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# Environmental Product Declaration

In accordance with  
ISO 14025 and EN 50693



## Vista Underground Distribution Switchgear

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equipped with electrical  
switching etc. apparatus,  
for electric control or the  
distribution of electricity, for a  
voltage exceeding 1000 V

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### EPD OWNER

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### YEAR OF REPORTED PRIMARY DATA

2021

### MARKET APPLICABILITY

Brazil

### CPC CODE

46214 - BOARDS, CONSOLES, CABINETS AND OTHER BASES, EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRICAL SWITCHING ETC. APPARATUS, FOR ELECTRIC CONTROL OR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FOR A VOLTAGE EXCEEDING 1000 V

### APPLICATION FIELD

Primary distribution transformer cabins

### REFERENCE PCR - PROJECT DOCUMENTS

EPDITALY007 (core PCR, rev2 21/10/2020) and EPDItaly 015, rev 1.5 23/02/2022

Regolamento del Programma EPDItaly - v. 5.2 - 16/02/2022

EN 50693:2019 Product category rules for life cycle assessments of electronic and electrical products and systems (2019/08/30)

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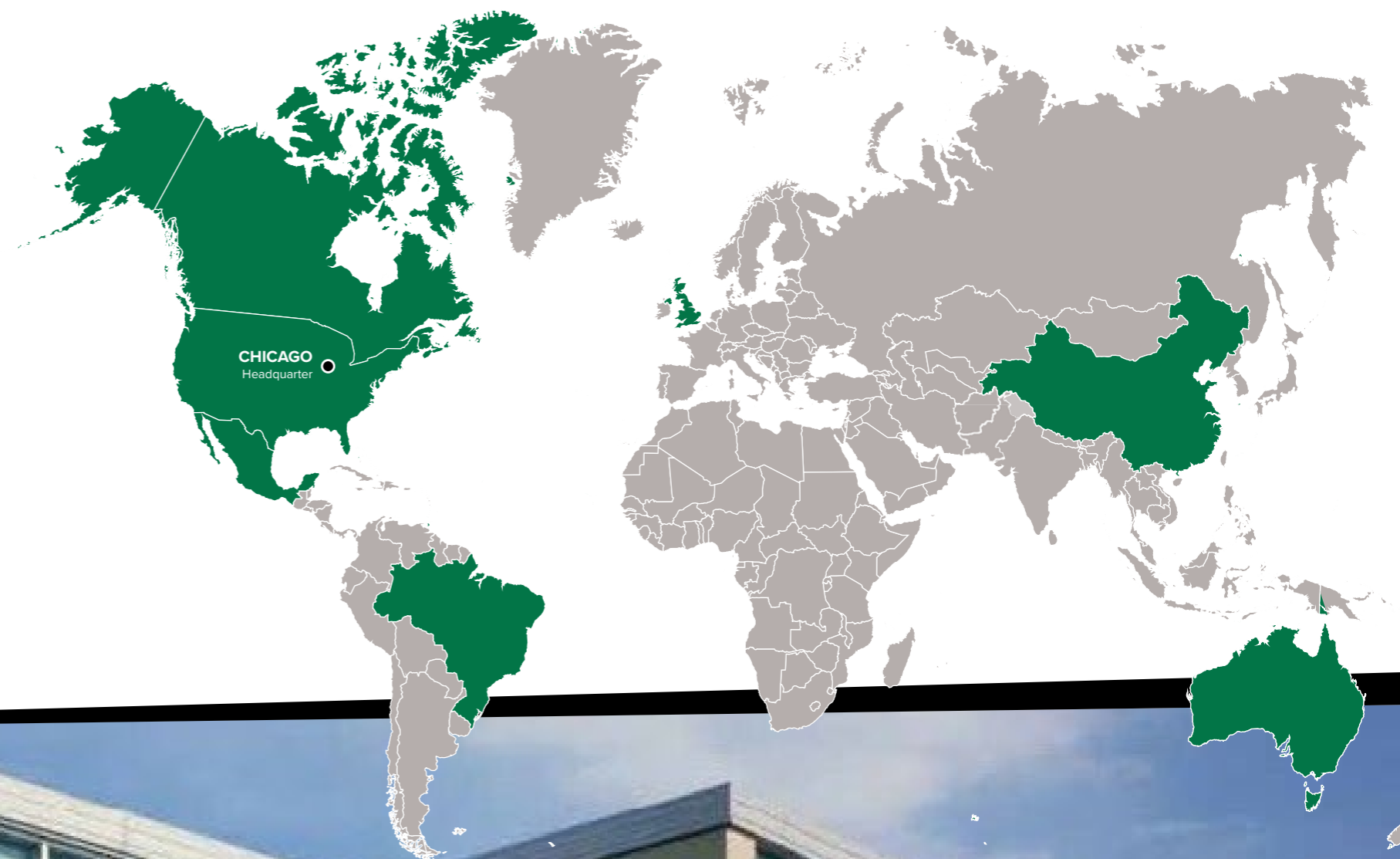


