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Certificate

according to LESS Rulebook, version 1.1

Steel Producer:	Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH Eisenhüttenstraße 99 38239 Salzgitter Germany	
Production Locations:	**Steel Production BF-BOF; Hot Rolling:** see company address above	**Steel Production EAF:** Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH Eisenhüttenstraße 99 38239 Salzgitter Germany
Certification Body:	TÜV NORD CERT GmbH Am TÜV 1 45307 Essen Germany	

The entire production of Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH via the process routes specified below has been successfully validated by TÜV NORD CERT GmbH in accordance with the above-mentioned version of the LESS Rulebook. The LESS classification and scrap share for the following product groups have been verified and documented in Audit Report No. 35413319, dated 15.12.2025:

Product Group SZFG 1:	**Hot strip, unpickled, blast furnace route**
Process Route[1]:	**BF-BOF-HR**
Classification System:	**☒ Quality Steel ☐ Structural and Reinforcing Steel**
LESS Classification:	**☐ Near Zero** **☐ Low Emission: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D** **☒ E**
Scrap Share	**20 %**

1. Abbreviation for process steps: **BF** – Blast Furnace; **DRI** – Direct Reduction Plant; **BOF** – Basic Oxygen Furnace; **EAF** – Electric Arc Furnace; **HR** – Hot Rolling Mill

Product Group SZFG 2:	**Hot strip, unpickled, electric arc furnace route, grid electricity**
Process Route[1]:	**EAF-HR**
Classification System:	**☒ Quality Steel ☐ Structural and Reinforcing Steel**
LESS Classification:	**☐ Near Zero** **☐ Low Emission: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D** **☒ E**
Scrap Share	**100 %**

Product Group SZFG 3:	**Hot strip, unpickled, electric furnace route, green electricity**
Process Route[1]:	**EAF-HR**
Classification System:	**☒ Quality Steel ☐ Structural and Reinforcing Steel**
LESS Classification:	**☐ Near Zero** **☐ Low Emission: ☐ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D** **☐ E**
Scrap Share	**100 %**

According to the audit report, the assurance level is limited.

Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH is hereby authorised, for the duration of this certificate's validity, to label steel products that can be clearly attributed to the above-mentioned product groups with the LESS label, in accordance with the current “Requirements for the LESS Label Usage” as published on the LESS AISBL website.

This certificate is valid until 11.09.2026.

Gunnar Groebler, Chairman

Dr. Carmen Ostwald, Secretary General

Disclaimer:
This certificate confirms that the listed products have been independently verified against the LESS Standard by the certification body named herein. LESS AISBL assumes no liability for the companies’ calculations, declarations, or the audit results of third-party certifiers.

Companies certified against the LESS standard are always required to provide certified Product Carbon Footprint (PCF) values or Global Warming Potential (GWP) values based on a certified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) in addition to the LESS classification. Validation or certification of Product Carbon Footprint (PCF) or Global Warming Potential (GWP) values is not part of the LESS verification process and is therefore excluded from this certificate. LESS AISBL does not guarantee the accuracy of any PCF or GWP values shown in connection with LESS classification or scrap share.

Responsibility for product labelling and marketing lies solely with the steel producer, who must ensure that any LESS-labelled product corresponds to the verified certification and that all PCF/GWP values are accurate and properly validated.