

Environmental Product Declaration

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Steel reinforcing bar manufactured from iron ore

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Ternium is a leading company in Latin America that manufactures and processes a broad range of steel products using the most advanced technology. The company provides customers that operate in such diverse and essential steel consuming industries, such as construction, automotive and energy, as well as manufacturers of heavy and agricultural machinery, household appliances and packaging, among others.

Ternium and its subsidiaries have 17 production centers in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, and the United States. It is also part of the controlling group of Usiminas, a leading steelmaker of the Brazilian market

Ternium supplies with high quality steel all the main regional markets and it also promotes the development of its customers from the metallurgical industry.

The company's distinctive position is a result of its highly integrated production procedure.

Its facilities feature the whole manufacturing process of steelmaking, from the mining of iron ore to the production of high value added products.



With a yearly achievable production capacity of 12.3 million tons, Ternium's shares are listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange



"Our mission is to create value with our customers, improving competitiveness and productivity together, through a highly efficient industrial and technological base and a global commercial network. Ternium is committed to establishing a long term presence, through local development and education. "

-Daniel Novegil, Ternium's CEO 2017.

1. General information

Product	Steel rebar manufactured from iron ore
Name of the manufacturer	Ternium México S.A. de C.V.
Description of the construction product	Steel rebars used to reinforce concrete in the construction industry. The surface of the rebar is corrugated to limit the relative longitudinal movement between the steel and the surrounding concrete.
Declared unit	1 metric ton of steel rebar manufactured from iron ore, which is used as reinforcing steel for the construction industry.
Construction product identification	Central Product Classification: CPC 4124
Description of the main product components and or materials	Bars and rods, hot rolled, of iron or steel 100% low-alloyed steel manufactured using 70% iron ore (direct reduced iron) and 30% steel scrap as source of iron.
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2 The product

Steel rebar are used to reinforce concrete in the construction industry. The surface of the rebar is corrugated to limit the relative longitudinal movement between the steel and the surrounding concrete.

Steel reinforcing bar produced by Ternium Largos Puebla Works at San Miguel Xoxtla Puebla, is produced using iron ore as the main source of iron. The product is manufactured according to Mexican standard NMX-B506-CANACERO-2011 and U.S. standard ASTM A615/A615M-16.



The characteristics of steel reinforcing bars produced by Ternium Mexico are provided in the following Tables.

Physical dimensions

Designation number ^a	Nominal dimensions				Specification of shape		
	Caliber (inch.)	Diameter ^b (mm)	Perimeter (mm)	Cross-sectional area (mm ²)	Maximum average distance (mm)	Minimum average height (mm)	Maximum transversal distance (mm)
2.5	5/16	7.9	49	24.8	5.6	0.3	3.0
3	3/8	9.5	71	29.8	6.7	0.4	3.6
4	1/2	12.7	127	39.9	8.9	0.5	4.9
5	5/8	15.9	198	50.0	11.1	0.7	6.1
6	3/4	19.0	285	60.0	13.3	1.0	7.3
8	1	25.4	507	79.8	17.8	1.3	9.7
10	1 1/4	31.8	749	99.9	22.3	1.6	12.2
12	1 1/2	38.1	1 140	119.7	26.7	1.9	14.6

^a The designation number corresponds to the number of eighths of an inch.

^b The nominal diameter of a corrugated bar is equivalent to the diameter of a non-corrugated bar with the same nominal mass as the corrugated bar.

Bending test

Minimum bending diameter	Grade 42	Grade 52
Bar	Equation for minimum mandrel diameter	
2.5	3.5 x d	4.0 x d
3, 4 and 5	3.5 x d	5.0 x d
6 and 8	5.0 x d	5.0 x d
10	7.0 x d	7.0 x d
12	8.0 x d	8.0 x d

d = Nominal diameter (mm) of the bar.