# THE COMPANY

S&C, with global **headquarters in Chicago**, is leveraging its heritage of innovation to address the challenges and shape the future of the world's **electrical grid**. Our mission is to continually develop new solutions for customers, fostering the improved reliability and resilience required for an increasingly intelligent and modernized power grid. Operating with a people-first mentality, S&C is an employee-owned company that cultivates an inclusive workplace with career growth opportunities to support our team members as we transform the grid.

**S&C's 3,500-plus team members**, through a network of offices and manufacturing facilities in the U.S. and around the globe, **support more than 1,000 worldwide utility, commercial, and industrial customers** in delivering reliable and resilient power. We also offer a range of life cycle services to customers as part of our comprehensive offerings.

With more than 300 active patents, we continue to leverage more than a century of industry expertise to serve the evolving needs of our global customer base while solving the challenges of today and tomorrow's power grid.



*S&C  
founded  
in 1911*



*S&C operations  
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**Australia**,  
**Brazil**,  
**Canada**,  
**China**,  
**Mexico**,  
and  
the **U.K.***



# SCOPE AND TYPE OF EPD

The approach used in this EPD is “Cradle to grave”, according to reference PCR

## TABLE OF MODULES

MANUFACTURING STAGE		DISTRIBUTION STAGE	INSTALLATION STAGE	USE AND MAINTENANCE STAGE	END-OF-LIFE STAGE DE-INSTALLATION
UPSTREAM MODULE	CORE MODULE	DOWNSTREAM MODULE			

## TYPE OF EPD

Product specific EPD related to Vista product, catalog number 854224, nominal voltage 38 kV

## SOFTWARE

SimaPro ver. 9.4.0.2 (www.pre.nl)

## MAIN DATABASE

Ecoinvent 3.8

## REPORT LCA

Report LCA S&C\_postaudit

## GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE OF THE EPD

Brazil

## REFERENCE YEAR

2021

## FUNCTIONAL UNIT

The functional unit used is a single piece of equipment operating for 20 years

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# THE PRODUCT

## VISTA UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION SWITCHGEAR

- S&C’s underground distribution switchgear products are designed for the ease and safety of crews and to minimize overall maintenance. With a variety of insulation options, these products also address environmental challenges that are arising with the evolution of the modern grid.
- Vista Underground Distribution Switchgear provides a suite of solutions to address challenges electric utilities and C&I facilities face. S&C designed these solutions to provide reliable protection, regardless of location or environmental conditions, including in areas that experience flooding. Vista switchgear is designed to simplify operating tasks and enhance safety while minimizing the traditional switchgear footprint. Vista switchgear introduces a new level of safety and simplicity by eliminating the need for cable-handling during routine operation. Just one person is needed to operate Vista switchgear, and there’s no necessary exposure to medium voltage.
- The Vista switchgear in this EPD uses SF6 insulation gas in a hermetically sealed gear. It is elbow connected and enclosed in a submersible, welded steel tank, and supports 4 load-interrupter switch and resettable fault interrupter “ways” and has complete protective coordination that minimizes outages.



## BENEFITS FROM S&C'S VISTA UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION SWITCHGEAR

### RELIABILITY

- Withstands harsh environments.
- Fully submersible, sealed and protected, can withstand flooding and extreme weather, mitigating damage and replacements.
- Improves reliability over oil-insulated switchgear, reducing maintenance costs.
- Sealed design that prevents leaking, rusting, or contamination.

