

**COLORBOND® steel**  
Environmental Product Declaration  
In accordance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804

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**AUSTRALASIA** **EPD®**  
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# COLORBOND® steel

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### Key Insights

This EPD provides data for COLORBOND® steel at Base Metal Thickness (BMT) 0.42 and 0.48mm.

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Element	Typical Content
Iron	>97%
Manganese	<1.5%
Silicon	<0.3%
Chromium	<0.2%
Carbon	<0.2%
Other	<0.1% each

#### Recycling

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- Recycling steel can reduce project costs
- 100% recyclable steel

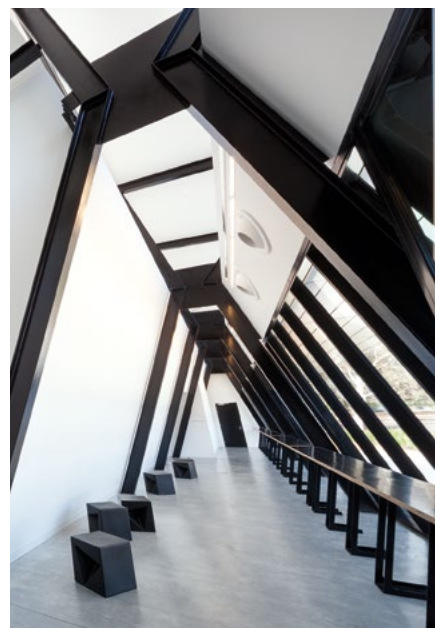


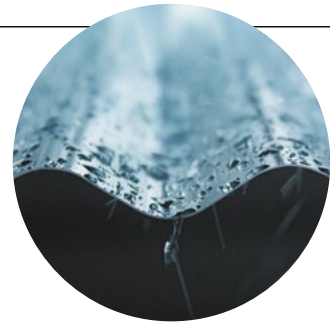


## **COLORBOND® steel**

Provides architects with boundless design possibilities. Below are a few examples of case studies that showcase COLORBOND® steel's diversity.

The Canberra College Performing Art Centre, made from COLORBOND® steel in the colour Monument®, has a lightweight and dynamic quality which feels fit-for-purpose.





## COLORBOND® steel

Fifty years of Australian research and development has created a range of technologies that give genuine COLORBOND® steel its long lasting performance when subjected to some of the harshest Australian conditions.

You can make sure you're getting the genuine article by looking out for the COLORBOND® steel branding on the product, or its packaging.

For roofing and walling, check for the ink branding on the reverse side of the sheet. On fencing look for laser branding on either side of each panel; it appears at least three times in each 2.4m section. For guttering, you can look on the inside for ink branding, and, in some Australian states, you will find the protective wrapping that your COLORBOND® steel arrives in, is branded too. Genuine COLORBOND® steel garage doors are ink branded. This is an edge brand on the reverse side of the sheeting with "COLORBOND® steel made by BlueScope".

Whatever you are building with COLORBOND® steel, it pays to check that you are getting what you've paid for and that the materials used are going to live up to the task – especially if they are protecting your investment from the Australian elements, which put all building materials to the toughest of tests.



Victoria's Deakin University REACH building reprises the traditional college with cladding made from COLORBOND® steel in the colour Shale Grey™.



Image by Sarah Louise Jackson for Cockram

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### The Versatility of COLORBOND® steel

COLORBOND® steel is manufactured in Australia by BlueScope. Strong and secure, COLORBOND® steel is tried and tested in Australian conditions and designed to look great and deliver outstanding, long life performance.

With 22 standard colours in the range, you can choose a roof colour that sets the theme for your whole building, or complements your other building material choices.

Adapting to the demands of the building segment, COLORBOND® steel has changed a great deal since its introduction in Australia in 1966. Not only has the colour range evolved, so too has the technology involved in COLORBOND® steel's production. Activate® metal coating technology was introduced in 2013 and BlueScope holds numerous patents on the technology, both in Australia and around the world. COLORBOND® steel is being used on roofs for anything from homes all around Australia, to large commercial buildings like the Adelaide Velodrome and the Margaret Court Arena. To be sure you

are getting genuine COLORBOND® steel from BlueScope, make sure you ask for it by name, and check for the brand mark on the material.

#### Designed for the hot Australian sun

COLORBOND® steel incorporates our unique Thermatech® solar reflectance technology, designed to reflect more of the sun's heat on hot sunny days. It also benefits from our industry-leading metallic coating incorporating Activate® technology to provide enhanced corrosion resistance.

#### Warranties for peace of mind

When you purchase COLORBOND® steel you are buying products made and backed by BlueScope, one of Australia's largest manufacturers. BlueScope offers a variety

of warranties of up to 36 years for roofing for peace of mind.<sup>1</sup>

#### Supporting a sustainable future

COLORBOND® steel is durable and resilient in Australia's harsh climate and its long life helps conserve resources and energy that may otherwise be invested in products with a shorter life span.



