

# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

COLD-ROLLED
REINFORCING STEEL AND
ELECTROWELDED MESH









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# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **EPD REFERENCES**

EPD OWNER: ALFA ACCIAI, VIA SAN POLO 152, 25134, BRESCIA – ITALY; MANUFACTURING PLANTS ARE LOCATED IN BRESCIA (ITALY) AND MONTIRONE (ITALY)

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#### **INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION**

This declaration has been developed referring to the EPDItaly, following the last version of "Regolamento di EPDItaly"; further information and the document itself are available at: www.epditaly.it. EPD document valid within the following geographical area: Italy and other countries worldwide according to sales market conditions.

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or almost 70 years, the Alfa Acciai Group has been one of the leading Italian and European producers of reinforced concrete steel and wire rod, with 1,200 employees and with a total production capacity of 2.5 million tons per year and today represents a technologically advanced reality, attentive to the environment and present throughout the steel supply chain.

The Group is characterized by a marked industrial flexibility and maximum operational efficiency upstream and downstream of the smelting process, responds successfully to the continuous changes in the national and foreign steel market and to the growing attention of citizens towards environmental issues and always maintains high attention to its collaborators and customers.

# ALFA ACCIAI

**ALFA ACCIAI**, the Brescia-based parent company, is one of the leader and major producer of steel for reinforced concrete and wire rod in Italy and Europe.

The production process in the EAF (electric arc furnace) steel mill sites involves two EAF (electric arc furnaces) followed by 2 LF (ladle furnaces), 2 continuous casting machines (10 lines) and a shredder for proler production. Hot rolling is equipped with two bars and spool mills and a wire rod mill. The production cycle is completed by cold rolling mills that produce welded wire mesh and recoiled wire.



ACCIAIERIA DI SICILIA located in the industrial area of Catania, has been part of the Alfa Acciai Group since 1998, is the only steel mill in Sicily and is located in the heart of the Mediterranean. It is one of the main industrial centers of the Region and is characterized by a strong export vocation thanks to its proximity to significant port infrastructures. The company stands out for its constant technological innovation and steel know-how, factors that guarantee increasingly high-quality standards, respecting the environment and the health and safety of its employees.

The production process includes an EAF (electric arc furnace), a continuous casting machine (4 lines) and a hot rolling mill to produce bars and spool.



**TECNOFIL**, located in Gottolengo (BS), has been part of the Alfa Acciai Group since September 2016.

The company is a drawing mill that has the largest galvanizing plant in Italy and among the largest in Europe and completes the production chain of wire rod downstream.

It produces galvanized wires and tapes, , alu-zinc and bright wire fzinc aluminum and polished wires for use in construction, household appliances, automotive and numerous other applications of everyday life.

Over the years the company has significantly expanded its overall production capacity (currently over 100,000 tons / year) and the range of products to be offered on the market.

#### **GERROBERICA**

**FERRO BERICA** has been part of the Alfa Acciai Group since September 2016 and has 4 operational sites located in: Vicenza, Montirone (BS), Catania and Sedegliano (UD).

The company is the largest Italian player (second in Europe) in the pre-shaping and assembly of reinforced concrete bars destinates to the main construction companies for use in structural works.

Ferroberica thanks to the know-how acquired, reliability in supplies, competitiveness on the market and attention to quality and customer care, represents a cutting-edge production reality, equipped with latest generation machinery and with an annual production capacity of more than 300,000 tons.







# **SCOPE AND TYPE OF EPD**

#### THE APPROACH USED IN THIS EPD IS "CRADLE TO GATE WITH OPTIONS" ONE

#### TABLE OF MODULES

	PRODUCT STAGE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE				CESS	USE STAGE								ND OF L	IFE STAGE	:	BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARIES
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from the gate to the site	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De- construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse - Recovery - Recycling potential
MODULE	A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	В4	B5	В6	В7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Module declared	Х	Х	Х	х	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Geography	IT	ΙΤ	ΙΤ	WLD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	WLD	WLD	WLD	WLD	WLD
Specific data used		> 90%	•••••	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation-products	NOT RELEVANT			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation-sites	NOT RELEVANT			-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**SOFTWARE:** SimaPro ver. 9.5 **MAIN DATABASE:** Ecoinvent 3.9.1

REPORT LCA: Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) for hot and cold rolled structural steel and for Sinstone recycled aggregate produced by Alfa Acciai for EPD® purposes - Final Report

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE OF THE EPD: World according to sales market conditions

**TYPE OF EPD**: specific for cold rolled steel products







# 2. THE PRODUCT



#### **COLD-ROLLED REINFORCING STEEL ELECTROWELDED MESH**

This EPD refers to construction products, cold rolled structural steel recoiled wires and electrowelded meshes, produced at Alfa Acciai plants placed in Brescia (Italy) and Montirone (Italy), with electric arc furnace route, starting from post and pre consumer steel scraps. The homogeneous and repeatable mechanical features of steel guarantee excellent performance in any type of construction and geographical area, since they have high ductility.