### SECURE AND EASY OPERATION

- Unit access and operation without cable-handling, fuse handling, or high-voltage exposure.
- No external grounds; ground medium-voltage cables using a standard internal ground switch.
- Certified arc-resistant for safe operation and maintenance without high premiums.
- Visible open gap to easily confirm closed, open, and grounded positions through large viewing windows.
- Low Maintenance with minimal mechanical maintenance required once a unit is installed; only an annual visual inspection is recommended.
- Cable-free grounding – ground medium-voltage cables using a standard internal ground switch.



## CALCULATION RULES

This declaration is a cradle to grave EPD type, based on the application of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodology to the whole life-cycle system. In the whole LCA model, infrastructures and production equipments are not taken into account.

Electronic equipment production processes were described by using specific data from manufacturing facility.

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 to Transport and Manufacturing.

According to ISO 14040 and 14044, allocation is avoided whenever possible by dividing the system into sub-systems; in this EPD, economic allocation was adopted to allocate annual manufacturing data to the Vista family, and then within the product family the allocation to the single device was done based on the number of devices produced.

Data quality has been assessed and validated during data collection process. No cutoff has been performed on product Bill of Materials (BOM) besides packaging of semifinished products and components bought by the company from suppliers (due to the combination of low relevance on the final results and high difficulty of data collection).

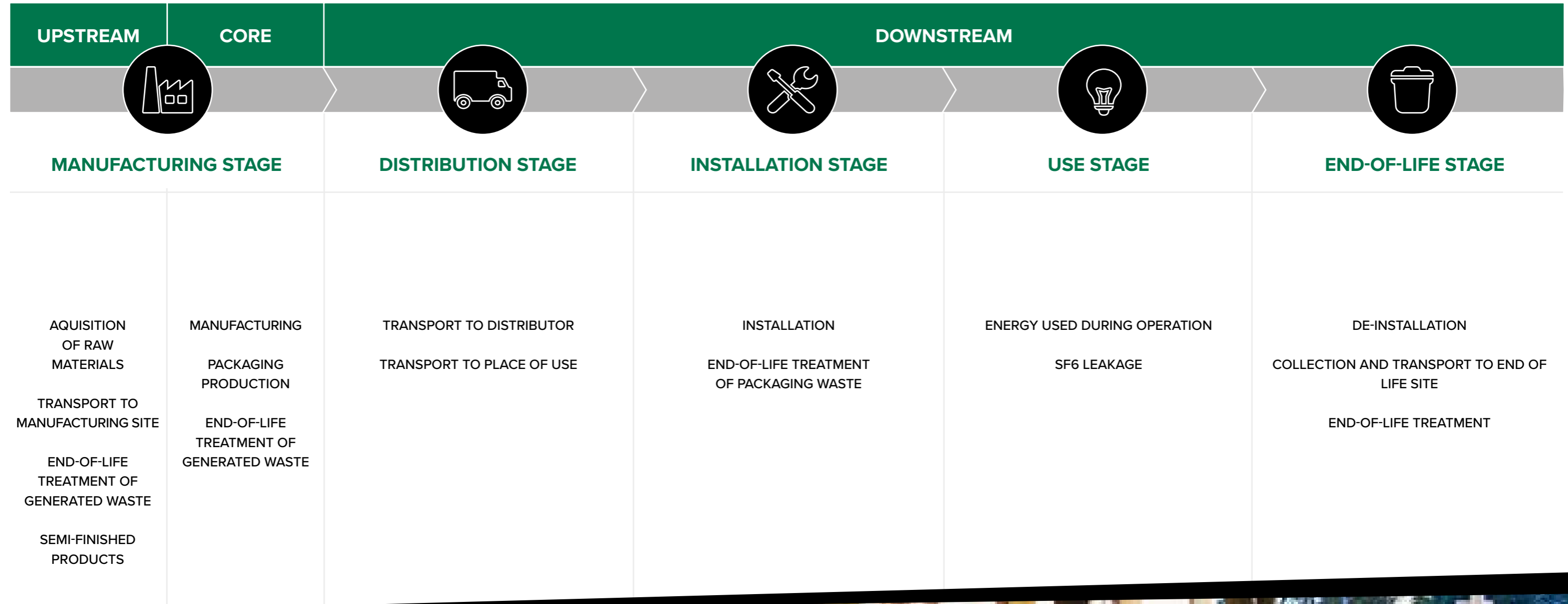
Use phase scenario is modelled considering 20 years of Reference Service Life (PCR-based scenario) and a nominal power adsorption of 250 W (value calculated by S&C). Based on these assumptions, 43 800 kWh of energy are consumed during product life cycle.