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“COLORBOND® steel is lightweight and durable”

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<sup>1</sup> Warranties subject to application and eligibility criteria. For full terms and conditions visit [bluescopesteel.com.au/warranties](https://bluescopesteel.com.au/warranties). Activate® technology is not available for COLORBOND® Stainless steel, COLORBOND® Permagard® steel, and COLORBOND® steel products with a galvanised steel substrate (eg. XFP posts and rails, XHI posts and beams, and XIP). Activate® is a registered trademark of BlueScope Steel Ltd. Thermatech® technology is not available in the colour Night Sky®

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### COLORBOND® steel

This EPD sets out information on the average COLORBOND® steel standard colour range product manufactured by BlueScope Australia at its facilities at Port Kembla and Erskine Park (NSW), Western Port (VIC) and Acacia Ridge (QLD). The declared unit presented is one flat square metre (1m<sup>2</sup>) of standard COLORBOND® steel at 0.42mm and 0.48mm base metal (steel) thickness (BMT), in coil form at the outbound gate of the manufacturing site.

The product range represented by this EPD is the COLORBOND® steel standard colour range.

This EPD is only relevant to COLORBOND® steel products using a steel base coated in BlueScope's aluminium/zinc/magnesium alloy incorporating Activate® technology, which is BlueScope's industry-leading metallic coating that enhances corrosion performance.

Activate® technology is not available for COLORBOND® Stainless steel, COLORBOND® Permagard® steel, and COLORBOND® steel products with galvanised (zinc-coated) steel substrate (eg fencing posts and rails, home improvement posts and beams) and therefore this EPD is not applicable for those materials.

This is a "cradle-to-gate with recycling" EPD. Other life cycle stages are dependent on how the product is used, and should be developed and included as part of holistic assessment of specific construction works.

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## Rating Tool

### EPD Compliance

- As per EN 15804
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- Cradle-to-gate scope with recycling
- Product specific

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The West Kimberley Regional Prison project made from COLORBOND® steel in the colour Evening Haze®

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“Declared Unit – This EPD is valid for a declared unit of 1m<sup>2</sup> of COLORBOND® steel with a BMT of 0.42mm and 0.48mm”

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### COLORBOND® steel Manufacturing

BlueScope manufactures COLORBOND® steel from hot rolled coil steel in a three-phase process.

Cold reduction involves pickling (acid cleaning) the coil, followed by cold rolling, where the steel coil is compressed and elongated through rolls to reduce its thickness and increase the strength of the steel. Following cold reduction, the coil is coated with BlueScope’s industry-

leading aluminium/zinc/magnesium alloy incorporating Activate® technology. The metal coated coil is then transferred to a paint line, where it is coated with a pre-treatment to improve paint adhesion, followed by a primer and topcoat and backing

coat, prior to packaging ready for shipment. See the hot rolled coil EPD at [www.steel.com.au/articles/environmental-product-declarations](http://www.steel.com.au/articles/environmental-product-declarations) for more information on the hot rolling process.

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### Product Content

The typical composition of COLORBOND® steel is:

Element	Typical Content
Iron	>97%
Manganese	<1.5%
Silicon	<0.3%
Chromium	<0.2%
Carbon	<0.2%
Other	<0.1% each

#### Steel by BlueScope – Recycled Content

- 25% average recovered content, including
- Post-consumer recycled content: 8.5%
- Pre-consumer recycled content: 6.5%

The above data complies with the ISO14021 definitions of recycled content.

COLORBOND® steel is compliant with the European REACH regulation<sup>1</sup> (EC) 1907/2006 and does not release any hazardous substances when in use. For safe use and maintenance, refer to the product Safety Data Sheet (SDS) at [steel.com.au/safetydatasheet](http://steel.com.au/safetydatasheet).

