Environmental Product Declaration

In accordance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 for:

Steel rebars

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Environmental Product Declaration

This is an Environmental Product Declaration for steel structures, produced by "SERFAS", Ltd. The declaration is registered in accordance with the EPD programme of the International EPD® System and the Product Category Rules for Construction Products 2019:14, version 1.1. The EPD are used in both business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumer (B2C) communication.

Company information

Owner of the EPD:
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Description of the organisation: "SERFAS" Ltd is a private company, which started its activity in year 1994. Founders of the company chose building materials and steel production spheres as they have corresponded with requirements of the market and "know – how" of the owners. Company vision is professional service net for building, production and small sales companies in Lithuania and expansion abroad.

Name and location of production site(s): The manufacturing plant of "SERFAS" Ltd is based in Kaunas, Lithuania.

Product information

Product name: Steel rebars.

Product identification: "SERFAS" Ltd produces two main types of steel rebars:
- Reinforcement rebars and bendings;
- Welded fabric and welded reinforcement steel.

All products comply with European Standard EN 10080. Other products standards and technical classes are provided in the table below. Technical classes are defined by specific values of properties like yield strength, elongation, etc.

Characteristics	Reinforcement rebars and bendings	Welded fabric and welded reinforcement steel
Standards (National and European)	EN 10080; NS 3576-3; SS 212540; EN1992-1-1; SFS 1300	EN 10080; NS 3576-4; SS 212540; EN1992-1-1 DK NA; EN ISO 17 660-1; EN ISO 17660-2
Technical classes	B500NA/B500NC/K500B-T/K500C-T/K500C-KR/B500A/B500B/B500C	B500A; NK500AB-W; NK500B-K; S500A

Products description: Steel reinforcement rebars are used to improve the tensile strength of the concrete, since concrete is very weak in tension, but is strong in compression. Steel rebars are also used because elongation of steel due to high temperatures (thermal expansion coefficient) nearly equals to that of concrete.
Welded fabric is a joined grid consisting of a series of parallel longitudinal steel wires with accurate spacing welded to cross wires at the required spacing, while welded reinforcement steel is steel bars cut, bended and welded together to satisfy required parameters.

The purpose of reinforcement is to provide additional strength for concrete where it is needed. Steel is ideal for reinforcement in concrete, as it bods well with the concrete mixture, and can be manipulated (cut and bend) to fit any concrete shape. Steel adds a tensile strength to the concrete structure, so that the structure is not as affected by tensile stresses. Welded mesh reinforcing sheets are the most used form of reinforcing in concrete and is particularly suited for flat slab construction and concrete surface beds. Other design applications of welded reinforcement steel would be retaining walls, shear walls, beams, and columns.

UN CPC code: 412

Geographical scope: Europe

LCA information

Functional unit / declared unit: In accordance with the PCR the declared unit is 1 kg of the product.

Reference service life: The reference service life for the steel structures is set at 60 years.

Time representativeness: Primary data was collected internally. The production data refers to the average of the year 2020.

Database(s) and LCA software used: The Ecoinvent database provides the life cycle inventory data for the raw and process materials obtained from the background system. The used database is Ecoinvent 3.6. The LCA software used is One Click LCA.

Description of system boundaries: Cradle to gate with options. The LCA was carried out considering the Product stage phases (A1, A2, A3), Assembly (A4) and End of life (C1, C2, C3, C4), Potential environmental benefits (D) in accordance with EN 15804.

Data quality: The foreground data collected internally is based on yearly production amounts and extrapolations of measurements on specific machines and plants. Overall, the data quality can be described as good. The primary data collection has been done thoroughly.

Cut-off criteria: Life cycle inventory data for a minimum of 98% of total material and energy input flows have been included in the life cycle analysis. Although only materials having in summa less than 1% of weight of product were not used in calculations.