## CONTENT DECLARATION

Product covered by this EPD does not contain any substance of very high concern

MATERIAL	MASS SHARE %	IEC62474 code (where applicable)
Stainless steel	47	M-100
Other ferrous alloys, non-stainless steels	25	M-119
Copper and its alloys	8	M-121
Aluminium and its alloys	5	M-120
Cypoxy components	4	N/A
Plastic components (fiberglass)	4	M-259
Wire	3	N/A
Plastic components (ABS)	2	M-206
Refrigerant gases and cryogens and other greenhouse gases (SF6)	2	M-400

# SYSTEM BOUNDARIES



# ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

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### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

IMPACT CATEGORY	UNITS / D.U.	UPSTREAM	CORE	DOWNSTREAM				TOTAL
		MANUFACTURING	DISTRIBUTION	INSTALLATION	USE & MAINTENANCE	END-OF-LIFE		
<b>GWP-fossil</b>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	4,93E+03	1,06E+03	7,15E+01	2,29E+00	1,26E+04	6,98E+01	<b>1,87E+04</b>
<b>GWP-biogenic</b>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	3,94E+01	3,06E+01	4,02E-03	2,05E+00	1,34E+03	1,02E+01	<b>1,42E+03</b>
<b>GWP-luluc</b>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	7,04E+00	3,41E-01	1,14E-03	1,53E-04	6,70E+02	7,51E-04	<b>6,77E+02</b>
<b>GWP total</b>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	4,98E+03	1,09E+03	7,15E+01	4,33E+00	1,46E+04	8,00E+01	<b>2,08E+04</b>
<b>ODP</b>	kg CFC-11 eq	1,83E-04	6,05E-05	1,50E-05	4,19E-07	7,28E-04	1,20E-06	<b>9,88E-04</b>
<b>AP</b>	mol H+ eq	6,06E+01	1,43E+00	2,26E+00	1,46E-02	5,73E+01	4,01E-02	<b>1,22E+02</b>
<b>EP-freshwater</b>	kg P eq	3,11E-01	1,48E-02	5,22E-05	1,09E-05	1,30E-01	1,01E-04	<b>4,56E-01</b>
<b>EP-marine*</b>	kg N eq	4,81E+00	5,86E-01	5,57E-01	6,89E-03	9,12E+00	3,71E-02	<b>1,51E+01</b>
<b>EP-terrestrial*</b>	mol N eq	5,97E+01	4,07E+00	6,19E+00	6,61E-02	9,88E+01	1,74E-01	<b>1,69E+02</b>
<b>POCP</b>	kg NMVOC eq	1,85E+01	1,35E+00	1,58E+00	1,72E-02	2,17E+01	4,79E-02	<b>4,32E+01</b>
<b>ADP-min&amp;met</b>	kg Sb eq	1,13E+00	1,19E-04	1,27E-06	4,43E-07	5,77E-04	1,55E-06	<b>1,13E+00</b>
<b>ADP-fossil</b>	MJ	5,48E+04	1,06E+04	9,10E+02	2,89E+01	1,31E+05	8,02E+01	<b>1,97E+05</b>
<b>WDP</b>	m <sup>3</sup> eq	1,79E+03	9,49E+01	-1,14E-01	-6,61E-01	2,23E+03	2,91E+00	<b>4,11E+03</b>

### INDICATORS

- GWP, fossil** Global Warming Potential, fossil fuel
- GWP, biogenic** Global Warming Potential, biogenic
- GWP, luluc** Global Warming Potential, land use & land use change
- GWP, total** Global Warming Potential, total
- ODP** Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer
- AP** Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance
- EP, freshwater** Eutrophication Potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment
- EP, marine** Eutrophication Potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment