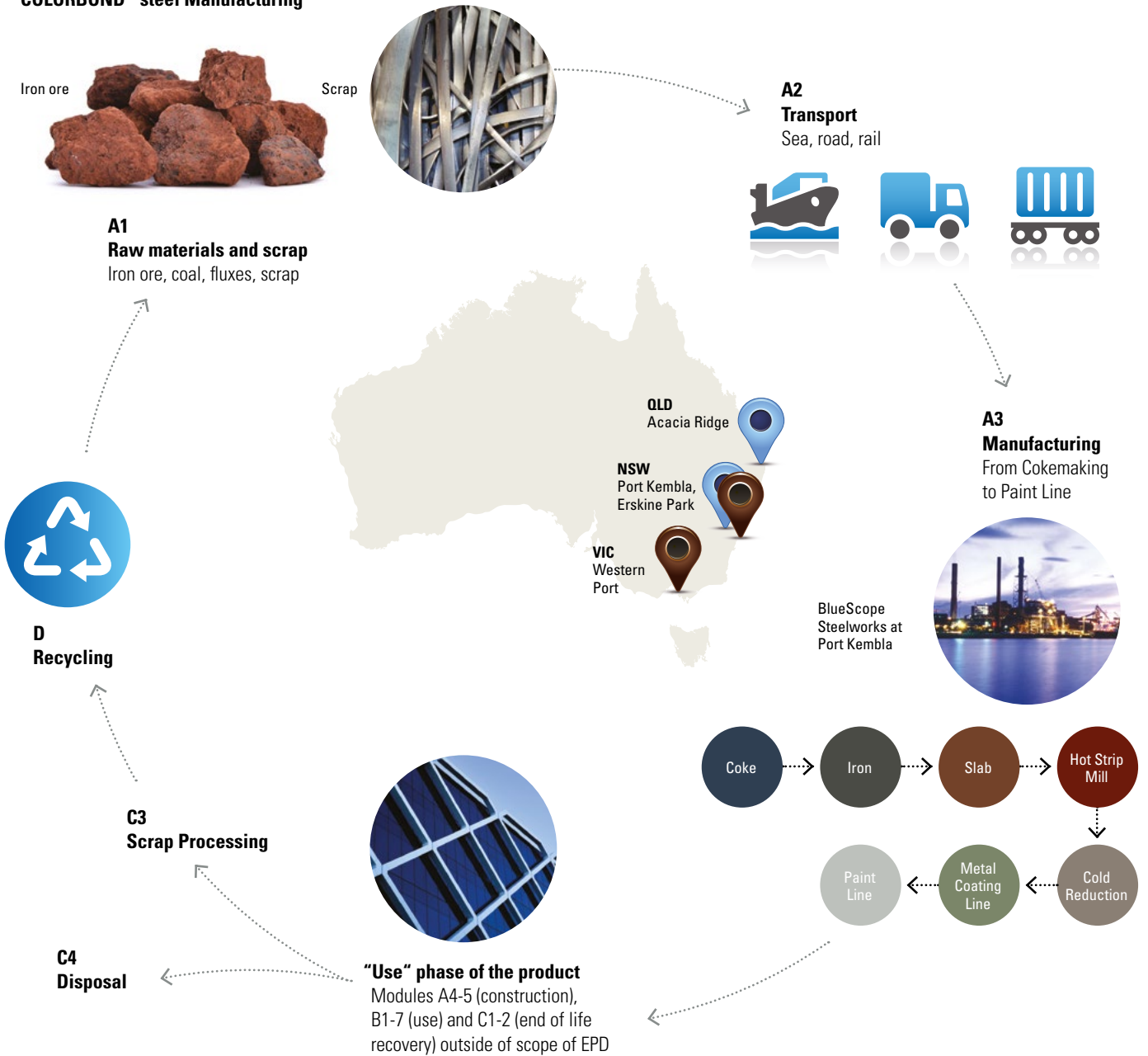
#### What is an SDS?

A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is a document that describes the chemical and physical properties of a product or material and provides safe handling and use information.





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### The Strength Behind the Beauty

Manufactured in Australia to Australian Standards (AS1397 and AS/NZS 2728), COLORBOND® steel has been tested for over a decade by leading scientists and engineers in laboratories and exposure testing sites throughout Australia, meaning it is far more than just “paint on steel”.

#### Five Layers of Protection

The performance of these COLORBOND® steel products comes from five separate layers in the finished material:

1. The steel base is manufactured to meet relevant Australian Standards (AS1397 and AS/NZS 2728), ensuring strict adherence to the required grade and strength.
2. The base is then coated in BlueScope's industry leading metallic coating incorporating Activate® technology,<sup>1</sup> to provide enhanced corrosion resistance.
3. A thin pretreatment layer is applied to optimise the adhesion of further coatings.

4. A corrosion inhibitive primer is baked onto the surface.
5. A topcoat of specially developed, exterior grade paint is baked on to provide resistance to chipping, peeling and cracking and to ensure the finish retains its look for longer. In the standard range, this topcoat contains Thermatech®<sup>2</sup> solar reflectance technology designed to reflect more of the sun's heat on hot, sunny days.