The production of electrowelded mesh involves recoiling on independent processing lines equipped with unwinding stations, untangling benches, gear blocks, straightening benches and spoolers, followed by assembling on fully automated lines, each consisting of a series of lengthwise and crosswise wire uncoiling and gearing devices, a multiple electrowelding bench, and downstream equipment for packaging, strapping and storage of the packs of finished panels.

EPD reference products have a chemical composition in compliance with national regulation of destination countries where they are sent. In general, the main materials of the final product are: iron > 96%; alloy elements (e.g. manganese, silicon, carbon) 2% c.a.; other elements (e.g. copper, nickel, chromium), complementary to 100%.

#### **DECLARED UNIT**

According to EN:15804, the declared unit is 1 ton of cold rolled product

INFORMATION	DESCRIPTION							
Product identification	Cold rolled reinforcing steel and electrowelded mesh							
Product features	Coils: Diameters from 6 mm to 16 mm Weight: from 2 100 kg to 5 000 kg Electrowelded mesh: Diameters from 4.5 to 12 mm Length: from 2.00 to 2.40 m Width: from 3 to 6 m Weight: from 9.24 to 177.70 kg							
	Steel coming from post and pre consumer steel scraps produced in electric arc furnace route (EAF) and further hot and cold rolling processes							
	Adherence and surface geometry $f_R$ or $f_p$ :  - for $5 \le \emptyset \le 6$ mm $f_R$ or $f_p$ 0.035;  - for $6 < \emptyset \le 12$ mm $f_R$ or $f_p$ 0.040;  - for $\emptyset > 12$ mm $f_R$ or $f_p$ 0.056.							
Product properties	Weldability: C <sub>eq</sub> < 0.52							
(under EN 10080:2005)	Typical yield stress: 400 MPa ≤ Cv ≤ 600 MPa							
	Elongation: Agt > 5%							
	Successful in bend and rebend test							
	Successful in strength test and oligocyclic strength test							
	Total production of EPD covered products, year 2022: 265 264 t							
	Total production, for selling purpose, year 2022: 265 264 t							
	On-site air emission control system							
Plant features	On-site waste water control system							
	On-site system to recycle water used in process							
	In/out materials/products and melting process monitored to prevent nuclear radiation							
	Plant air emissions accounted under ETS (Emission Trading System)							







# **ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE**

The detailed environmental performance (in terms of use of resources, pollutant emissions and waste generation) is presented for the three phases, <u>Upstream</u>, <u>Core</u> and <u>Downstream</u> and related sub-phases (A1-A2-A3-A4-C1-C2-C3-C4-D). The numbers reported in the following tables are the outcome of rounding. For this reason total results could slightly differ from the sum of contributions of the different phases. The energy sources behind the electricity grid used in manufacturing is the italian residual mix 0,457 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq./kWh (AIB report May 2023) to which LCE adds emissions related to network losses and transformation

