

ABS Quality Evaluations

CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMANCE

This is to certify that the Quality Management System of:

U.S. Steel Corporation

Minnesota Ore Operations
County Road 102
Mountain Iron, MN
U.S.A.

has been assessed by ABS Quality Evaluations, Inc. and found to be in conformance with the requirements set forth by:

ISO 9001:2000

The Quality Management System is applicable to:

PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE PELLETS

Further clarifications regarding the scope of the certificate and the applicability of ISO 9001:2000 requirements may be obtained by consulting the organization.

Certificate No: 30738
Original Certification Date: 16 June 1994
Effective Date: 12 August 2003
Expiration Date: 11 May 2009
Issue Date: 18 May 2006



Charles D. Russo, President



Validity of this certificate is based on periodic audits of the management system defined by the above scope and is contingent upon prompt, written notification to ABS Quality Evaluations, Inc. of significant changes to the management system or components thereof.

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Validity of this certificate may be confirmed at www.abs-qe.com/cert_validation.

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