#### Activate® Technology for Corrosion Resistance

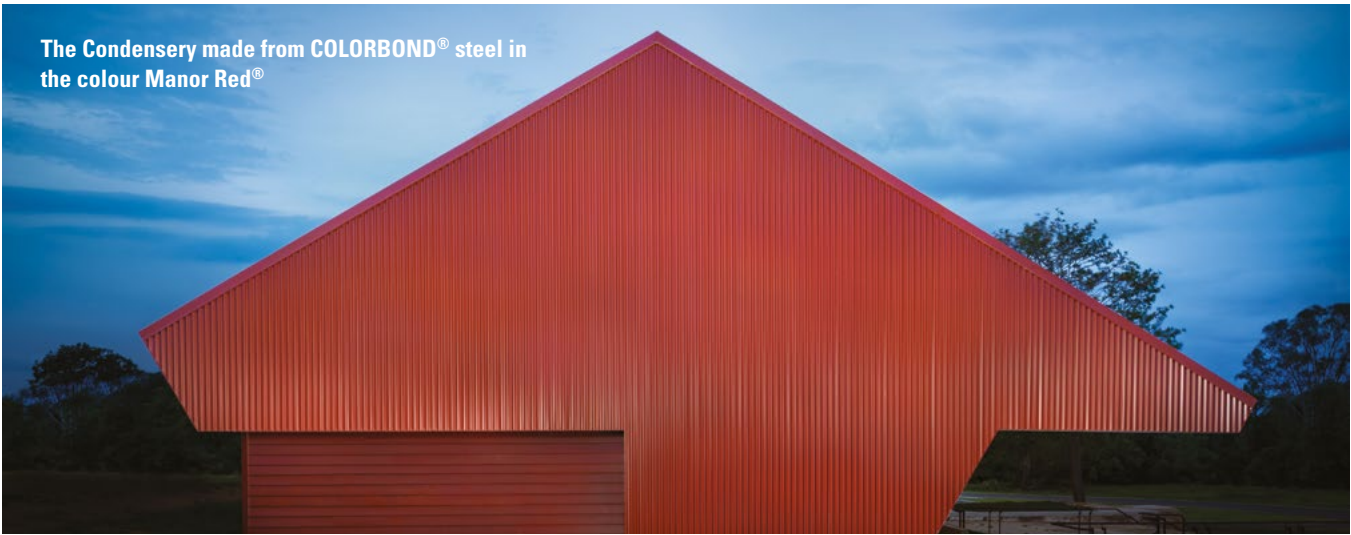
An industry leading coating technology, enhancing the protective coating of COLORBOND® steel's substrate, making

COLORBOND® steel one of the world's toughest, most advanced building materials.

The unique composition and microstructure of COLORBOND® steel with Activate® technology acts in three ways:

1. Magnesium, aluminium and zinc compounds are strategically positioned in the coating to provide sacrificial protection.
2. Magnesium compounds encourage the formation of a more robust barrier slowing the rate of subsequent corrosion.
3. Magnesium compounds also activate the metal coating resulting in more effective, longer-lasting sacrificial protection.





## Scope of Declaration

The scope of this declaration is for 1 flat square metre of COLORBOND® steel from cradle to the mill gate, including end-of-life processing and recycling: Modules A1-A3, C3-C4 and D (according to EN 15804). Modules A4-A5, B1-B7 and C1-C2 have not been included due to the inability to predict how the material will be used following manufacture.

The system boundary applied in this study extends from mining of raw materials such as iron ore and coal; transport to and within the manufacturing site; coke, sinter, iron and steel manufacture; ancillary service operations; hot rolling of steel products, cold reduction, metallic coating and coil painting and packaging for

dispatch to customers at the exit gate of the manufacturing site.

The system boundary also includes manufacture of other required input materials, transport between processing operations, the production of external services such as electricity, natural

gas and water, and the production of co-product materials within the steelmaking process, which have been removed by the use of allocation techniques. Wastes and emissions to air, land and water are also included, as are Modules C3 scrap processing, C4 disposal to landfill and D recovery for recycling.

**Table 1. Scope of Declaration in EPD**

Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Resource recovery stage
Raw materials	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse – recovery – recycling potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	X	X	X

X = Module declared; MND = Module Not Declared (such a declaration shall not be regarded as an indicator of a zero result).

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### Results of Assessment

**Table 2. Life Cycle Impact Assessment Indicators**

Base Metal (Steel) Thickness (BMT)		COLORBOND® steel AM100							
		0.42mm				0.48mm			
		1m <sup>2</sup>				1m <sup>2</sup>			
EN 15804 INDICATORS	units	A1-A3	C3	C4	D	A1-A3	C3	C4	D
Global warming potential	kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq.	12.8	0.0793	0.0189	-4.07	14.1	0.0795	0.0189	-4.08
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer	kg CFC11-eq.	8.13E-09	0	6.93E-13	0	8.16E-09	0	6.95E-13	0
Acidification potential of land and water	kg SO <sub>2</sub> -eq.	0.0502	2.58E-04	5.39E-05	-0.00968	0.0550	2.59E-04	5.40E-05	-0.00970
Eutrophication potential	kg PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> -eq.	0.00511	2.00E-05	6.58E-06	-0.000267	0.00562	2.00E-05	6.60E-06	-0.000268
Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants	kg ethene-eq.	0.00704	2.41E-05	6.02E-06	-0.00216	0.00779	2.42E-05	6.03E-06	-0.00217
Abiotic depletion potential for non fossil resources	kg Sb-eq.	2.13E-04	1.23E-08	3.63E-09	1.49E-04	2.13E-04	1.23E-08	3.64E-09	1.49E-04
Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources	MJ	146	1.07	0.270	-42.7	160	1.08	0.271	-42.8

