CASCADIA METALS

# LEED® V4 & V4.1 RECYCLED STEEL CONTENT

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Cascadia Metals Ltd. recognizes the importance of responsible material sourcing and minimizing the environmental impact of the products we supply. The following information is provided to assist project teams in evaluating potential recycled content contributions for projects pursuing LEED® certification.

## Definitions:

**Recycled Content** refers to the percentage of material in a product derived from post-consumer and/or pre-consumer recycled material.

**Post-consumer** recycled material is material generated by households or commercial facilities that has completed its intended end use, such as end-of-life appliances, automotive scrap, and packaging materials.

**Pre-consumer** recycled material is material diverted from the manufacturing process prior to consumer use, such as industrial scrap returned to the steelmaking process.

## Product Information:

Cascadia Metals purchases hot dipped galvanized and 55% aluminum-zinc alloy coated steel products. The recycled content of the steel substrate is dependent on the steelmaking process and raw material inputs used by the producing mill. As Cascadia Metals sources material from multiple suppliers, recycled content values may vary by product and production run.

Based on industry data published by the Steel Recycling Institute, steel products supplied by Cascadia Metals typically contain approximately 25% to 35% total recycled content, consisting of both post-consumer and pre-consumer material. Typical values include approximately 19–20% post-consumer recycled content and 14–15% pre-consumer recycled content. Actual recycled content for specific products may vary. Cascadia Metals may be able to source steel products with higher recycled content upon request. Please consult a Cascadia Metals representative for project-specific requirements.

## LEED® Contribution:

Steel products supplied by Cascadia Metals may contribute toward LEED v4 and LEED v4.1 Materials and Resources (MR): Building Product Disclosure and Optimization – Sourcing of Raw Materials, when recycled content is evaluated as part of the project's overall material strategy and cost calculations.

## Disclaimer:

LEED credits are awarded at the project level by the U.S. Green Building Council. Cascadia Metals does not guarantee LEED certification or specific credit achievement. Final credit determination is the responsibility of the project team and the certifying authority.