



ResponsibleSteel™

The non-profit ResponsibleSteel™ organization was established in 2016 to build and manage the first global multi-stakeholder certification program for the steel value chain.

As a founding member, ArcelorMittal has consistently driven this initiative since then; working with a global group of organizations and stakeholders working in the steel industry to address industry-specific challenges and opportunities for sustainability.

For ArcelorMittal, the commitment to ResponsibleSteel™ is only consistent, as sustainability and corporate responsibility are cornerstones of the world's largest steel and mining company. These topics are becoming increasingly important to ArcelorMittal customers. End users of steel need to look for new ways to see if the steel products they buy have been produced responsibly. This also applies to the raw materials contained in the steel. ResponsibleSteel™ provides site level certification and product level certification.

The initiative is specifically designed so that responsible steel manufacturers can differentiate from other manufacturers and steel buyers can distinguish between responsible and irresponsible sources.

ResponsibleSteel™ is also multi-stakeholder such as the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Aluminum Stewardship Initiative (ASI). This means that both the performance standard and the Chain of Custody standard are developed with a consensus-based approach between industry and civil society. The standards take a holistic approach to sustainability and cover environmental, social and business ethics.

Members and associates:

Members and associate members of ResponsibleSteel™ include steel producers, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations, trade unions, political organizations and industrial steel users. Members include: ArcelorMittal, BMW, Daimler, Fauna and Flore International, Materials Efficiency Research Group, IndustriALL Global Union, Blue Scope Steel, CDP, IUCN, and HSBC. Associate members include: European Outdoor Group, Equitable Origin, Exova, DNV GL, We Means Business Coalition, Bettercoal, Levin Souces, SAS, UK CARES, Mining Association of Canada, Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance and the Pacific Institute.



Performance standards:

Business Integrity - Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Emissions, Wastewater, Waste
- Water Responsibility - Biodiversity and ecosystem services - Human rights - Local communities -
Employment Law
- Health and safety at work - Legacy issues

The ResponsibleSteel™ standards include both management systems and performance-based requirements and are tailored to the steel value chain.

Security model:

ResponsibleSteel™ requires companies to conduct independent third party audits for both the standard site certification of locations and CoC product certification. Further work on the development of the safety model will be carried out in 2019, complying with the following criteria: Minimization of certification costs to ensure accessibility for all. For third-party audits, a risk-based or material approach should be used to audit and sample evidence. The harmonization and mutual recognition of existing standards (eg ISO 14001) is important to avoid duplication.

Next steps:

Throughout the entire period until 2019, ResponsibleSteel™ will finalize the performance standard and begin developing and testing the Chain of Custody standards and the security model.

After completing the development and testing phase towards the end of 2019, the certification program is expected to begin. ArcelorMittal's goal is to be the world's first steel company to be certified ResponsibleSteel™.