**Table 3. Resource Indicators**

Base Metal (Steel) Thickness (BMT)		COLORBOND® steel AM100							
		0.42mm				0.48mm			
		1m <sup>2</sup>				1m <sup>2</sup>			
EN 15804 INDICATORS	units	A1-A3	C3	C4	D	A1-A3	C3	C4	D
Renewable primary energy as energy carrier	MJ	3.76	0.00612	0.0192	2.20	3.76	0.00613	0.0192	2.21
Renewable primary energy resources as material utilisation	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total use of renewable primary energy resources	MJ	3.76	0.00612	0.0192	2.20	3.76	0.00613	0.0192	2.21
Non-renewable primary energy as energy carrier	MJ	148	1.17	0.281	-42.7	148	1.17	0.281	-42.8
Non-renewable primary energy as material utilisation	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources	MJ	148	1.17	0.281	-42.7	148	1.17	0.281	-42.8
Use of secondary material	kg	0.426	0	0	0	0.427	0	0	0
Use of renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of net fresh water	m <sup>3</sup>	0.0407	-0.000168	9.53E-05	0.00127	0.041	-0.000169	9.55E-05	0.00128

**Table 4. Wastes and Other Outputs**

		COLORBOND® steel AM100							
Base Metal (Steel) Thickness (BMT)		0.42mm				0.48mm			
Declared Unit		1m <sup>2</sup>				1m <sup>2</sup>			
EN 15804 INDICATORS	units	A1-A3	C3	C4	D	A1-A3	C3	C4	D
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.04E-06	0	1.99E-09	0	1.04E-06	0	1.99E-09	0
Non hazardous waste disposed	kg	0.0710	0.00281	0.388	0	0.0711	0.00281	0.389	0
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	1.74E-04	0	4.21E-06	0	1.74E-04	0	4.21E-06	0
Components for re-use	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Materials for recycling	kg	0	2.71	0	0	0	2.72	0	0
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exported electrical energy	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exported thermal energy	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 5. Green Star Indicators**

		COLORBOND® steel AM100							
Base Metal (Steel) Thickness (BMT)		0.42mm				0.48mm			
Declared Unit		1m <sup>2</sup>				1m <sup>2</sup>			
EN 15804 INDICATORS	units	A1-A3	C3	C4	D	A1-A3	C3	C4	D
Human toxicity cancer effects	kg 1,4 DB eq	4.13E-09				4.46E-09			
Human toxicity non-cancer effects	kg 1,4 DB eq	4.93E-07				5.50E-07			
Ionising radiation	kg U-235 eq	0.0269				0.0279			
Particulate matter	kg PM2.5 eq	0.00431				0.00473			
Water scarcity	m <sup>3</sup>	11.1				12.2			
Land transformation	m <sup>2</sup>	0.0628				0.0693			

Additional Green Star Environmental Impact Categories

**Table 6. End of Life for 1m<sup>2</sup> COLORBOND® steel**

End of life			
Parameter	Unit	0.42mm	0.48mm
Steel collected separately	kg	3.08	3.49
Steel collected with mixed construction waste	kg	0	0
Recovery for re-use	kg	0	0
Recovery for recycling	kg	3.08	3.49
Recovery for energy recovery	kg	0	0
Disposal to landfill	kg	0.381	0.432
Assumptions for scenario		N/A	N/A

.42 = 3.46kg/m<sup>2</sup> .48 = 3.93kg/m<sup>2</sup>

The numbers have been rounded to three significant numbers

**Take Care When Comparing**

Issues to consider when comparing EPD data include:

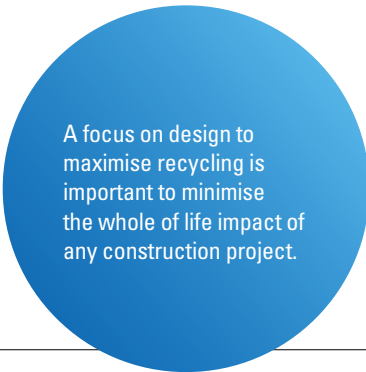
- Both EPDs must comply with the comparability requirements in EN 15804, eg using equivalent methodology and assumptions such as utilising the same PCR.
- LCA provides high-level scientific guidance and differences in data should be substantial to be material.
- Understanding the detail is important in comparisons. Expert analysis is required to ensure data is truly comparable, to avoid unintended distortions.
- The best way to compare products and materiality of differences is to place them into the context of a structure across the whole life cycle.

This EPD is compliant with PCR 2012:01 Construction Products and Construction Services, Version 2.01, 2016-03-09 (valid until 2019-03-03).

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### Recycling

All BlueScope steel products are 100% recyclable into equivalent or higher quality products – no losses are necessary due to downgrading of recyclable material.

Steel's magnetic properties mean that it can be easily separated for recycling. The intrinsic economic value of steel results in a high recovery rate of all steel waste. Recycling saves money for construction projects – ensure that all steel is separated and recycled.

Scrap merchants are available in all major cities. The actual recycling rate of steel at End of Life has a significant impact on the cradle to grave results – note that for steel construction products, the End of Life recycling rate is likely to be significantly higher than the 89% used

here – but in specific construction projects may range from 0-100%.

A focus on design to maximise recycling is important to minimise the whole of life impact of any construction project.

