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**Structural and Rail Division**

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: **Steel Dynamics, Inc. – Steel Structural Products**  
**Method of Manufacture, Source Materials, and Recycled Content**

Please be advised that Steel Dynamics, Inc; Structural and Rail Division operate a Steel “Mini-Mill” Located near Columbia City, Indiana USA.

This mill utilizes electric arc furnaces to recycle ferrous (iron based) scrap metal. Various grades of ISRI (Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries) ferrous scrap is procured from domestic sources within a 500 mile radius of our plant site. 96% of our scrap supply is procured from within 500 mile radius of our plant. 81% of our scrap supply is procured from within 250 mile radius of our plant.

Our finished structural steel products are manufactured using a total Post-Consumer content of recycled ferrous scrap {as per 16 CFR 260.7 (e)} of 83%; and a total pre-consumer (post-industry) content of recycled ferrous scrap {as per 16 CFR 260.7 (e)} of 13%. Of the remaining iron requirements, Steel Dynamics, Inc. ‘home’ scrap {pre-consumer non-recycled materials; as per 16 CFR 260.7 (e)} is about 3%. The outstanding 1% iron units requirement is met through the use of “alternate iron”, or virgin materials (pig iron, broken blast furnace iron, hot briquetted iron, etc.) supplied by both domestic and foreign sources.

Using the Federal Trade Commission’s “Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims” {16 CFR 260}, the total recycled content of Steel Dynamics, Inc., Structural and Rail Division’s products is 96%. For the purpose of obtaining U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED-NC v 3, MR-Credits 4.1 and 4.2; Steel Dynamics, Inc., Structural and Rail Division’s products contain 90% recycled content {as per USGBC LEED v3 formula: recycled content = (% post consumer + ½ % pre-consumer)}.

All feed stock resources are thoroughly screened and are free of radioactive materials. Mercury containing materials are not used in the manufacturing, handling, or marking and labeling of Steel Dynamics, Inc. Structural and Rail Division products.

Steel products supplied by Steel Dynamics, Inc. Structural and Rail Division are 100% melted and manufactured in the United States of America.

For further information please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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