-09	3.96
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	1.02E-05	-3.96	356	4.79E-07	-3.64E-07	-185
100% Landfill Scenario								
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	7.82E-08	5.77E-04	32.9	5.92E-10	7.53E-09	0.036
	Transport	C2	3.23E-08	0.005	37.4	5.03E-10	2.84E-08	12.8
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	1.35E-06	0.235	173	2.67E-09	9.98E-08	49.5
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	7.82E-05	-30.4	2.73E+03	3.67E-06	-2.79E-06	-1.42E+03
100% Recycling Scenario								
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	7.82E-08	5.77E-04	32.9	5.92E-10	7.53E-09	0.036
	Transport	C2	1.57E-06	0.123	858	1.16E-08	6.36E-07	284
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	4.29E-06	-1.66	150	2.01E-07	-1.53E-07	-77.6

IRP = Potential human exposure efficiency relative to U235; 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 nor due to radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, from radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator.

HTP-nc = Potential comparative toxic unit for humans; and
ETP-fw = Potential comparative toxic unit for ecosystems;
HTP-c = Potential comparative toxic unit for humans;
SQP = Potential soil quality index.

The results of the four environmental impact indicators above shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experience with these indicators.



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Parameters describing resource use

Life Cycle Stage	Impact Category		PERE	PERM	PERT	PENRE	PENRM	PENRT
			MJ	MJ	MJ	MJ	MJ	MJ
Product stage	Raw material supply	A1	232	0	232	2.45E+03	0	2.45E+03
	Transport	A2	17.8	0	17.8	251	0	251
	Manufacturing	A3	1.97E+03	0	1.97E+03	5.21E+03	0	5.21E+03
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	2.22E+03	0	2.22E+03	7.91E+03	0	7.91E+03
Construction process stage	Transport	A4	24.2	0	24.2	329	0	329
	Construction	A5	268	0	268	9.92E+02	0	9.92E+02
Use stage	Use	B1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Maintenance	B2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Repair	B3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Replacement	B4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Refurbishment	B5	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Operational energy use	B6	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Operational water use	B7	0	0	0	0	0	0
%92 Recycling / %8 Landfill Scenario								
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	0.056	0	0.056	27.7	0	27.7
	Transport	C2	43.6	0	43.6	626	0	626
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	3.09	0	3.09	16.0	0	16.0
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	-360	0	-360	2.28E+03	0	2.28E+03
100% Landfill Scenario								
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	0.056	0	0.056	27.7	0	27.7
	Transport	C2	2.12	0	2.12	28.8	0	28.8
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	38.7	0	38.7	200	0	200
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	-2.76E+03	0	-2.76E+03	1.75E+04	0	1.75E+04
100% Recycling Scenario								
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	0.056	0	0.056	27.7	0	27.7
	Transport	C2	47.2	0	47.2	678	0	678
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	-151	0	-151	959	0	959

PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy 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 resource



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Parameters describing resource use						
Life Cycle Stage	Impact Category		SM	RSF	NRSF	FW
			kg	MJ net calorific value	MJ net calorific value	m³
Product stage	Raw material supply	A1	0	0	0	1.75
	Transport	A2	0	0	0	0.009
	Manufacturing	A3	1.09E+03	0	0	7.18
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	1.09E+03	0	0	8.94
Construction process stage	Transport	A4	0	0	0	0.012
	Construction	A5	109	0	0	1.03
Use stage	Use	B1	0	0	0	0
	Maintenance	B2	0	0	0	0
	Repair	B3	0	0	0	0
	Replacement	B4	0	0	0	0
	Refurbishment	B5	0	0	0	0
	Operational energy use	B6	0	0	0	0
	Operational water use	B7	0	0	0	0
%92 Recycling / %8 Landfill Scenario						
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	0	0	0	4.04E-04
	Transport	C2	0	0	0	0.021
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0	0	0	0.004
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	1.03E+03	0	0	0.175
100% Landfill Scenario						
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	0	0	0	4.04E-04
	Transport	C2	0	0	0	1.02E-03
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0	0	0	0.048
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	0	0	0	1.34
100% Recycling Scenario						
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	0	0	0	4.04E-04
	Transport	C2	0	0	0	0.023
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0	0	0	0
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	1.12E+03	0	0	0.074

SM = Use of secondary material;
RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels;

NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels;
FW = Net use of fresh water



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Other environmental information describing waste categories

