

### Sustainability in Focus: thyssenkrupp Steel Achieves ResponsibleSteel Site Certification

- thyssenkrupp Steel has been awarded ResponsibleSteel Core Site Certification for its Duisburg production site.
- The certification confirms adherence to stringent social, environmental, and governance standards.
- This certification enhances customer trust in our sustainable production processes and our commitment to environmental and human rights compliance throughout the supply chain.

Duisburg, 1 July, 2025 - thyssenkrupp Steel has received ResponsibleSteel Core Site Certification for its production site in Duisburg. This certification is a significant step towards sustainable steel production and confirms that thyssenkrupp Steel meets strict standards in the areas of social, environmental and good corporate governance.

ResponsibleSteel is the first global multi-stakeholder standard and certification initiative for the steel industry. The ResponsibleSteel International Production Standard includes comprehensive criteria and requirements that ensure that the production processes at the audited site are responsible and sustainable. ResponsibleSteel certification is therefore a globally recognized sustainability seal that distinguishes companies for their ecological, social and ethical standards.

ResponsibleSteel certification is based on a comprehensive framework of 13 Principles that aim to ensure environmental, social and ethical standards along the entire steel supply chain.

These criteria cover the central aspects of responsible steel production and create a basis for transparency and continuous improvement of these aspects.

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The certification process checks whether companies meet strict criteria in key social and environmental areas such as climate, pollution, resource efficiency, corporate governance, labour rights, and stakeholder engagement. .

ResponsibleSteel certification offers customers and business partners the assurance that the steel produced has been manufactured in compliance with high sustainability standards. At the same time, it helps steel manufacturers to continuously improve their processes and position themselves as pioneers of sustainable transformation in the industry.

Marie Jaroni, Chief Transformation Officer at thyssenkrupp Steel, states: "Responsible Steel certification is a significant step for our company on the path to greater sustainability. It assures our customers that we uphold the highest standards of environmental and social responsibility. This bolsters confidence in our products and processes and underscores our dedication to a sustainable future."

Annie Heaton, Chief Executive Officer of ResponsibleSteel, adds: "The certification of thyssenkrupp Steel's Duisburg site marks a major milestone as the largest steelmaking site in Europe to achieve ResponsibleSteel certification to date. It reflects thyssenkrupp's commitment to a rigorous international sustainability standards and assurance system that involves multiple stakeholders and goes beyond carbon emissions to include other environmental and social requirements. With plans underway to introduce direct reduction technology, this certification represents an important step on the site's path towards responsible, lower-emission steel production. And at a time of growing pressure and uncertainty for the industry, thyssenkrupp's achievement is evidence of the practical steps being taken to drive real, measurable progress."

The certificate was awarded following an in-depth audit by independent third parties. This process ensures that the thyssenkrupp Steel production site in Duisburg meets the strict requirements of the ResponsibleSteel International Production Standard.

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