Weight and nominal mass

Designation number	Caliber (inch.)	Nominal mass (kg per piece of 9.15 m)	Nominal weight (kg per piece of 12 m)	Nominal weight (kg/m)	Number of pieces per metric ton of product
2.5	0.31	---	4.60	0.38	2217 ± 7
3	0.38	5.10	6.70	0.56	149 ± 4
4	0.50	9.20	12.0	0.99	84 ± 2
5	0.63	14.3	18.7	1.55	54 ± 1
6	0.75	20.6	27.0	2.24	37 ± 1
8	1.00	36.4	47.7	3.97	21
10	1.25	57.0	74.7	6.23	13
12	1.50	81.8	107	8.94	9

Mass tolerance: +/- 6.0% per piece and +/-3.5% bulk regarding nominal weight (NMX-B506-CANACERO-2011 and ASTM A615/A615M-16). Note: This information is based on a 12 m-long bar.

Tensile strength

	Grade 42	Grade 52
Minimum tensile strength in N/mm ² (kgf/mm ²)	617 (63)	706 (72)
Minimum yield stress in N/mm ² (kgf/mm ²)	412 (42)	510 (52)
Designation number	Minimum elongation in 200 mm	Minimum elongation in 200 mm
2.5	9%	8%
3, 4, 5 and 6	9%	7%
8	8%	7%
10 and 12	7%	6%

Steel reinforcement bar is manufactured by Ternium Mexico according to specifications NMX-B506-CANACERO-2011 and ASTM A615/A615M-16.

Applications



3 Content declaration

A list of materials and chemical substances including information about their hazardous properties is provided next: Steel rebar manufactured in the Puebla Industrial Center of Ternium Mexico uses 70% iron ore (direct reduced iron) and 30% steel scrap as source of iron.

Material content in the product			
Material	Function	Weight (%)	Health class ¹
Low-alloyed steel	Reinforce concrete structures	100%	Non hazardous

¹ According to EN15804 declaration of material content of the product shall list Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) that are listed by European Chemicals Agency.

4 Declared unit

1 metric ton of steel rebar manufactured from iron ore, which is used as reinforcing steel for the construction industry.



5 Flow diagram and general system boundaries

Environmental potential impacts were calculated according to EN 15804:2012 and PCR 2012:01 Construction products and construction services Version 2.2 (2017-05-30). This EPD is in accordance with ISO 14025:2006.

The approach of this EPD is from the cradle to gate, as system boundary.

Environmental potential impacts were calculated through Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodology according to ISO 14040:2006 and ISO 14044:2006.

An external third party critical review process of the LCA was conducted according to ISO/TS 14071:2014.

The following Table describes the scope of the inventory performed in the LCA.

Life cycle environmental information of steel reinforcing bar manufactured from iron ore							Other environmental information
Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage	End of life stage	Reuse recovery stage
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1 - B7	C1 - C4	D
Production of raw materials, electricity generation and production of fuels used during manufacturing	Transport of raw materials, transport of ancillary materials to factory. Internal transport.	Production and consumption of ancillary materials, waste treatment, emissions to air and water	Product distribution	Construction and installation	Use, maintenance, repair, replacement, refurbishment, operational energy use, operational water use	De-construction, demolition, transport, waste processing, disposal	Re-use-Recovery-Recycling-potential
Included	Included	Included	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND

MND = Module not declared

Ternium Mexico collected primary (specific) data from annual internal records of the year 2016 for the following aspects:

- Manufacturing of iron pellet.
- Distance for transportation of raw materials and ancillary materials for steel reinforcing bar manufacturing.
- Raw materials consumption for manufacturing.
- Energy consumption for manufacturing
- Production yield and generation of by products
- Consumption of ancillary materials during manufacturing
- Waste generation and management strategies
- Emissions to air during manufacturing process
- Distance for transportation of waste to treatment




Secondary (generic) data for upstream processes were used for the following elements:

- Iron ore extraction process
- Consumption of fuels and emissions related to electricity production by independent providers.
- Energy and materials consumption and emissions related to the production of raw materials for steelmaking.
- Materials and energy consumption, emissions related to transport of raw materials and ancillary materials.
- Energy and materials consumption and emissions related to the production of ancillary inputs.
- Materials and energy consumption, emissions and waste management related to transport of waste.

