



# Steel Snapshot



## WHO

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## WHAT

ResponsibleSteel is an international, non-profit multi-stakeholder membership organisation.

ResponsibleSteel's vision is that steel's contribution to a sustainable society is maximised. Its mission is to enhance the responsible sourcing, production, use and recycling of steel by:

1. Providing a multi-stakeholder forum to build trust and achieve consensus;
2. Developing standards, certification and related tools;
3. Driving positive change through the recognition and use of responsible steel.

## WHERE

Businesses from every part of the steel supply chain, civil society groups, associations, and other organisations with an interest in a sustainable steel industry from anywhere in the world are welcome to join.

## WHEN

ResponsibleSteel was established in 2016. The ResponsibleSteel Standard v1.0 was published on 5 November 2019, v1.1 on 23 June 2021, and v2.0 (current version) on 14 September 2022.

## WHY

Steel is the world's most widely used material. Stakeholders and those who use steel in the automotive, construction, energy, infrastructure, packaging, transport and white goods sectors have a growing expectation that the materials they work with are responsibly sourced and produced. While such assurances already exist for the aluminum, concrete, stone and aggregates industries, ResponsibleSteel is the first such initiative for the steel sector.

## HOW

ResponsibleSteel have developed an **independent certification standard** and programme via a process that aims to align with the ISEAL Codes of Good Practice. The Principles of the Standard cover environmental, social and governance issues, which were identified and agreed with members and stakeholders, including public consultations and oversight by a ResponsibleSteel Board Committee. The upgrade from v1.1 to v2.0 incorporated additional requirements on responsible sourcing and GHG emissions.

# ResponsibleSteel Standard v2.0

The standard comprises 13 'Principles'. The ResponsibleSteel Standard Version 2.0 will be the basis for both 'Certified Site' and 'Certified Steel' certification. For 'Certified Site', the 12 v1.1 Principles must be met. For 'Certified Steel', the additional requirements specified in the new Principle 3 (Responsible Sourcing of Input Materials), together with the additional requirements specified in the renumbered Principle 10 (Climate Change and GHG Emissions), will have to be met in addition.

## Governance Principles

- **Principle 1. Corporate Leadership**  
ResponsibleSteel certified sites are led responsibly.
- **Principle 2. Social, Environmental and Governance Management Systems**  
ResponsibleSteel certified sites have an effective management system in place to achieve the social, environmental and governance objectives to which they are committed.
- **Principle 3. Responsible Sourcing**  
ResponsibleSteel certified sites increasingly source input materials from suppliers that are working to improve their environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance and address ESG risks.
- **Principle 4. Decommissioning and Closure**  
ResponsibleSteel certified sites minimise the adverse social, economic and environmental impacts of full or partial site decommissioning and closure.

## Social Principles

- **Principle 5. Occupational Health and Safety**  
ResponsibleSteel certified sites protect the health and safety of workers.
- **Principle 6. Labour Rights**  
ResponsibleSteel certified sites respect the rights of workers and support worker well-being.
- **Principle 7. Human Rights**  
ResponsibleSteel certified sites respect human rights wherever they operate, irrespective of their size or structure.
- **Principle 8. Stakeholder Engagement and Communication**  
ResponsibleSteel certified sites engage effectively with stakeholders, report openly on issues of importance to stakeholders, and remediate adverse impacts they have caused or contributed to.
- **Principle 9. Local Communities**  
ResponsibleSteel certified sites respect the rights and interests of local communities, avoid and minimise adverse impact and support community well-being.

## Environmental Principles

- **Principle 10. Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions**  
The corporate owners of ResponsibleSteel certified sites are committed to the global goals of the Paris Agreement, and both certified sites and their corporate owners are taking the actions needed to demonstrate this commitment.
- **Principle 11. Noise, Emissions, Effluents and Waste**  
ResponsibleSteel certified sites prevent and reduce emissions and effluents that have adverse effects on communities or the environment, manage waste according to the waste management hierarchy and take account of the full life cycle impacts of waste management options.
- **Principle 12. Water Stewardship**  
ResponsibleSteel certified sites demonstrate good water stewardship.
- **Principle 13. Biodiversity**  
ResponsibleSteel certified sites protect and conserve biodiversity.

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