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Subject: RE: LEED INFO

To Whom It May Concern:

Unlike other materials, steel contains recycled material and is also fully recyclable. In fact, according to the Steel Recycling Institute (SRI), steel is the world's most recycled material.

It is reasonable to state that Galvanized (zinc coated) or Aluminized (aluminum coated) Chain Link Fabric is 90 to 95% recycled steel because rod is typically produced from rod melted in an electric furnace. Of the 90% to 95% recycled scrap in the fabric the mix is approximately 30% pre-consumer scrap and 70% post-consumer scrap.

Pipe and tube can range anywhere from 25 to 85% recycle steel. The amount can vary depending on the steel vendor. Of the 25 to 85% recycled scrap in the framework the mix is approximately 30% pre-consumer scrap and 70% post-consumer scrap depending on fluctuating scrap prices.

The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) website states: "Steel's recycling rate of 66% is far higher than that of any other material capturing twice as much tonnage as all other materials combined".

You may also want to review two articles by the Steel Recycling Institute (www.recycle-steel.org) for further information. The two segments are "Steel Takes LEED with Recycled Content" and "Modern Steel Production Technologies".

I hope this information helps.

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