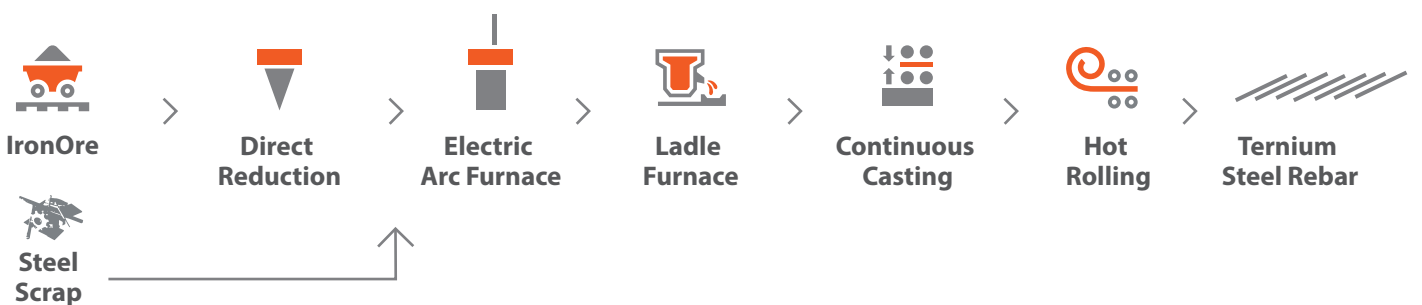
Electricity consumption was modeled considering the share of electricity from the grid and electricity from independent providers as declared by Ternium Mexico.

5.1 Description of information modules

Description of information modules included in this EPD is provided below:

		
A1) Raw materials supply	A2) Transportation	A3) Manufacturing
<p>Pre-processing of iron ore by suppliers.</p> <p>Extraction and processing of raw materials, for example: calcium carbide, coal, lime, graphite, ferroalloys.</p> <p>Production of packaging materials for raw materials, for example, metal drums for calcium carbide, sacks for coal, pallets, etc.</p> <p>Generation of electricity, including the electricity required to obtain raw materials and the electricity required during the manufacture of the rod.</p> <p>Production and processing of natural gas consumed during manufacturing.</p> <p>Steel scrap supply.</p>	<p>Transportation of raw materials from the production site to the industrial complex of San Miguel Xoxtla, Puebla.</p> <p>Transport of natural gas used as fuel during manufacturing.</p> <p>Transportation of auxiliary inputs for manufacturing such as oxygen, argon, nitrogen, oil, greases, tow, etc.</p>	<p>Emissions to air and water due to the manufacturing process of the rod.</p> <p>Production of auxiliary materials: oxygen, argon, nitrogen, oils, tow, etc.</p> <p>Treatment (or recycling) of the waste generated during the manufacturing process.</p> <p>Transportation of waste from the plant to the place of treatment (or recycling).</p>

Steel reinforcing bar is manufactured in the industrial centers located in San Miguel Xoxtla, Puebla. The production process flow is depicted in the following Figure:



5.2 Data quality assessment

The assessment of data quality is provided in this EPD

Module A1) Raw materials supply					
Data	Time related coverage	Geographic coverage	Technological coverage	Data source	Measured or estimated
Raw materials and energy consumption, waste generation and emissions for iron ore extraction	1999 - 2016	Europe adapted to Mexico	Modern	Ecoinvent 3 Adapted	M&E
Raw materials and energy consumption, waste generation and emissions for iron pellet manufacturing	2016	Mexico	Modern	Ternium Mexico	M
Energy consumption for scrap steel pre-processing	2018	Europe	Modern	Scrap steel processing equipment providers	E
Raw materials and energy consumption for steel reinforcing bar manufacturing.	2016	Mexico	Modern	Ternium Mexico	M
Consumption of fuels and emissions related to electricity production in Mexico at country level	2016	Mexico	Modern – Mexican energy mix	Mexicaniah	M&E
Consumption of fuels and emissions related to electricity production by independent providers	2000 - 2016	Mexico	Modern – Natural gas Combined cycle	Ecoinvent 3.3 adapted	M&E
Energy and materials consumption and emissions related to natural gas production in Mexico	2016	Mexico	Mix for Mexican	Mexicaniah	M&E
Energy and materials consumption and emissions related to the production of other raw materials for steelmaking	1990-2016	Europe	Modern	Ecoinvent 3.3	M&E

