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To: All Nucor Customers



### Re: 2007 Recycled Content of Nucor Steel Products

Nucor Corporation is the nation's largest recycler, using over 20 million tons of scrap steel in 2007 to create new products. Nucor uses Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) technology at all of its steel recycling facilities. EAFs use post-consumer scrap steel material for the major feedstock, unlike blast furnace operations which use mined iron ore as the major feedstock. Nucor has prepared the following information to help calculate the recycled content for products being used in "Green Building" applications or for projects in the LEED<sup>®</sup> program. Percentages are approximate and based on the total weight of the products. Calculations are based on 2007 scrap steel delivered and finished materials produced and are defined in accordance with ISO 14021:1999. Values do not consider home scrap or scrap generated onsite. Specific product information may be available from facility representatives.

2007 Recycled Steel Content of Nucor Products (% by Total Weight)				
Product Group	Average Recycled Content			
Nucor Bar Products	>99.7%			
Nucor Beam Products	74%			
Nucor Plate Products	77%			
Nucor Sheet Products	68%			
Total Nucor Steel Combined	87.3%			
Vulcraft Structural Products	>99.7%			
Vulcraft Decking	68%			
Nucor Building Systems Products	87%			
NUCON Light Gauge Framing	68%			
Nucor Fastener Products	>99.7%			
Nucor Wire Products	>99.7%			
Nucor Cold Finish	>99.7%			

## Recycled Content – LEED Version 2.2 Credit 4.1 and 4.2

## **<u>Regional Materials</u>** – LEED Version 2.2 Credit 5.1 and 5.2

Nucor tracks the origin of scrap shipments to our mills. Nucor can approximate the amount of scrap extracted from any project site region. Nucor owns steel and steel products manufacturing facilities throughout the US that are within 500 miles of almost any project site. Please refer to our <u>LEED contact list</u>, and contact the specific Nucor representative at the facility directly.

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**Bar Mill Group** – Darlington, SC; Norfolk, NE; Jewett, TX; Plymouth, UT; Auburn, NY; Birmingham, AL; Kankakee, IL; Jackson, MS; Seattle, WA; Marion, OH

2007 Approximate Recycled Steel Content Of All Nucor Bar Mill Group Products <sup>(*)</sup>				
Facility	Total Scrap	Total Alloys and	Total Post-consumer	Total Pre-consumer
	Steel Used	Other Iron Units	Recycled Content	Recycled Content
All	>99.7%	<1%	87%	13%

The Nucor Bar Mill Group produces rebar, angles, flats, rounds and other miscellaneous shapes. The bar mill group uses recycled scrap steel for over 99% of the feedstock.

2007 Approximate Recycled Steel Content Of Nucor Sheet Mill Group Products <sup>(*)</sup>				
Facility	Total Scrap Steel Used	Total Alloys and Other Iron Units	Total Post Consumer Recycled Content	Total Pre-consumer Recycled Content
Crawfordsville, IN	84%	16%	73%	14%
Hickman, AR	63%	37%	55%	8%
Berkeley, SC	57%	43%	50%	7%
Decatur, AL	68%	32%	59%	9%

Sheet Mill Group - Crawfordsville, IN; Hickman, AR; Huger, SC; Decatur, AL

The Nucor Sheet Mill Group produces hot band, cold rolled, pickled and galvanized products. Nucor Sheet mills use varying amounts of recycled materials depending on metallurgical product demands and market conditions. The combined sheet mill total recycled content is approximately 68%.

#### Beam Group - Blytheville, AR; Huger, SC

2007 Approximate Recycled Steel Content of Beam Mill Products <sup>(*)</sup>				
Facility	Total Scrap	Total Alloys and	Total Post Consumer	Total Pre-consumer
Taemty	Steel Used	Other Iron Units	Recycled Content	Recycled Content
Nucor Yamato Steel,	91%	9%	79%	12%
Blytheville, AR				
Nucor Berkeley,	570/	420/	500/	7%
Huger, SC	57%	43%	50%	1%0

Nucor Beam mills produce narrow and wide flange structural beams. Nucor Yamato uses approximately 91% scrap steel for their feedstock. Nucor Steel Berkeley uses a higher percentage of non-scrap iron due to metallurgical product demands for sheet steel produced using the same EAF's. The combined beam mill recycled content is approximately 74%.