Life Cycle Stage	Impact Category		HWD	NHWD	RWD
			kg	kg	kg
Product stage	Raw material supply	A1	4.37E-07	3.02	0.031
	Transport	A2	9.07E-09	0.033	3.29E-04
	Manufacturing	A3	2.89E-06	131	0.321
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	3.34E-06	1.34E+02	0.352
Construction process stage	Transport	A4	1.19E-08	0.043	4.32E-04
	Construction	A5	3.94E-07	23.1	0.042
Use stage	Use	B1	0	0	0
	Maintenance	B2	0	0	0
	Repair	B3	0	0	0
	Replacement	B4	0	0	0
	Refurbishment	B5	0	0	0
	Operational energy use	B6	0	0	0
	Operational water use	B7	0	0	0
%92 Recycling / %8 Landfill Scenario					
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	4.71E-10	0.004	7.85E-06
	Transport	C2	2.26E-08	0.081	8.18E-04
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	3.51E-09	80.1	1.70E-04
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	-8.55E-07	4.63	-0.038
100% Landfill Scenario					
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	4.71E-10	0.004	7.85E-06
	Transport	C2	1.04E-09	0.004	3.80E-05
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	4.38E-08	1.00E+03	0.002
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	-6.55E-06	35.5	-0.291
100% Recycling Scenario					
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	4.71E-10	0.004	7.85E-06
	Transport	C2	2.45E-08	0.087	8.86E-04
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0	0	0
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	-3.59E-07	1.95	-0.016

HWD = Hazardous waste disposed;
NHWD = Non-hazardous waste disposed;
RWD = Radioactive waste disposed



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Other environmental information describing output flows – at end of life

Life Cycle Stage	Impact Category		CRU	MFR	MER	EE	Biogenic carbon (product)	Biogenic carbon (packaging)
			kg	kg	kg	MJ per energy carrier	kg C	kg C
Product stage	Raw material supply	A1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transport	A2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Manufacturing	A3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction process stage	Transport	A4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Construction	A5	0	1.10E+02	0	0	0	0
Use stage	Use	B1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Maintenance	B2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Repair	B3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Replacement	B4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Refurbishment	B5	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Operational energy use	B6	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Operational water use	B7	0	0	0	0	0	0
%92 Recycling / %8 Landfill Scenario								
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	0	920	0	0	0	0
	Transport	C2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	0	0	0	0	0	0
100% Landfill Scenario								
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transport	C2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	0	0	0	0	0	0
100% Recycling Scenario								
End of life	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	0	1.00E+03	0	0	0	0
	Transport	C2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disposal	C4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	0	0	0	0	0	0

CRU = Components for reuse;
MFR = Materials for recycling

MER = Materials for energy recovery;
EE = Exported Energy



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Scenario	Parameter	Units	Results
Module A4 Transport to the Building Site	On leaving the steelworks the reinforcing steel products are transported to a fabricator where they are converted into constructional steel forms suitable for the installation site, then transported on to the construction site, including provision of all materials and products. Road transport distance for rolled steel to fabricators and road transport distance for steel construction forms to site are assumed to be 100 km and 250 km, respectively. Only the one-way distance is considered as it is assumed that the logistics companies will optimise their distribution and not return empty in modules beyond A3.		
	Truck trailer - Fuel	litre/km	1.56
	Distance	km	350
	Capacity utilisation (including empty returns)	%	61
	Bulk density of transported products	kg/m ³	7850
Module A5 Installation in the Building	The fabrication process is a relatively simple unit process and accounts for the transformation of the rolled steel product into construction steel forms. The operations in this unit process are primarily cutting and welding. As such, other inputs to the process include electricity, thermal energy, and cutting gases. Other outputs of this process are steel scrap and wastewater (where applicable). Consumption grid mix of South China has been selected to suit specific fabrication and installation location. Fabrication into structural steel products and installation in the building; including provision of all materials, products, and energy, as well as waste processing up to the end-of-waste state or disposal of final residues during the construction stage. Installation of the fabricated product into the building is assumed to result in 10% wastage (determined based on typical installation losses reported by the WRAP Net Waste Tool [WRAP 2017]). It is assumed that fabrication requires 15.34 kWh/tonne finished product, and that there is a 2% wastage associated with this process.		
	Ancillary materials for installation - Waste material from fabrication, losses per tonne of construction steel forms	%	2
	Energy Use - Energy per tonne required to fabricate construction steel forms	kWh	15.34
	Waste materials from installation wastage	%	10
Module B2 Maintenance	No maintenance required.		
Module B3 Repair	No repair process required.		
Module B4 Replacement	No replacement considerations required.		
Module B5 Refurbishment	No refurbishment process required.		
Reference Service Life	Reinforcing steel products are used in the main building structure so the reference service life will equal the lifetime of the building. BS EN 1990 specifies "building structures and other common structures" as having a lifetime of 50 years. On this basis, the RSL for this EPD is assumed to be 50 years.		
Module B6 Use of Energy	No energy required during use stage related to the operation of the building.		
Module B7 Use of Water	No water required during use stage related to the operation of the building.		
Modules C1 to C4 End of life	The end-of-life stage starts when the construction product is replaced, dismantled or deconstructed from the building or construction works and does not provide any further function. The recovered steel is transported for recycling while a small portion is assumed to be unrecoverable and remains in the rubble which is sent to landfill. 92% of the high-tensile prestressed steel strand is assumed to be recycled and 8% is sent to landfill [STEELCONSTRUCTION.INFO 2012]. The EPD covers transport to, and end-of-life in China. Once steel scrap is generated through the deconstruction activities on the demolition site it is considered to have reached the "end of waste" state. No further processing is required so there are no impacts associated with this module. Hence no impacts are reported in module C3.		
	Waste for recycling - Recovered steel from crushed concrete	%	92
	Waste for energy recovery - Energy recovery is not considered for this study as most end-of-life steel scrap is recycled, while the remainder is landfilled	-	-
	Waste for final disposal - Unrecoverable steel lost in crushed concrete and sent to landfill	%	8
	Portion of energy assigned to rebar from energy required to demolish building, per tonne	MJ	24
	Transport to waste processing by Truck - Fuel consumption	litre/km	1.56
	Transport to waste processing by Truck - Distance	km	463
	Transport to waste processing by Truck - Capacity utilisation	%	61
	Transport to waste processing by Truck - Density of Product	kg/m ³	7850