Module A2) Transportation					
Data	Time related coverage	Geographic coverage	Technological coverage	Data source	Measured or estimated
Distance for transportation of raw materials	2016	Mexico	Not applicable	Ternium Mexico	M
Distance for transportation of ancillary inputs	2016	Mexico	World average	Ternium Mexico	M
Materials and energy consumption, emissions and waste management related to transport of raw materials and ancillary materials.	1992-2014	World average based on Europe	based on Europe	Ecoinvent 3.3	M&E

Module A3) Manufacturing					
Data	Time related coverage	Geographic coverage	Technological coverage	Data source	Measured or estimated
Production yield and generation of by products	2016	Mexico	Modern	Ternium Mexico	M
Consumption of ancillary materials during manufacturing	2016	Mexico	Modern	Ternium Mexico	M&E
Energy and materials consumption and emissions related to the production of ancillary inputs	1990 - 2016	World average based on Europe	World average based on Europe	Ecoinvent 3.3	M&E
Waste generation during manufacturing process and management strategies	2016	Mexico	Modern	Ternium Mexico	M
Energy and materials consumption and emissions related to waste treatment process	1990 - 2016	World average based on Europe	World average based on Europe	Ecoinvent 3.3	M&E
Emissions to air during manufacturing process	2016	Mexico	Modern	Ternium Mexico EPA AP42	M
Distance for transportation of waste to treatment	2016	Mexico	Modern	Ternium Mexico and Google Maps	M&E
Materials and energy consumption, emissions and waste management related to transport of waste.	1992-2014	World average based on Europe	World average based on Europe	Ecoinvent 3.3	M&E

6 Environmental performance-related information

Since this is a Cradle to Gate EPD, reference service life is not specified.

6.1 Potential environmental impact

All individual information modules are reported separately. However, as supplement information a figure for the total impact across all phases is provided.

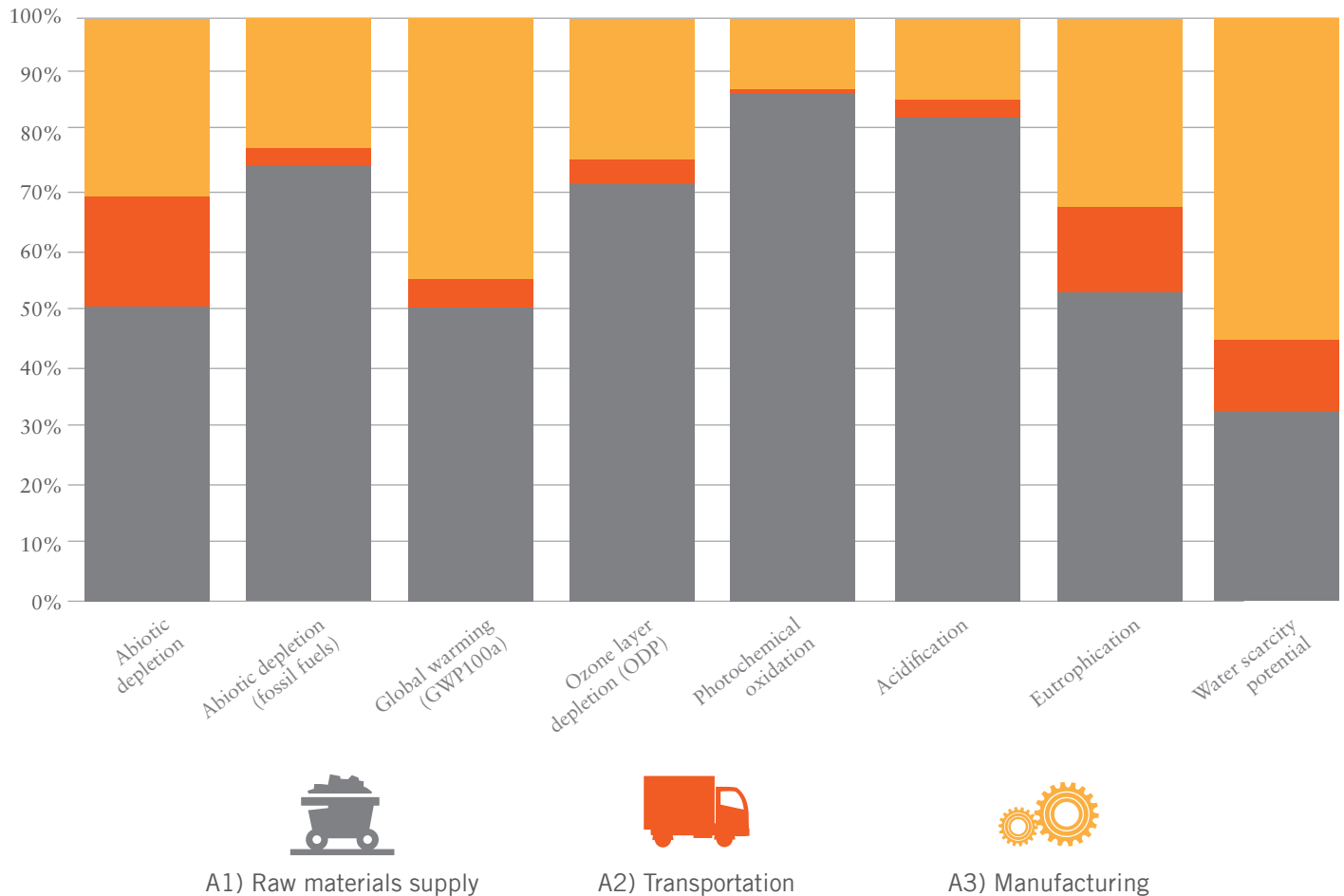
Parameters describing environmental potential impacts were calculated using CML-IA method version 3.04 (Guinee et al. 2001; Huijbregts et al. 2003; Wegener et al. 2008) as implemented in SimaPro 8.4. Water scarcity potential was calculated using AWARE method (Boulay et al. 2018).