#### Plate Group - Hertford County, NC, Tuscaloosa, AL

2007 Approximate Recycled Steel Content of Plate Mill Products <sup>(*)</sup>				
Facility	Total Scrap Steel Used	Total Alloys and Other Iron Units	Total Post Consumer Recycled Content	Total Pre-consumer Recycled Content
Hertford County, NC	91%	9%	79%	12%
Tuscaloosa, AL	64%	36%	56%	8%

The Nucor Plate mills produce steel for heavy industry equipment. The combined plate mill recycled content by weight is approximately 78%.

(\*) Studies show that the recycled steel used for Nucor products consists of approximately 87% post-consumer scrap. The remaining 13% typically consists of pre-consumer scrap generated by manufacturing processes for products made with steel.

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**Vulcraft Group** – Florence, SC; Norfolk, NE; Brigham City, UT; Grapeland, TX; St. Joe, IN; Fort Payne, AL; Chemung, NY; **Verco Decking, Inc**. – Phoenix, AZ; Fontana, CA; Antioch, CA

**Joists -** The bar steel for most Vulcraft joists is obtained from one of the nine Nucor bar mills that use over 99% scrap steel as their feedstock. A breakdown of the recycled content of Nucor bar mill products is detailed above. Vulcraft facilities may receive steel from sources outside of Nucor that may contain lower amounts of recycled steel. Specific product information is available from facility representatives.

**Deck** – Steel for decking produced by Vulcraft facilities are typically obtained from one of the four Nucor sheet mills. A breakdown of the recycled content of Nucor sheet mill products is detailed above. Vulcraft deck products contain approximately 68% recycled steel. Verco Decking, Inc. may obtain steel from sources outside of Nucor that may contain lower amounts of recycled content; specific product information is available from facility representatives.

## **Products Group** -

- Nucor Building Systems Swansea, SC; Waterloo, IN; Terrell, TX; American Buildings Company\*\* – Eufaula, AL; La Crosse, VA; Carson City, NV; El Paso, IL; Kirby Building Systems \*\* – Portland, TN; Gulf States Manufacturer\*\* – Starkville, MS; CBC Steel – Lathrop, CA;
- NUCON Steel Denton, TX; Dallas, GA
- Nucor Fastener St. Joe IN
- Nucor Wire Products Pennsylvania\*\* New Salem, PA; Nucor Steel Connecticut Wallingford, CT; LMP Steel\*\* Maryville, MO;
- Nucor Cold Finish Milwaukee, WI; Swansea, SC; Brigham City, UT; Norfolk, NE

**Nucor Building Systems** (Including American Buildings Company, Kirby Building Systems, Gulf States Manufacturer and CBC Steel) – Nucor Building Systems products may contain steel from all of the Nucor steel mills including sheet, plate, bar and beam. The average amount of recycled steel used in Nucor Building Systems products is approximately 87%. Nucor Building System facilities may obtain steel from sources outside of Nucor that may contain lower amounts of recycled content; specific product information is available from facility representatives.

**NUCONSTEEL**- NUCONSTEEL light gauge steel framing products are typically obtained from one of the four Nucor sheet mills. A breakdown of the recycled content of Nucor sheet mill products is detailed above. NUCON products contain approximately 68% recycled steel.

**Nucor Fastener** – Steel for fasteners is typically obtained from Nucor bar mills that use scrap steel as their feedstock. Some fasteners may contain high percentages of alloys that may reduce the total recycled content of the products, but Nucor Fastener products typically contain over 99% recycled materials.

**Nucor Wire Products Pennsylvania, Nucor Connecticut, LMP Steel** – Steel for wire is typically obtained from a Nucor bar mill that uses scrap as the feedstock. Nucor wire products contain over 99% recycled materials over 99% recycled steel.

**Nucor Cold Finish** – Steel processed at Nucor Cold Finish is typically obtained from Nucor bar mills. The Nucor Cold Finish is over 99% recycled steel. Nucor Cold Finish facilities may obtain steel from sources outside of Nucor that may contain lower amounts of recycled content. Specific product information is available from facility representatives.

Additional information is available online through the Steel Recycling Institute at <u>http://www.recycle-steel.org.</u>

(\*\*) Facilities were acquired by Nucor Corporation in 2007. Information for this facility is only for the time period after the facility was acquired as a Nucor facility.