

Steel Network Sustainable Construction Charter

Whereas:

- The global community is facing increasing strains in the three key areas of sustainability – environmental, social, and economic;
- Steel plays an essential role in virtually every phase of modern life, including delivery of food, water and power, transportation, and providing shelter for people and property;
- The steel industry is committed to meeting the growing demand in a sustainable way;

By:

- Producing steel that provides the construction industry with the unique combination of design flexibility, strength, and durability;
- Continuing to innovate through the development of new grades of steel that are capable of meeting the most demanding applications;
- Minimizing the impact on the earth's resources by providing society with a material that is 100% recyclable, and offers the distinctive ability to be "up-cycled" into higher grades of steel;
- Cutting energy, reducing raw material and lowering CO₂ emissions for every ton of steel produced;
- Promoting a safe working environment and employee training;

The Steel Network commits to:

- Work together to promote a sustainable market for steel in construction;
- Promote awareness of the recyclability of steel, as well as our industry's commitment to sustainability;
- Help others in the supply chain by promoting the adoption of such sustainable practices as the recovery and reuse of steel;
- Cooperate in research projects and dissemination of information that optimizes the opportunities for steel in construction.

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