#### ISO 20915 ~Life Cycle Inventory Calculation Methodology for Steel Products~

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#### Life Cycle Assessment

- LCA is a method for assessing the environmental impacts of products over its life cycle.
- LCA considers all aspects of a products life.
  - Raw material extraction
  - Production
  - ✓ Use phase
  - Disposal and recycling
  - ✓ etc...
- LCA is used to avoid shifting the environmental burden.
  - ✓ between life cycle phases
  - ✓ from one impact category to another



source : worldsteel

## Circulation of iron and steel products in the world (2015)

 All iron and steel are recycled in the circulating material flow composed of BF-BOF route and EAF route essentially constitute closed-loop recycling.



## **Closed-Loop Recycling (steel)**



Source : JISF, http://www.jisf.or.jp/en/activity/lca/recycle/index.html

#### **Closed-loop Recycling**

Material is recycled as the same material maintaining inherent properties with infinite times of recycling.

#### **Thermal Recycling (Open-loop Recycling)**

Electricity or steam are collected during incineration of waste. It is to reduce the volume of waste in some cases. Disposal of such as residual ash is necessary.

#### Cascade Recycling (Open-loop Recycling)

Material recycle with a change or degradation of quality. Material is disposed in the end.

## Importance of "Life Cycle Thinking"

There is a case where environmental burden is small in terms of an entire life cycle even when efficiency during use phase is high.

Life cycle thinking" is essential for appropriate evaluation of environmental burden of product.



Source: The Japan Iron and Steel Federation

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## Concept of worldsteel LCI calculation Methodology

- All BF-BOF, EAF or other steel production routes are the essential factors of steel product.
- Scrap has an environmental value, that is a credit when steel product is shipped, and it is a debit when using scrap such as end-of-life scrap.



Source: The Japan Iron and Steel Federation

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## International standard

#### ISO 20915:2018

#### "Life cycle inventory calculation methodology for steel products"

ISO 20915:2018 describes the methodology for the calculation of life cycle inventories of steel that can be applied to a wide range of steel products, and represents the main process routes for global steel production.



#### Published in November 2018

https://www.iso.org/standard/69447.html

Methodological procedure for LCI calculation of steel products with provision for scrap recycling

- A: The LCI of the steel product to the factory gate is calculated without allocation for scrap.
- B: The LCI value for scrap is calculated. It is then applied in the sub-stages B1 and B2, both of these steps must be conducted.
  - B1: The LCI value as a burden for the mass of scrap consumed.
  - B2: The LCI value for scrap is credited for the mass of scrap that is going to be recovered..
- By aggregating A, B1 and B2 the LCI value for the steel product with consideration for scrap recycling can be determined.



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#### Environmental burden of steel over life cycle





credit of scrap recycling



#### LCI of steel products

The LCI of scrap is determined by considering the benefits of producing new steel from scrap compared with producing the same steel from purely iron ore based process route.



#### CO2 emission LCI data of Japan average

Specific CO2 emission data of each steel product over the life cycle considering scrap recycling are approximately 40% of those not considering scrap recycling.



A/B1/B2: CO2 LCI with considering scrap recycling

## Reporting

- LCI results shall be reported for all of the components (A, B1, B2 and A+B1+B2).
- In cases where the goal and scope do not include an allocation for scrap burdens and credits, cradle to gate reporting includes scrap as a material input but without allocation of burdens or credits.
- It is important to ensure that the aggregate reporting is relevant to the goals and scope of any study to which the data are being applied.

A: Cradle to gate LCI	Allocation for scrap recycling		A+P1+P2, I CI with
without allocation for scrap input	B1: LCI for scrap consumed in the steel making process	B2: LCI for scrap recovered for recycling	allocation for scrap

worldsteel life cycle inventory data 2017

 Up-to-date and reliable LCI data of world/region are on worldsteel web site.



#### Conclusions

- A new international standard, ISO 20915, was published in 2018. It describes the methodology for the calculation of the steel life cycle inventories which can be applied to steel products and represents the main process routes for global steel production.
- ISO 20915 helps quantitatively understanding the environmental impacts of materials in closed-loop recycling, such as steel, which is the fundamental material for achieving a sustainable society because of its superior recyclability.

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# Thank you!

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# Actually, Steel is Light

And steel is becoming even "lighter"

Technology is making steel lighter and lighter by increasing its strength. A series of technological innovations reduced the amount of steel required to achieve the same strength by two-thirds. With many future innovations lined up, steel is a material with a high potential to become even "lighter".

#### Steel can be recycled "lightly"

Steel has another life after the product is no longer used. Atmost all steel is recycled workleide, because steel can be sorted easily using magnets and has the flexibility to be recycled into a variety of steel products. Because of these properties, whet can be recycled "fight" into all kinds of steel products.

Steel has a "light" burden on the environment Steel production generates less CO2 than the production of many materials. Additionally, because of its recyclability, steel has very small environmental burden at the time of disposing. Steel is a material with a "light" impact on the environment through its aritin II e-cycle.



http://www.jisf.or.jp/en/

#### Please visit ...

#### JISF LCA web-site

http://www.jisf.or.jp/en/activity/lca/index.html

#### worldsteel LCA web-site

 <u>https://www.worldsteel.org/steel-by-topic/life-cycle-</u> <u>thinking.html</u>
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