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Re: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)

To whom it may concern,

We have reviewed the sourcing of the Raw Materials used in the Coke, Iron and Steelmaking processes at our plants located in Hamilton and Nanticoke, Ontario.

We feel that Stelco Inc. (Stelco) falls into a particularly responsible category considering the origins of our raw materials, along with the nearly exclusive use of environmentally positive logistical modes, those being rail and marine.

Of our total annual movement of 5.8 million tonnes of raw materials, 100% of our 3.7 million tonnes of iron ore are sourced from mines in northern Minnesota. The iron ore is delivered to the Lake Superior ports by rail (approx. 100 km), then loaded for marine transport (approx. 1500 km) to Nanticoke, Ontario. Additionally, 100% of our 1.5 million tonnes of coals that feed our coke batteries at both Hamilton and Nanticoke plants, are sourced from the Appalachians. The coal is delivered to the southern shore of Lake Erie by rail (approx. 400km), then is transported by marine transport (approx. 270km to Nanticoke, 400km Hamilton) to our plants.

The 95,000 tonnes of Dolomitic stone used is sourced from Manitoulin Island and is shipped within 800 kilometers in combination of rail and marine transport. The 70,000 tonnes of limestone used is sourced from Port Calcite on Lake Huron, 2400 kilometers and is shipped by marine transport to Nanticoke, Ontario.

We also source approximately 400,000 tonnes of steel scrap all carried by local truck from local suppliers within a radius of approximately 100 kms from our operations. In addition to the environmentally responsible movement of coal, iron ore and stone products, there are a number of By-Products recycled or reprocessed for use in the Blast Furnace and Steelmaking operations such as briquettes and slag products. Approximately 92% of raw materials (by weight) come from sources within 2,400 km distance if transported by rail or marine and 800 km if transported by truck.

As for recycled content, Stelco is not able to keep track of the exact content of recycled scrap content used to produce steel within our steelmaking process. We acknowledge the numbers that were produced by the Steel Recycling Institute in the, "Steel takes LEED with recycled content" article, dated October 2012. We feel that these values are in line with Stelco's recycled contents averages. The recycled contents are as follows:

- Post consumer: 19.8%
- Pre consumer: 14.4%

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We hope that this information will be helpful in determining potential credits for Regional Materials apply for LEED building certifications.

Please feel free to contact your Customer Technical Service Representative if you require any further information on Stelco's commitment to environmentally responsible logistical practices.