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Subject: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED v4)  
Recycled Content  
ISO 14001

To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Green Building Council has developed the LEED program rating system to define and measure "green buildings".

One component of the LEED rating system is Recycled Content of Materials and Resources. Steel is the most recycled material in the world and can be continually recycled into new products. In 2024, Cleveland-Cliffs' operations recycled 6.5 million net tons of scrap steel and recovered iron bearing materials.

Cliffs Steel Inc. ("Cliffs") has facilities using the BOF (Basic Oxygen Furnace) process including Burns Harbor, Cleveland Works, Dearborn Works, Indiana Harbor, Middletown Works and Riverdale. These BOF operations, including recycling in iron-making operations, consume approximately 34% recycled content, of which approximately 78% is pre-consumer and 22% is post-consumer.

Our Butler, Coatesville, Mansfield, and Steelton facilities use the EAF (Electric Arc Furnace) process. Cliffs' EAF facilities produce specialty steel grades and products. The products from these facilities contain approximately 84% recycled content with 67% pre-consumer/post-industrial and 33% post-consumer.

Cliffs recognizes that all aspects of steelmaking, from the extraction and processing of the earth's mineral resources to the manufacture and finishing of steel, must be accomplished in a responsible manner that minimizes impacts on the environment. The Company believes that environmental stewardship is an essential element of a successful business strategy and subscribes to the tenets of sustainable development. Our steelmaking facilities' environmental management systems are certified to ISO 14001.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the undersigned at [evelyn.hoffman@clevelandcliffs.com](mailto:evelyn.hoffman@clevelandcliffs.com).

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