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### Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Methodology

This EPD has been produced in conformance with the requirements of The Australasian EPD® Programme General Programme Instructions v1.0 (GPI), PCR 2012:01 v2.01 Construction Products and Construction Services and the Australian Green Star Sustainable Products and Life Cycle Impacts credits.

The Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) data which forms the basis of this EPD relates to the Australian financial year of 1st July 2014 to 30th June 2015. Any individual items of data collected outside of this time frame, which were very few, were assessed carefully for relevance to this time period. All relevant and available data were collected. While cut-off criteria according to the PCR section 6.6 were employed, much data which would have fallen within that scope were included regardless, if available. Use of secondary data was not required within the gate-to-gate (A3) scope. No carbon dioxide offsetting is included in the LCI.

Upstream hot rolled steel manufacturing data was obtained from the previous report titled

“BlueScope EPD Background Report Hot Rolled Steel Products – Final” and the BlueScope Hot Rolled Coil EPD S-P-00557.

The secondary data used were procured from the latest GaBi standard databases and hence are less than five years old, with the exception of the aluminium dataset, which is a combination of a 1998 US LCI data set with “Australianised” energy data to ensure it is relevant and up-to-date for Australian-manufactured aluminium. The modelled electricity supply was based on the Australian state-based grid mix, as production sites are spread throughout NSW, Victoria and Queensland.

Allocation was carried out in accordance with the PCR section 6.7, where subdivision of processes was not possible. Economic allocation was not utilised in this study, as the revenue from sold by-products is insignificant compared to revenue from prime products.

The recycling scenario was based on Hyder Consulting Reports<sup>1</sup> which indicate that the average metals recycling rate in Australia is

89%. This is considered to be a conservative estimate for flat steel construction products, but was used in the absence of verified higher recycling rates.

Key assumptions made during the study were:

- Accuracy of data measurement falls within normal industrial weighing systems accuracy limits of +/-5%.
- Transport of minor materials is insignificant to the overall impacts.
- Proprietary chemicals and paints can be sufficiently modelled using guidance from Safety Data Sheets and conservative assumptions on that basis.
- “Average product” data is presented – any differences in the composition of similar products, with the exception of any change in Base Metal Thickness, is insignificant compared to the outcomes of the LCA.

Assumptions were sensitivity tested and significant findings are included on the following page.



**Paw Paw house made from COLORBOND® steel in the colour Surfmist®**

## Interpretation of Results

COLORBOND® steel is designed to be durable and resilient in Australia's harsh climate.

To maximise the invested environmental value of the product, BlueScope recommend it should be used in structures which are designed for long life, resilience and flexibility, with a view to optimising the whole-of-life energy efficiency of the building.

### Impact Category Results

The impacts of COLORBOND® steel across all reported impact categories follow predictable patterns based on the composition and processing of the product. The Base Metal (steel) Thickness (BMT) is influential in the areas of Global Warming Potential (GWP), Acidification Potential (AP), Eutrophication Potential (EP), Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential (POCP) and Abiotic Depletion of Fossil resources (ADPF). This illustrates the dominance of the manufacturing of steel for the substrate.

In order to control the impacts for these categories, the selection of an appropriate BMT is required. Where a thicker steel sheet does not contribute to structural integrity, the lighter-weight version of COLORBOND® steel should be selected.

Abiotic Depletion of Elements (ADPE), or mineral resource depletion, is heavily impacted by the use of metallic coating. A combination of aluminium, zinc and magnesium for corrosion protection of the steel under the visible paint layer is necessary for longevity of the product; however this result shows the need to ensure that the metallic coating is limited to as much as necessary to ensure product durability.

While this EPD comprehensively covers the requirements for reporting in the PCR section 8 and Green Star criteria, it is

important to recognise that any LCA is not a complete assessment of all environmental or sustainability issues of the product system under study.

### Methodology

This product-specific EPD validly represents the production process described. The cut-off criterion of 1%, in mass, energy and environmental relevance, (conforming with PCR 2012:01 section 6.6) has resulted in a data set which is robust and all significant contributors to the LCA results have been captured in this study. Where available, data which fell within the cut-off criteria were included in the data set.

Upstream data taken from the GaBi database reflects average or generic production and therefore does not correspond to BlueScope's actual suppliers.

Allocation of co-products was made using physical allocation: predominantly mass of throughput (eg steel coil) or surface area of the coil (eg surface coatings). No use of system expansion was made (excepting Module D) as per Australasian EPD requirements. Allocation was performed according to the PCR section 6.7, and hence conforms with the comparability requirements therein. Choice of allocation methodology can change the final results.

### Average Product Assumption – Sensitivity of Results

The LCI model was based on measured throughput, generally by mass. Hence, the initial data output of the model was also on a mass (per kg) basis. However, sensitivity testing showed that for coated steel products such as

COLORBOND® steel, a change in the BMT of the product made a significant difference to the impacts. This is due to changes in the fraction of steel versus coatings in the results. Hence, for comparability between products, it was determined that coated products must have impacts reported on an area (per m<sup>2</sup>) basis. Once those area-based impacts are known for a specific BMT, the results can be converted to a mass basis if required.