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS												
TABLE OF		UPSTREAM	CORE PROCESS			DOWNSTREAM						
MODULES POTENTIAL	UNITS / D.U.	A1	A2	A3	A1:A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS		\(\begin{align*} \cdot \\ \cdo		11							<b>44</b> 0	
GWP	kg CO₂ eq	5,92E+02	2,69E+01	1,45E+02	7,64E+02	3,30E+01	5,38E+01	1,82E+01	2,36E+00	2,78E-01	1,54E+02	
GWP,f	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	5,92E+02	2,69E+01	1,44E+02	7,63E+02	3,30E+01	5,38E+01	1,82E+01	2,35E+00	2,78E-01	1,54E+02	
GWP,b	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	3,51E-01	1,98E-03	1,83E-01	5,36E-01	8,41E-03	3,94E-03	1,34E-03	7,09E-03	3,59E-05	1,44E-02	
GWP,luluc	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1,56E-01	5,20E-04	6,78E-02	2,25E-01	2,93E-03	2,16E-03	3,52E-04	5,79E-03	1,36E-05	1,41E-02	
GWP,ghg	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	5,92E+02	2,69E+01	1,45E+02	7,64E+02	3,30E+01	5,38E+01	1,82E+01	2,36E+00	2,78E-01	1,54E+02	
ODP	kg CFC11 eq	1,43E-05	5,73E-07	5,29E-07	1,54E-05	6,92E-07	8,29E-07	3,88E-07	1,44E-08	4,02E-09	2,77E-06	
AP	mol H+ eq	2,03E+00	5,34E-02	3,50E-01	2,43E+00	9,58E-02	5,04E-01	3,59E-02	1,12E-02	2,51E-03	5,73E-01	
EP,f	kg P eq	1,16E-02	2,09E-05	2,71E-03	1,43E-02	1,16E-04	4,50E-05	1,41E-05	1,16E-04	9,54E-07	6,48E-03	
EP,m	kg N eq	3,93E-01	1,87E-02	1,40E-01	5,52E-01	3,00E-02	2,37E-01	1,26E-02	2,16E-03	1,14E-03	1,13E-01	
EP,t	mol N eq	4,38E+00	1,94E-01	1,43E+00	6,01E+00	3,18E-01	2,57E+00	1,31E-01	2,38E-02	1,24E-02	1,31E+00	
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	1,89E+00	8,97E-02	3,72E-01	2,35E+00	1,29E-01	7,57E-01	6,06E-02	7,15E-03	3,71E-03	7,00E-01	
ADPE*	kg Sb eq	1,42E-04	9,12E-07	2,32E-06	1,46E-04	1,12E-06	2,21E-06	6,18E-07	6,57E-08	1,07E-08	1,30E-03	
ADPF*	MJ	1,06E+04	3,47E+02	7,91E+02	1,17E+04	4,37E+02	6,80E+02	2,35E+02	3,96E+01	3,48E+00	1,88E+03	
WDP*	m³	3,78E+01	3,25E-01	1,55E+02	1,93E+02	6,01E-01	8,92E-01	2,20E-01	4,19E-01	4,82E-03	1,80E+01	

Additional environmental impact indicators are computed in the LCA report but not reported in the EPD.

**GWP** Global warming potential, total

GWP,f Global warming potential, fossil

GWP,b Global warming potential, biogenic

GWP, luluc Global warming potential, land use & land use change

**ODP** Ozone depletion potential

**AP** Acidification Potential

EP,f Eutrophication potential, freshwater

**EP,m** Eutrophication potential, marine

EP,t Eutrophication potential, terrestrial

**POCP** Photochemical ozone creation potential

**ADPE** Abiotic depletion potential minerals & metals

**ADPF** Abiotic depletion potential fossil fuels

WDP Water use deprivation potential





<sup>\*</sup>The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experience with the indicator.



RESOURCE USE PER DECLARED UNIT													
, use of		UPSTREAM	CORE P	ROCESS			DOWNSTREAM						
USE OF RENEWABLE	UNITS / D.U.	A1	A2	А3	A1:A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D		
MATERIAL RESOURCES		0-0		<u> </u>							<b>44</b> 0		
PERE	[MJ]	5,24E+02	9,28E-01	1,22E+02	6,47E+02	5,09E+00	1,35E+00	6,28E-01	4,34E+00	1,55E-02	1,06E+02		
PERM	[MJ]	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00		
PERT	[MJ]	5,24E+02	9,28E-01	1,22E+02	6,47E+02	5,09E+00	1,35E+00	6,28E-01	4,34E+00	1,55E-02	1,06E+02		
PENRE	[MJ]	1,02E+04	3,57E+02	7,87E+02	1,14E+04	4,49E+02	7,00E+02	2,42E+02	4,01E+01	3,57E+00	1,89E+03		
PENRM	[MJ]	4,34E+02	0,00E+00	1,63E+01	4,50E+02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00		
PENRT	[MJ]	1,06E+04	3,57E+02	8,03E+02	1,18E+04	4,49E+02	7,00E+02	2,42E+02	4,01E+01	3,57E+00	1,89E+03		
SM	[kg]	1,49E+03	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,49E+03	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00		
RSF	[MJ]	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00		
NRSF	[MJ]	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00		
FW	[m³]	1,25E+00	1,48E-02	3,91E+00	5,17E+00	3,37E-02	3,44E-02	1,00E-02	1,76E-02	1,82E-04	3,60E-01		