Potential environmental impact

Impact Category	Unit	A1) Raw materials supply	A2) Transportation	A3) Manufacture	Total A1 - A3	A4 - A5, B1-B7, C1-C4, D
Abiotic depletion	kg Sb equiv	2.21E-04	8.10E-05	1.28E-04	4.31E-04	Modules not declared
	%	51.4%	18.8%	29.8%	100%	
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels)	MJ	15 997	734	4 658	21 389	
	%	74.8%	3.4%	21.8%	100%	
Global warming (GWP100a)	kg CO ₂ equiv	548	53	488	1 089	
	%	50.3%	4.9%	44.8%	100%	
Ozone layer depletion (ODP)	kg CFC-11 equiv	1.19E-04	7.69E-06	3.94E-05	1.66E-04	
	%	71.6%	4.6%	23.7%	100%	
Photochemical oxidation	kg C ₂ H ₄ eq	0.71	0.02	0.10	0.83	
	%	86.3%	2.0%	11.6%	100%	
Acidification	kg SO ₂ equiv	7.23	0.39	1.16	8.78	
	%	82.4%	4.4%	13.2%	100%	
Eutrophication	kg PO ₄ ⁻⁻⁻ eq	0.34	0.09	0.21	0.64	
	%	52.9%	14.4%	32.7%	100%	
Water scarcity potential	m ³ eq	9.2	3.6	15.3	28.1	
	%	32.6%	12.8%	54.5%	100.0%	

* Note: AWARE factor is linked to Ecosystem Water Requirement (EWR) which is calculated at global scale and does not account for specific local aspects due to limited data access. EWR is the most uncertain variable of the method (Boulay et al. 2018).

Potential environmental impact “Steel rebar manufactured from iron ore”



6.2 Use of resources

Environmental parameters describing the use of renewable and non-renewable material resources, renewable and non-renewable primary energy as well as the generation of materials for recycling or energy recovery are presented below: Parameters describing resource use were evaluated with the Cumulated Energy Demand method version 1.09 (Frischknecht et al. 2007) except for the indicator of use of net fresh water that was evaluated with ReCiPe 2016 (Huijbregts et al. 2017).