### Other Sensitivity Analysis Results

When similar products are manufactured on different production lines, there is sometimes diversity in results. Should production scheduling change significantly, this may be reflected in changes in the calculated impacts. The reason for these differences is the different mix of production routes that contribute to each product. Where products are preferentially made at different locations, the differences are most evident. Should production scheduling change significantly, this may be reflected in changes in the calculated impacts.

Due to sensitivity analysis indicating material differences, the following variants of COLORBOND® steel are NOT included in this EPD: CORSTRIP® protective film, COLORBOND® Ultra steel, double-sided topcoats, COLORBOND® Coolmax®, COLORBOND® Metallic steel, COLORBOND® Matt or COLORBOND® Stainless steel paint finishes. The calculated differences indicated sufficient impact in at least one category to exceed the 10% threshold for increase in impacts.

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### Durability and Resilience

Sustainable Performance: COLORBOND® steel is durable and resilient to Australia's harsh climate and its long life helps conserve resources and energy that may otherwise be invested in products with a shorter life span.

All COLORBOND® steel contains recycled content and is 100% recyclable. In some cases it can be reused without reprocessing, saving on energy and resource use. COLORBOND® steel is a lightweight material which can mean a lower cost to transport to site and a lighter roof structure. And its strength can help protect a building in stormy weather. Together, COLORBOND® steel's beauty, strength and environmental performance combine to make it a responsible choice for your project, and the environment.

Steel has special capabilities that enable design for resilience and adaptability.

As steel doesn't burn it can be used to increase bushfire resistance of structures.

COLORBOND® steel roofing, walling, gutters and downpipes are compliant for use in bushfire zones, including the most extreme, BAL-FZ (Bushfire Attack Level – Flame Zone) specified in AS3959-2009.

#### Cool Roofing

Many people know that the colour of your roof can make a difference to your cooling bill and no less than five of the colours in the COLORBOND® steel range qualify as solar reflective (light coloured) roofing under the Green Star Design

and As Built and Communities tools. But there's another way that COLORBOND® steel can help make your building more energy efficient. Every colour (except Night Sky®) in the standard COLORBOND® steel range features Thermatech® solar reflectance technology. Thermatech® technology is designed to reflect more of the sun's heat on hot sunny days, which can mean less dependence on air-conditioning, plus reduced heat stress for your roof. This makes COLORBOND® steel a good choice for your building, your wallet and our planet.



“Cool roofing can contribute to the reduction of the Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect”



Calder Woodburn Rest Area made from  
COLORBOND® steel in the colours NightSky®  
and Surfmist®



## Health, Safety, Environment and Community at BlueScope

COLORBOND® steel is manufactured at BlueScope's Australian facilities at Port Kembla and Erskine Park (NSW), Western Port (VIC) and Acacia Ridge (QLD). The manufacturing facilities are accredited to both ISO 9001 (Quality Systems) and ISO 14001 (Environmental Management Systems). BlueScope is a member of the World Steel Association Climate Action Programme, which measures and monitors carbon dioxide emissions. The data collection programme is at the core of the steel industry's global steel sectoral approach to climate change.

At BlueScope, we pride ourselves on our role as a good corporate citizen. We recognise our

social responsibilities and strive to continuously improve our performance in the areas of health, safety, environment and community.

"We care for the environment" is a cornerstone statement in "Our Bond", which guides the decisions we make at BlueScope each day. We consider the potential impacts that we could make to land, air, water, waste, noise and energy as part of our normal business processes.

The safety of our people is our number one priority at BlueScope. Across the company, from our manufacturing and distribution sites to our offices, our focus is on Zero Harm. The results are very evident – we have now reached a point

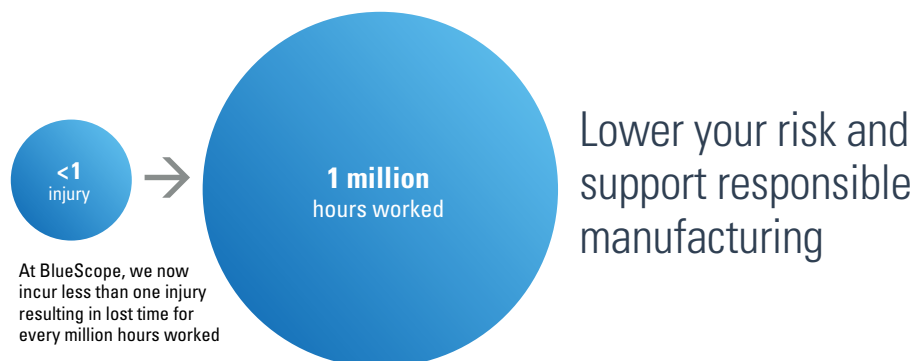
where we incur less than one injury resulting in lost time for every million hours worked, and our efforts have lowered the likelihood of injury across BlueScope's workforce.

As an Australian manufacturer, we are proud to contribute to local employment and economic growth, and to contribute to the wellbeing and prosperity of our community.