PERE Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials

**PERM** Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials

**PERT** Total use of renewable primary energy resources

PENRE Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials

**PENRM** Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials

**PENRT** Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources

**SM** Use of secondary raw materials

**RSF** Use of renewable secondary fuels

NRSF Use of non-renewable secondary fuels

FW Use of net fresh water







OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE CATEGORIES												
	UNITS / D.U.	UPSTREAM CORE PROCESS					DOWNSTREAM					
WASTE GENERATION		A1	A2 A3		A1:A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
AND TREATMENT		\(\begin{align*} \cdot \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\		<u> </u>							<b>44</b> 0	
HWD	[kg]	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,76E+00	2,76E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	
NHWD	[kg]	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	8,11E+01	8,11E+01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,00E+02	0,00E+00	
RWD	[kg]	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	
CRU	[kg]	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	
MFR	[kg]	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,19E+02	2,19E+02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	9,00E+02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	
MER	[kg]	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	
EE	[MJ]	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	









# 3. CALCULATION RULES

The environmental burden of the product has been calculated according to EN 15804:2012+A2:2019¹ and PCR ICMQ-001/15 v3. This declaration is a cradle to gate with options EPD type, based on the application of Life Cycle Assessment² (LCA) methodology to the whole life-cycle system.

In the whole LCA model, infrastructures and production equipments are not taken into account.

Cold rolled steel products at plant level were described by using specific data from manufacturing facilities placed in Brescia (Italy) and Montirone (Italy) for year 2022.

Customized LCA questionnaires were used to gather in-depth information about all aspects of the production system (for example, raw materials contents and specifications, pre treatments, process efficiencies, air and water emissions, waste management), in order to provide a complete picture of the environmental burden of the system from raw materials supply (A1) to Transport (A2) and Manufacturing (A3).

The use phase was not considered according to EN:15804 and PCR ICMQ-001/15 v3, while transport to final destination (A4) and end of life phases (C1-C2-C3-C4-D) were considered. The product is designed for being incorporated into concrete structures. Therefore, in nominal installation and operating conditions, no emissions to air nor to water shall occur.

According to ISO 14040 and 14044, allocation is avoided whenever possible by dividing the system into subsystems. When allocation cannot be avoided physical properties are used to drive flow analysis.

Data quality has been assessed and validated during data collection process.

According to EN:15804 the applied cut-off criterion for mass and energy flows is 1%.

<sup>1</sup>EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 Sustainability of construction works - Environmental product declarations Core rules for the product category of construction products.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The LCA methodology is standardized at international level by ISO 14040 and ISO 14044.



# 4. SCENARIOS AND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION



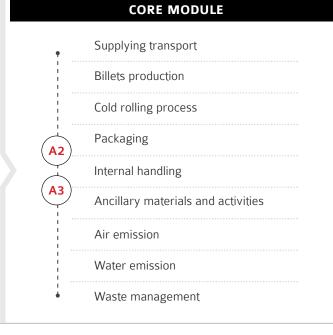




DOWNSTREAM



# Scrap pretreatment Shearing Shredding Sorting Raw material and Energy production



	DOWNSTREAM PROCESS
<b>A4</b>	Distribution
<b>C1</b>	De-construction demolition
<b>C2</b>	Transport
<b>C3</b>	Waste processing
<b>C4</b>	Disposal
D	Reuse - Recovery - Recycling potential

Broad scheme of hot-rolled reinforcing steel for concrete production, in which the main activities included in the system boundaries, are listed and divided in the three subsystems: **UPSTREAM** Process, **CORE** Module and **DOWNSTREAM** Process.







# **UPSTREAM PROCESS**



**CORE** 



**DOWNSTREAM** 



Scheme of the considered system boundaries (upstream processes).