Parameter	Unit	Total A1 - A3	A1) Raw materials supply	A2) Transportation	A3) Manufacture	
					(direct)**	(indirect)**
Use of renewable primary energy	MJ	732	544	19	0	168
excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	%	100%	74%	3%	0%	23%
Use of renewable primary energy as raw materials	MJ	0	0	0	0	0
	%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total use of renewable primary energy resources	MJ	732	544	19	0	168
	%	100%	74%	3%	0%	23%
Use of non-renewable primary energy	MJ	18 395	16 284	772	0	1 339
excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	%	100%	89%	4%	0%	7%
Use of non-renewable primary energy used as raw materials	MJ	3 356	0	0	3 356	0
	%	100%	0%	0%	100%	0%
Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources	MJ	21 751	16 284	772	3 356	1 339
	%	100%	75%	4%	15%	6%
Use of secondary material	kg	259	0	0	259	0
	%	100%	0%	0%	100%	0%
Use of renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0	0	0	0	0
	%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0	0	0	0	0
	%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%
Use of net fresh water	m ³	11.8	1.1	0.2	3.5	7.0
	%	100%	10%	2%	30%	59%

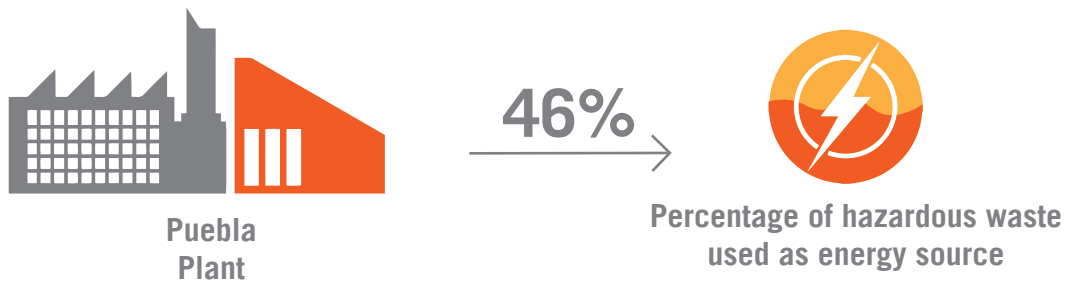
6.3 Other indicators describing waste categories

Environmental indicators describing waste generation are provided in this EPD. Environmental indicators describing waste generation were obtained from LCI except for background information which has been calculated using EDIP 2003 method (Hauschild and Potting, 2005).

Parameter	Unit	Total	A1) Raw materials supply	A2) Transportation	A3) Manufacturing (direct)**	A3) Manufacturing (Indirect)**
Hazardous waste	kg	18.2	8.18E-03	6.09E-04	18.1	5.58E-02
	%	100%	0%	0%	100%	0%
Non hazardous waste	kg	50.0	35.3	10.6	2.87E-02	4.0
	%	100%	71%	21%	0%	8%
Radioactive waste*	kg	2.58E-02	1.60E-02	4.33E-03	0	5.55E-03
	%	100%	62%	17%	0%	21%
Components for reuse	kg	0	0	0	0	0
	%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%
Materials for recycling	kg	256	0	0	256	0
	%	100%	0%	0%	100%	0%
Materials for energy recovery	kg	10.4	0	0	10.4	0
	%	100%	0%	0%	100%	0%
Exported electricity	MJ	0	0	0	0	0
	%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%
Exported heat	MJ	247	0	0	247	0
	%	100%	0%	0%	100%	0%

*No radioactive waste is produced during Ternium operations.

**The column "A3) Manufacturing (direct)" refers to direct data from Ternium operations. The column "A3) Manufacturing (indirect)" refers to background data regarding production of ancillary materials and other processes outside Ternium's facilities".



6.4 Additional environmental information

Ternium Mexico Puebla Works, is certified with ISO 14001 and with the Industria Limpia Award. Also, an environmental policy is kept in practice in all industrial centers of the company in Mexico.