- EP, terrestrial** Eutrophication Potential, Accumulated Exceedance
- POCP** Formation potential of tropospheric ozone
- ADP-min&met** Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources
- ADP-fossil** Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential
- WDP** Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption
- \*: This marker identifies optional environmental KPIs which are not mandatory according to reference PCR

### USE OF RESOURCES

IMPACT CATEGORY	UNITS / D.U.	UPSTREAM	CORE	DOWNSTREAM				TOTAL
		MANUFACTURING	DISTRIBUTION	INSTALLATION	USE & MAINTENANCE	END-OF-LIFE		
<b>PERE</b>	MJ	3,86E+03	1,27E+04	1,23E+00	1,30E-01	1,43E+05	6,76E-01	<b>1,59E+05</b>
<b>PERM</b>	MJ	3,27E+03	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	<b>3,27E+03</b>
<b>PERT</b>	MJ	7,12E+03	1,27E+04	1,23E+00	1,30E-01	1,43E+05	6,76E-01	<b>1,63E+05</b>
<b>PENRE</b>	MJ	5,30E+04	1,06E+04	9,38E+02	2,96E+01	1,31E+05	8,23E+01	<b>1,96E+05</b>
<b>PENRM</b>	MJ	2,35E+03	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	<b>2,35E+03</b>
<b>PENRT</b>	MJ	5,53E+04	1,06E+04	9,38E+02	2,96E+01	1,31E+05	8,23E+01	<b>1,98E+05</b>
<b>SM</b>	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	<b>0,00E+00</b>
<b>RSF</b>	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	<b>0,00E+00</b>
<b>NRSF</b>	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	<b>0,00E+00</b>
<b>FW</b>	m <sup>3</sup>	4,73E+01	2,43E+00	5,13E-03	-1,26E-02	8,57E+02	9,23E-02	<b>9,07E+02</b>

### INDICATORS

- 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 re-sources
- SM** Use of secondary material
- RSF** Use of renewable secondary fuels
- NRSF** Use of non-renewable secondary fuels
- FW** Use of net fresh water

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### OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE PRODUCTION

IMPACT CATEGORY	UNITS / D.U.	UPSTREAM	CORE	DOWNSTREAM				TOTAL
		MANUFACTURING	DISTRIBUTION	INSTALLATION	USE & MAINTENANCE	END-OF-LIFE		
HWD	kg	3,50E-01	8,49E-03	7,48E-04	6,83E-05	7,72E-02	2,21E-04	<b>4,36E-01</b>
NHWD	kg	2,04E+03	1,52E+01	7,60E-02	2,66E+01	1,77E+02	1,59E+02	<b>2,42E+03</b>
RWD	kg	1,02E-01	5,86E-03	6,68E-03	1,68E-04	4,79E-01	4,97E-04	<b>5,95E-01</b>
CRU	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	<b>0,00E+00</b>
MFR	kg	0,00E+00	2,23E+02	0,00E+00	1,42E+02	0,00E+00	4,29E+02	<b>7,93E+02</b>
MER	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	<b>0,00E+00</b>
EEE	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	<b>0,00E+00</b>
ETE	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	<b>0,00E+00</b>

### INDICATORS

- HWD** Hazardous landfill waste
- NHWD** Non-hazardous waste disposed
- RWD** Radioactive waste disposed
- CRU** Components for reuse
- MFR** Material for recycling
- MER** Materials for energy recovery
- EEE** Exported electricity energy
- ETE** Exported thermal energy

### REFERENCES

This declaration has been produced using the following reference norms:

- EPDItaly Programme Rules - REV. 5.2 – 16/02/2022
- PCR EPDItaly 007 - REV. 2 21/10/2020: Electronic and electrical products and systems
- PCR EPDItaly 015 - REV. 1.5 23/02/2022: Switchboards
- EN 50693:2019 – 08/30/2019: Product category rules for life cycle assessments of electronic and electrical products and systems
- UNI EN ISO 14040:2021 Environmental management - Life cycle assessment - Principles and framework
- UNI EN ISO 14044:2021 Environmental management - Life cycle assessment - Requirements and guidelines
- UNI EN ISO 14025:2010, Environmental labels and declarations – Type III environmental declarations – Principles and procedures
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