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To Whom It May Concern:

**CMC Steel Alabama, in Birmingham, Alabama uses an Electric Arc Furnace and a Continuous Casting method in its production of structural steel products. Ferrous scrap metal is the primary raw material in producing the steel. Over 90% of our steel is made up of 100% domestic, recycled material. Alloys and fluxing agents are added at the EAF after melting and additional alloys may be added to the ladle of liquid steel in order to adjust the final chemistry.**

**Due to our methods of purchasing, receiving and moving of scrap into our melt shop, we have no way to know exactly what percentage of a particular heat is made up of post-consumer or pre-consumer scrap.**

**However, based on our purchasing records over the course of a year, we can say that we use approximately 75% post-consumer scrap and 25% pre-consumer scrap with approximately 70% of the total supplied by vendors within a 500 mile radius of Birmingham, AL. These percentages may vary with the availability of the various commodities available for purchase in our business region.**

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcus W. McCluney". The signature is stylized and cursive.

**Marcus W. McCluney  
Manager of Quality Assurance**