

Independent Verification Statement

Introduction

DNV Business Assurance USA, Inc. (DNV) has been commissioned by the management of United States Steel Corporation (USS) to carry out an independent limited level verification engagement of Selected Performance Information for calendar year 2023. The assurance was carried out April through May 2024.

USS has sole responsibility for preparation of the data. DNV, in performing our verification work, is responsible to the management of USS. Our verification statement, however, represents our independent opinion and is intended to inform all stakeholders including USS.

Verification Objective

The objective of this verification is to determine if:

- The GHG Inventory complies with applicable verification criteria WRI/WBCSD - The Greenhouse Gas Protocol, Corporate Standard.
- The health and safety and completion of ResponsibleSteel™ Certification assertions complies with the applicable verification criteria.
- GHG Emissions, Health and Safety, and ResponsibleSteel™ data and assertions reported are reliable, transparent, and complete.

Scope of Verification

The scope of work agreed with USS includes the following:

Organizational boundary

- All global facilities under USS’s operational control
 - 16 facilities in the US and 1 in the EU

Data Verified for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

- GHG Emissions Scope 1 and 2 (market based)
- Days Away From Work Incidence Rate (DAFW) per 200,000 hours

Topic	Accounting Metric	Unit of Measure
Carbon Emissions	2023 Scope 1 and 2 metric tons CO ₂ e emissions (market based)	Million metric tons of CO ₂ e
Carbon Emissions Intensity	2023 Scope 1 and 2 metric tons CO ₂ e emissions (market based)/ metric tons raw steel produced	mtCO ₂ e / metric ton raw steel
Employee Health & Safety	Annual Days Away From Work Frequency Rate (DAFW) = (Total Annual Days Away Cases x 200,000) / Total Annual Hours Worked 2023 Average DAFW over previous 3 years = (2023 DAFW + 2022 DAFW + 2021 DAFW) / 3 ¹	Rate per 200,000 hours
ResponsibleSteel™ Certification	Completed ResponsibleSteel™ site certification in 2022 and maintained site certification in 2023	# of Certificates

We do not express any conclusions on any other information that may be published on the USS website or sustainability disclosures for the current reporting period or for previous periods.

¹ DNV verified 2021 and 2022 DAFW under previous assurance engagement.

Level of Verification

We performed a limited verification engagement in accordance with the *International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (revised) – ‘Assurance Engagements other than Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information’*, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. This standard requires that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the assurance engagement to obtain limited assurance.

DNV applies its own management standards and compliance policies for quality control, in accordance with ISO/IEC 17029:2019 – Conformity Assessment General principles and requirements for validation and verification bodies, and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing and are less detailed than those undertaken during a reasonable assurance engagement, so the level of assurance obtained is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed. We planned and performed our work to obtain the evidence we considered sufficient to provide a basis for our opinion, so that the risk of this conclusion being in error is reduced, but not reduced completely.

DNV’s assurance engagements are based on the assumption that the data and information provided by the client to us as part of our review have been provided in good faith. We understand that the reported raw steel production data and information are based on data from USS’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2023 (the “10-K”), which has been verified in a separate independent audit process. The review of financial and production data taken from the 10-K is not within the scope of our work. In addition, carbon emissions data assertions related to the company’s European Union operations were subject to a separate independent audit process. DNV expressly disclaims any liability or co-responsibility for any decision a person or an entity may make based on this Independent Assurance Statement.

Verification Methodology

DNV is a leading provider of sustainability services, including verification of GHG emissions data and other environmental metrics. Our environmental and social assurance specialists work in over 100 countries.

In that respect, the environmental footprint inventories have been evaluated against the following reporting criteria:

- World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)/World Resources Institute (WRI) Greenhouse Gas Protocol.

The GHG emissions inventory verification was conducted using:

- ISO 14064-3:2019 – Greenhouse Gases Part 3: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements

Health and Safety and Achievement of ResponsibleSteel™ Certification data and assertions verification were conducted using:

- International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 – ‘Assurance Engagements other than Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information’ (revised)

DNV used a risk-based approach throughout the assurance engagement, concentrating on the areas that we believe are most material for both USS and its stakeholders. DNV applied a materiality threshold of five percent for all data in scope.

The assurance process involved a series of interviews with the accountable party(ies) and/or senior manager(s) responsible for collating the information at a corporate level to:

- Perform a walkthrough to understand how data is managed and reported and the systems, legal registers, processes and procedures used
- Interview of managers and data users representing relevant functions for supporting the environmental inventory and safety data management process
- Review the controls in place to confirm data and information accuracy
- Confirm the scope and boundaries of the data included
- Requests for further evidence and documentation in support of testimony and system observations

The assurance process includes desk review of the submitted documentation, data records and sources relating to the selected performance metrics and corporate environmental footprint data claims.

- Review of the processes and tools used to collect, aggregate, and report on all data and metrics
- Assessment of environmental and other information systems and controls, including:
 - Selection and management of all relevant environmental and safety data and information
 - Processes for collecting, processing, consolidating, and reporting the environmental and safety data and information
 - Systems and processes that ensure the accuracy of the performance data and information
 - Design and maintenance of the environmental and employee workforce and safety information system
 - Systems and processes that support the environmental and employee workforce and safety information system
 - Performed sample-based audits of the processes for generating, gathering, and managing the data
- Performed key data recalculations to confirm accuracy
- Evaluation of whether the organization conforms to the reporting criteria
- Evaluation of whether the evidence and data are sufficient and support USS performance claims
- Review of independent audit statement and findings report for emissions data for European Operations for reporting years in scope
- Reviewed employee hours worked
- Conducted remote site assessment at:
 - Midwest and Great Lakes Works to review emissions inventory data and management
 - Gary Works and Mon Valley Works to review health and safety data and management
- Conducted in-person site assessment at:
 - Great Lakes Works to review emissions inventory data and management

Data Verified

GHG Emissions

- 2023 Scope 1 and 2 Emissions (market-based) 29.5 million mtCO₂e
- 2023 Carbon Emissions Intensity (market-based) 1.88 mtCO₂e/mt raw steel

Employee Health & Safety

- 2023 Average Day Away Frequency Rate rolling average over 3 years (2023, 2022, 2021) 0.05

ResponsibleSteel™ Certification

- Completed ResponsibleSteel™ site certification in 2022 and maintained in 2023 1
Big River Steel located at 2027 State Hwy 198, Osceola, AR 72370



Verification Opinion

Based on the verification process conducted by DNV, we provide a Limited Assurance of the Selected Performance Information 2023. DNV found no evidence that the assertions:

- are not materially correct;
- are not a fair representation of the Selected Performance Information; and
- are not prepared in accordance with the Reporting Criteria

Independence

DNV was not involved in the preparation of any part of USS data. This is our third year of providing verification for USS. We adopt a balanced approach towards all stakeholders when performing our evaluation.



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