Steel scrap collection (shredded both in external and internal plants) and other raw materials production



Production of alloy elements



Generation of electricity and other fuels from primary and from secondary energy resources (excluding waste treatments)



Specific secondary materials pre-treatments, where appropriate









# **CORE PROCESS**



CORE

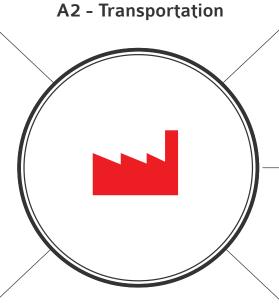


**DOWNSTREAM** 





Raw materials transportation from production or collection facilities to the production plant and internal transportation



Rolling mill, production, including utilities



Packaging materials



Steel mill production, including utilities

A3 - Manufacturing

Treatment of waste generated from the manufacturing processes the manufacturing processes









# **DOWNSTREAM PROCESS**



CORE



**DOWNSTREAM** 















## A4 Distribution

Transport to the customers (general market average). Distances estimated considering the transported quantities and the distances from Brescia plant to the client. From Brescia (in the North of Italy) final products are delivered to many national (48% of the total sold product) and international areas such as Germany, France and Austria, mentioning the main countries.

The means of transport used to deliver steel bars and coils are truck and freight ship.

# C1 De-construction demolition

Dismantling and demolition operations required to remove the product from the building. Initial onsite sorting of the materials is included as well.

### C2 Transport

Transportation of the discarded product as part of the waste processing (to recycling site or to a final disposal site).

#### C3 Waste processing

Waste processing, including collection of waste fraction from deconstruction and waste processing of material flows intended for reuse, recycling and energy recovery.

### C4 Disposal

Waste disposal including physical pre-treatment and management of the disposal site.

#### D Reuse - Recovery -Recycling potential

Environmental impacts associated to waste use after the investigated system (including recycling).

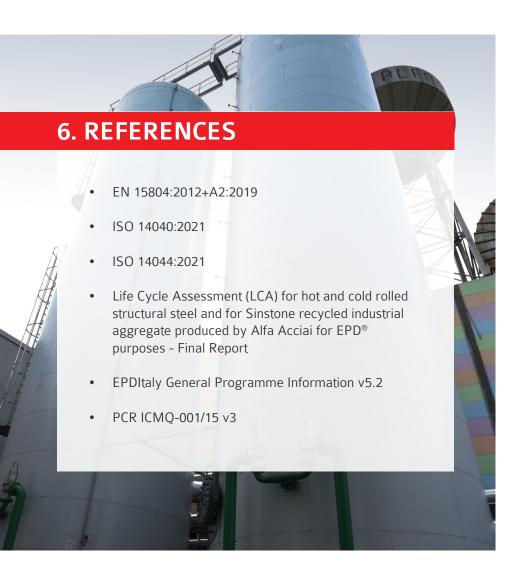
In this module impacts arising from steel recycling are accounted, including avoided impacts associated to primary steel production. The result is expressed as net value between direct impact (i.e. recycling steel in EAF furnace) and avoided impact (i.e. producing steel from iron ore in BOF furnace).







# 5. OTHER OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION



#### OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ALFA ACCIAI PLANT

The production process involves scrap melting in the two electric arc furnaces (EAFs) with a total annual production capacity of about 2,000,000 tonnes, liquid steel tapping and secondary metallurgical processing in the two ladle furnaces, and finally casting in the two 5-line continuous casting machines. Alfa Acciai plant is equipped with powerful off-gas filtering system for both furnaces with active carbons injection to prevent and reduce the organic micro pollutants in air emissions (PCDD /F and PCB). Alfa Acciai in Brescia is a model of circular economy as through the rational consumption of materials and recycling strategies it minimizes the use of raw natural resources and enhances the residues produced. In recent years, environmental issues have assumed increasing importance worldwide, Alfa Acciai has shown itself to be sensitive to these aspects, undertaking actions aimed at reducing its impact. Among the main projects the following stand out:

- SmartGrid Pilot Project recovers heat from the offgas plant cooling system serving the furnaces at the steel mill and through an highly energy-efficient heat exchange system connects the Alfa Acciai process and the A2A district heating network. Thanks to this plant more than 6,000 residential units should be heated and at the same time reduces heat loss into the atmosphere and make-up water consumption;
- Decarbonisation, achieved among other, through the partial replacement of the coal and its derivatives, in the EAF process, with recycled polymers reach in biomass carbon with the aim of reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions;
- Energy efficiency, through the implementation of initiatives geared towards optimising the use
  of energy resources and reducing consumption, e.g., through energy optimisation processes
  based on the recovery of heat generated by industrial facilities and increased use of energy from
  renewable sources.

Content of recycled materials ≥ 99,0% (Certified by ICMQ SpA following UNI/PdR 88:2020)