Environment

Largos Puebla Plant of Ternium in Mexico participates in the National Voluntary Environmental Audit Program, by PROFEPA (Federal Office for Environment Protection), keeps

continuously its certification as a clean industry. This way, it is ensured that the reinforce bar manufacture processes comply with the current norms established to protect the environment.

Likewise, the Environment Management System of Largos Puebla Plant of Ternium is certified with ISO 14001 standard, in its latest version.

Quality

To ensure the quality of the reinforcing bar produced in Largos Puebla Plant of Ternium, the fabrication process is certified with ISO 9001 quality standard, in its latest version.

Additionally, the chemical and physical test labs are certified with ISO 17025 standard, as well in its latest version.

Sustainability and environment protection

Ternium produces 100% recyclable products, with the highest quality and minimal environmental impact. Recycling is an important part of the company's production process, as well as ensuring a long-term healthy link with the communities neighboring the production centers.

Ternium is deeply committed to sustainable development, so its actions are guided by an Environmental Policy that involves employees, shareholders, suppliers, customers and communities.

The company has a Environmental Management System that provides procedures, reviews and specific records for the proper operation, maintenance and control of facilities, as well as for the handling of substances in order to protect the environment.

Active participation

Ternium reports, since 2005, the CO₂ emissions to the World Steel Association. This garnered the distinction of the program "Climate Action Member". Additionally, it subscribed to the sustainability index report and also reports energetic consumption and personnel training. Likewise, the company is part of different groups concerned for the environment, main figure of the Entrepreneur World Board for Sustainable Development (National Chapters), the Latin American Steel Association (Alacero), World Steel Association, and diverse work commissions in various industrial associations. In Mexico, it participates through the related commissions with environmental topics and energy saving of the Nation Chamber of Iron and Steel (CANACERO), the Mining Chamber of Mexico (CAMIMEX), and the Institute for Environment Protection of Nuevo León (IPA NL).

Clean Industry

Ternium Mexico Largos Puebla Work has been recognized since 2000 for Mexican authorities with the "Clean Industry" award for successful improvement programs in health, safety and the environment and for conducting adequate engineering practices.

For the production of steel reinforcing bar in Largos Puebla Plant, Ternium has the certificate of Environmental Management System.

6.5 Specific statements about this EPD

a) Geographical coverage: Mexico.

b) Scope of the EPD: This EPD only covers the Cradle to Gate life cycle stages because other stages are very dependent on particular scenarios and are better developed for specific building or construction works

c) EPD Comparison:

a. EPD of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with EN 15804

b. Environmental product declarations within the same product category from different programs may not be comparable

d) Additional information can be provided on the request of the customer.

e) Allocation rules:

a. Allocation for co-products: The first allocation procedure was performed so that it reflects the way in which the inputs and outputs change by quantitative changes in the products (or functions) delivered by the system. In this case, a mass-basis allocation procedure was applied when co-products are present in a process.

Process	By-product
Direct reduction	Iron dust, REDI sludge and CO ₂ .
Steelmaking	Slag and steel dust
Hot rolling	Steel scale

a. It was assumed a distance of 248 km for transportation of natural gas according to the location of the nearest Natural Gas Processing Center.

b. Allocation for recycling: Allocation of recycled material known as open loop recycling, is reported in the inventory under the Polluters Pay (PP) allocation method. In the PP allocation method, the exact boundary settings between the first and the next product systems are defined by the willingness to pay for the recycled material. This implies that for inflow of recycled material to the product system, the recycling process and the transportation from the recycling process to where the material is used were included. If an outflow of material to recycling was reported, the transportation of the material to a sorting facility or recycling process was included.

f) Cut off criteria applied in the EPD:

a. Environmental impact from construction, production equipment, and tools that are not directly consumed in the production process are not accounted for in the LCI.

b. Personnel-related impacts, such as transportation to and from work, are also not accounted for in the LCI.

g) Key assumptions of the LCA:

a. It was assumed that natural gas consumed in the manufacturing process is produced in the industrial gas processing center Matapionche, located in Cotaxtla, Veracruz.

b. It was assumed that tow and rags leave the system in the form of impregnated textile and that they have the capacity to absorb 55% of their weight.

7 Verification and registration

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