See Our Bond at <http://bluescope.com/about-us/our-bond>

### Find Out More

Refer to CSE Report at <http://bluescope.com/sustainability>



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### LCA Terminology

<b>Cradle to gate</b>	Scope of study extends from mining of natural resources to the completed product ready for shipping from the manufacturing dispatch “gate”, known as Modules A1-A3.
<b>Cradle to grave</b>	Scope of study extends from mining of natural resources to manufacture, use and disposal of products at End of Life, including all Modules A-D.
<b>End of life</b>	Post-use phase life cycle stages involving collection and processing of materials (eg scrap) and recycling or disposal, known as Modules C and D.
<b>BMT</b>	Base metal thickness of steel substrate.


### Glossary of Terms

Impact Category	Units	Description	Characterisation Method
Global warming (climate change) potential	kgCO <sub>2</sub> equiv	Contribution to the greenhouse effect, referred to as CO <sub>2</sub> e (carbon dioxide equivalent)	IPCC AR4
Stratospheric ozone depletion potential	kg CFC-11 equiv	Impact on the ozone layer	WMO 1999
Acidification potential of land and water	kg SO <sub>2</sub> equiv	Emissions which increase the acidity of the environment	CML
Eutrophication potential	kg PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> equiv	Addition of nutrients to a water system resulting in reduction of the oxygen available to support aquatic life	CML
Photochemical (tropospheric) ozone creation potential	kg C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> equiv	Contribution to air pollution in the form of smog	CML
Depletion of abiotic resources (elements/minerals)	kg Sb equiv	Impact of consuming non-renewable mineral resources	CML
Depletion of abiotic resources (fossil)	MJ net calorific value	Impact of consuming non-renewable fossil fuel resources	CML
Human toxicity <sup>1</sup>	kg 1,4DB equiv	Human health impact of chemical emissions	USEtox
Land use <sup>1</sup>	land transformation m <sup>2</sup>	Use of land that could be used or preserved for other purposes	UNEP/SETAC Land Use Indicator Value Calculation in LCA
Resource depletion – water <sup>1</sup>	m <sup>3</sup> water use related to local scarcity of water	Use of fresh water	Water Stress Indicator
Ionising radiation <sup>1</sup>	kg U-235 equivalent to air	Radioactive substances released to the environment	Human Health Effect Model
Particulate matter <sup>1</sup>	kg PM2.5 equivalent	Contribution to air pollution which can have respiratory effects	RiskPoll

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### Programme-related Information and Verification

<b>Programme:</b>	The Australasian EPD® Programme c/o Enviro-Mark Solutions Level 14 / Prime Property Tower 86-90 Lambton Quay, Wellington 6011, New Zealand  info@epd-australasia.com New Zealand Phone: 0800 366 733 Australia Phone: 1800 733 560  http://www.epd-australasia.com
<b>EPD Registration Number:</b>	S-P-00999
<b>Published:</b>	2017-03-27
<b>Valid Until:</b>	2022-03-27
<b>Revision Date:</b>	2017-03-27
<b>Product Category Rules:</b>	PCR 2012:01 Construction Products and CPC 54 Construction Services, v2.01
<b>Product Group Classification:</b>	UN CPC 41121 – Flat-rolled products of non alloy steel, not further worked than hot rolled, of a width of 600mm or more ANZSIC 2711 – Iron and Steel Manufacturing
<b>Reference Year for Data:</b>	2014-7-1 – 2015-6-30 (majority of data)
<b>Geographical Scope:</b>	Scope of EPD: Produced using Australian data. Application scope: International
<b>CEN standard EN 15804 served as the core PCR</b>	
<b>PCR:</b>	PCR 2012:01 Construction Products and CPC 54 Construction Services, v2.01
<b>PCR review was conducted by:</b>	The Technical Committee of the International EPD® System. Chair: Massimo Marino. Contact via info@environdec.com
<b>Independent Verification of the Declaration and Data, according to ISO 14025:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EPD process certification (Internal) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EPD verification (External)
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<b>Accredited or approved by:</b>	The Australasian EPD® Programme

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### Mandatory Statements

- This EPD covers life cycle stages A1-A3 plus C3, C4 and D. All other stages are dependent on the specific application of the product and should be included in a whole-of-life model.
- This EPD is verified to be compliant with EN 15804.
- EPD of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with EN 15804.
- EPDs within the same product category but from different programmes or utilising different PCRs may not be comparable.

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<b>Worldsteel Climate Action Programme Membership</b>	<a href="http://www.worldsteel.org/steel-by-topic/climate-change/members.html">http://www.worldsteel.org/steel-by-topic/climate-change/members.html</a>
<b>BlueScope Community, Safety and Environment Report</b>	<a href="http://www.bluescope.com/sustainability/publications">http://www.bluescope.com/sustainability/publications</a>
<b>BlueScope Community Website</b>	<a href="http://www.bluescopeillawarra.com.au">http://www.bluescopeillawarra.com.au</a>

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