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Scenario	Parameter	Units	Results
	Transport to waste processing by Container ship - Fuel consumption	litre/km	0.0041
	Transport to waste processing by Container ship - Distance	km	158
	Transport to waste processing by Container ship – Capacity utilisation	%	53
	Transport to waste processing by Container ship – Density of Product	kg/m ³	7850
Module D	It is assumed that 92% of the steel used in the structure is recovered for recycling, while the remainder is landfilled. "Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary" (module D) accounts for the environmental benefits and loads resulting from net steel scrap that is used as raw material in the steel plant and that is collected for recycling at end of life. The balance between total scrap arisings recycled from fabrication, installation and end of life and scrap consumed by the manufacturing process (internally sourced scrap is not included in this calculation). These benefits and loads are calculated by including the burdens of recycling and the benefit of avoided primary production. This study is concerned with the secondary production route, and more scrap is required as input to the system than is recovered at end of life. The net effect of this is that module D mainly models the burdens associated with the scrap input (secondary material) to the steelmaking process. The resulting scrap credit/burden is calculated based on the global "value of scrap" approach (/worldsteel 2011).		
	Recycled Content	kg	962
	Re-used Content	kg	0
	Recovered for recycling	kg	920
	Recovered for re-use	kg	0
	Recovered for energy	kg	0



Summary, comments and additional information

Interpretation

Scrap based reinforcing steel product of Guangdong Yuehua Iron and Steel Group Co., Ltd is made via the Electric Arc Furnace production route. The bulk of the environmental impacts and primary energy demand is attributed to the manufacturing phase, covered by information modules A1-A3 of EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC2021.

The interpretation of the results has been carried out considering the methodology- and data-related assumptions and limitations declared in the EPD. This interpretation section focuses on the environmental impact categories as well as the primary energy demand indicators only.

Global Warming Potential (GWP)

The majority of the life cycle GWP impact occurs in the production phase (A1-A3). A1-A3 impacts account for 82.23% overall life cycle impacts for this category. The most significant contributions to production phase impacts are the upstream production of raw materials used in the steelmaking process, generation/supply of electricity and the production/use of fuels on site. Fabrication, installation and the end-of-life processes covered in C1-C4 make a minimal contribution to GWP. For overall climate change impacts, carbon dioxide emissions account for the majority of impacts with methane being the second most significant contributor.

Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)

The majority of impacts are associated with the production phase (A1-3). Significant contributions to production phase impact come from the emission of ozone depleting substances during the upstream production of raw materials/pre-products as well as those arising from electricity production. Module D shows a very small credit even though scrap burdens are being assessed in this phase. This is explained because ODP emissions are linked to grid electricity production used.

Acidification Potential (AP)

Acidification potential is generally driven by the production of sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides through the combustion of fossil fuels, particularly coal and crude oil products. The majority of the lifecycle AP impact occurs in the production phase (A1-A3), similar to GWP. The major contributors to production phase AP impacts comes from energy resources used in the production of the raw materials and pre-products for the steelmaking process and from transportation. Fabrication, installation and the end-of-life processes classed under C1-C4 make minimal contributions.

