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**Subject : ESSAR Steel Algoma Inc. Recycle Content and LEED**

Sustainability, with respect to the Canadian Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) principle for construction products, is supported by the ESSAR Steel Algoma Inc. manufacturing process and is consistent with our corporate environmental policy.

ESSAR Steel Algoma Inc. is an integrated steel producer based in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Revenues are derived primarily from the manufacture and sale of hot and cold rolled steel products, including hot and cold rolled sheet and plate.

Consistent with the requirements which support achieving the LEED MR5 category, Essar Steel Algoma can offer the following information:

Our products are currently made using the Basic Oxygen Furnace (BOF) process. The average recycle content of our steel ranges from 22 to 25%, typically made up of 8 to 10% post consumer and 14 to 15% post industrial scrap.

Essar Steel Algoma recycles over 500,000 metric tonnes of steel scrap annually, reducing its overall carbon foot-print by attaining in the range of 75 - 80% self-efficiency by supplying its own post industrial scrap from internal recovery practices. 95% of our external scrap steel requirement is sourced from Canada and the United States. Of that, 17% is U.S. sourced material; shipped to our manufacturing facility in Sault Ste. Marie Ontario by lake vessel from the ports of Duluth, Minnesota and Chicago, Illinois. 78% is Canadian-sourced from southern Ontario, and shipped to our manufacturing facility in Sault Ste. Marie from Hamilton, Ontario; 15% by rail, 14% by lake vessel and 71% by truck.

Our raw material inputs are sourced similarly. 100% of our iron ore is extracted from Ishpeming, Michigan. Two-thirds is shipped by lake vessel via the port of Marquette, Michigan and one-third is shipped by rail directly from Ishpeming. The extracted iron ore input represents approximately 62.98% of total raw steel produced.

10% of our coal is extracted from western Canada, shipped by rail to the Lake Superior port of Thunder Bay, Ontario and from there by lake vessel to our manufacturing facility in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. 90% of our coal is extracted from the coal ranges of Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky, United States and is sent by rail to the ports of Sandusky and Toledo, Ohio, on Lake Erie, and from there by lake vessel to our manufacturing facility in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The extracted coal inputs represents approximately 24.04% of total raw steel produced.



100% of our limestone is extracted in Michigan and shipped by rail to ports in Cedarville and Rogers City, Michigan and from there 100% is shipped by lake vessel to our manufacturing facility in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The extracted limestone input represents approximately 0.02% of total raw steel produced.

On a tonne per tonne basis, the total of regionally extracted material inputs contribution compared to raw steel production equates to 98.1%.

We trust this information satisfies any questions you may have regarding the status of the ESSAR Steel Algoma Inc. product mix with respect to the LEED® protocol and in particular our capability of providing a quality product which meets the requirements of LEED MR5 status

We would be pleased to answer any additional questions that might arise.

Sincerely,

ESSAR Steel Algoma Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Heiman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.