Eutrophication Potential (EP)

Eutrophication is driven by nitrogen and phosphorus containing emissions and as with GWP and AP is often strongly linked with the use of fossil fuels. The major eutrophication impacts occur in the production phase (A1-A3). Significant contributions to production phase impact comes from the production of raw materials and transport. Fabrication, installation and the end-of-life processes classed under C1-C4 again make minimal contributions.

Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential (POCP)

POCP tends to be driven by emissions of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulphur dioxide and NMVOCs. The production phase is the dominant phase of the lifecycle with regards to POCP impacts. Again, these are all emissions commonly associated with the combustion of fuels. Significant contributors to POCP are the upstream production of raw materials/pre-products and transport, directly linked to fossil fuel combustion. It should be noted that the impacts for steel recycling in module D is almost of the same magnitude as the production phase impacts.



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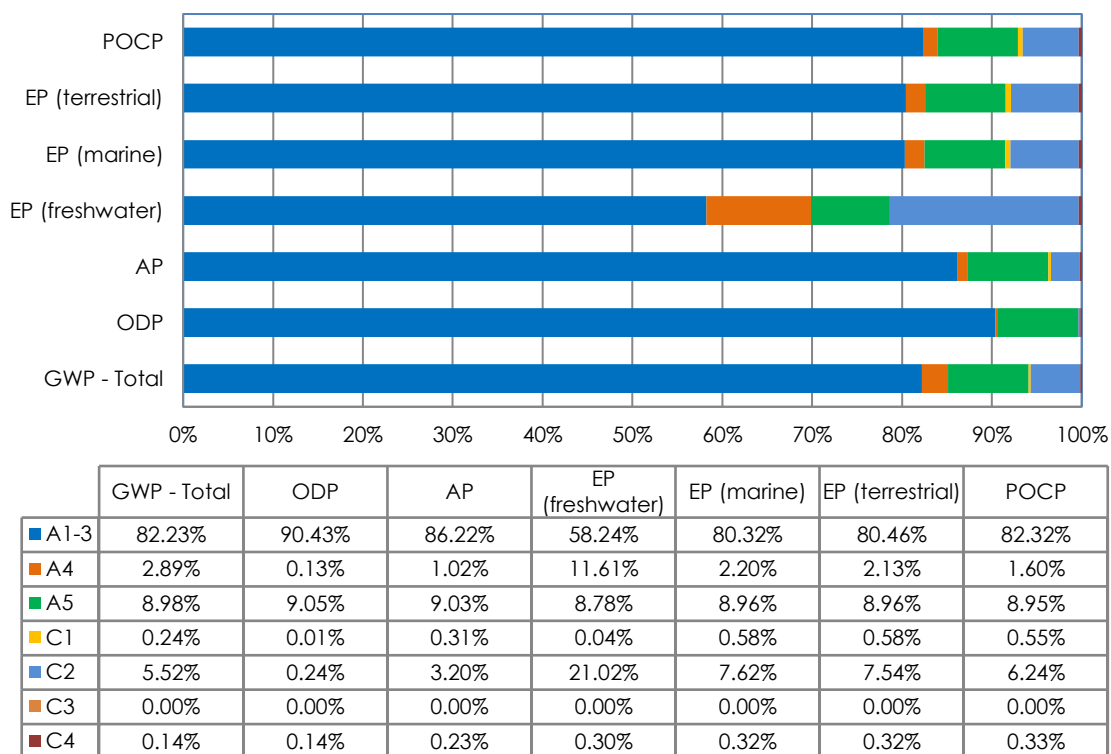


Figure 1 - shows the relative contribution of each life cycle stage to different environmental indicators for the carbon steel reinforcing bar products manufactured by the secondary (scrap based) production route

Production Stage Contribution Analysis

Scope & indicator:

This analysis explains the production stage A1–A3 using Climate change – total (GWP-total) for the declared unit. It is an interpretive view of hotspots; the module-level tables in LCA Results remain the authoritative values.

Method: EN 15804+A2; CFs: EN 15804 reference package EF 3.1.

Results and reconciliation:

Values represent A1–A3 only. The sum of step contributions equals the A1–A3 Climate change – total reported in the LCA Results tables. Process steps are analytical groupings within A1–A3 and are provided for interpretation; the module-level values remain the authoritative results in the EPD.

Manufacturing Process Step	GWP-total kg CO2 eq	Share of A1–A3 %
Steelmaking	664	92
Rolling	58	8
Total (A1-A3)	722	100



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