System diagram:
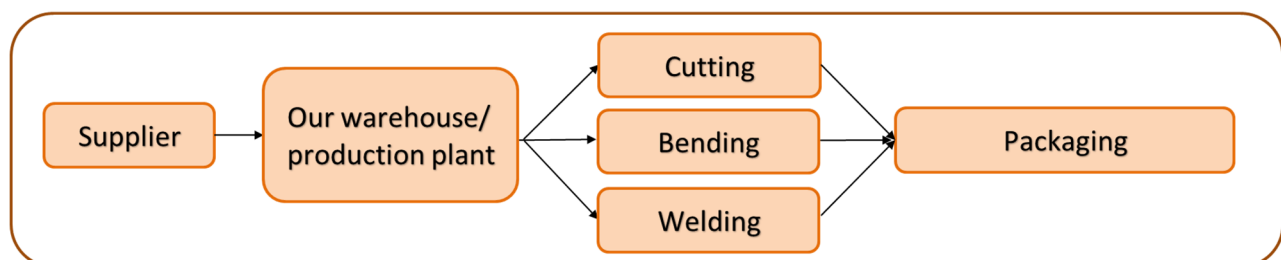
System boundary:

Product stage			Assembly stage		Use stage								End of life stage					Resource recovery stage
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal		Reuse-Recovery-Recycling-potential
A1	**A2**	**A3**	**A4**	**A5**	**B1**	**B2**	**B3**	**B4**	**B5**	**B6**	**B7**	**C1**	**C2**	**C3**	**C4**		**D**
x	x	x	x	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	x	x	x	x		x

Description of the system boundary (X = Included in LCA; MND = Module Not declared)

Product stage:

A1: This stage considers the extraction and processing of raw materials as well as energy consumption.

A2: The raw materials are transported to the manufacturing plant. In this case, the model includes road transportation of each raw material.

A3: This stage includes the manufacture of products and packaging. It also considers the energy consumption and waste generated at production plant.

Production process description

Steel rebars production consists of cutting, bending, and packaging. Firstly, steel rebars are cut to the required length. It may be bent if necessary. Welded fabrics are produced from coils using automated welding machines. As for welded reinforcement steels, rebars are cut to the required length, then bent and welded to the required form. Afterwards everything is packed either on pallets or using slings.

Construction process stage:

A4: This stage includes transportation from the production gate to the construction site where the product shall be installed.

Transportation is calculated based on data form manufacturer and a scenario with the parameters described in the following table.

Use stage:

Parameter	Value/Description
Vehicle type used for transport	EURO 5 truck with a trailer with an average load of >32t
Distance	25 % of production: Truck – 486 km. 75% of production: Truck – 491 km. Ship – 248 km.
Capacity utilization	56 % of the capacity in volume (truck) 50 % of the capacity in volume (ship)

In normal use scenario, it is assumed that no maintenance (B2), repair (B3), replacement (B4) and refurbishment (B5) is needed.

End of Life stage:
This stage includes the following modules:

C1: Deconstruction, dismantling, demolition.
Consumption of fuel in demolition process is calculated according to transported mass. Energy consumption for demolition is 10 kWh/1000 kg = 0,01 kwh. The source of energy is diesel fuel used by work machines.

C2: Transport of the discarded product to the processing site.
Scrap metals are transported to the processing site. Materials are transported by truck with a >32-ton trailer. A transportation distance of 50 km has been considered.

C3: Waste processing for reuse, recovery and/or recycling.
Based on European average 90% of steel are transformed into secondary material in a recycling plant.

C4: Discharge (disposal).
10% of the steel cannot be separated and are assumed to be landfilled.

Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary (D):

Benefits of recyclable waste generated in the phase C3 are considered in the phase D. The recycled steel has been modelled to avoid use of primary materials. The scrap content in the studied product has been acknowledged and only the mass of primary steel in the product provides the benefit to avoid double counting.

Content information

Product components	Weight, kg	Weight, %
Steel	1	100

Recycled steel content is 92.8%.

No dangerous substances from the candidate list of SVHC for Authorisation are used in the product.

Packaging

Distribution packaging: products are packed on pallets or using slings. After use, packaging materials can be re-used or recycled.

Environmental Information

Potential environmental impact – mandatory indicators according to EN 15804:2012+A2:2019

Results per functional or declared unit										
Indicator	**Unit**	**A1**	**A2**	**A3**	**A1-A3**	**A4**	**C1**	**C2**	**C3**	**C4**	**D**
GWP-total	kg CO_2 eq.	8,34E–1	4,27E–2	1,3E–2	8,9E–1	4,59E–2	3,3E–3	4,55E–3	2,1E–2	5,28E–4	0E0
GWP-fossil	kg CO_2 eq.	8,28E–1	4,26E–2	1,25E–2	8,83E–1	4,63E–2	3,3E–3	4,54E–3	2,22E–2	5,27E–4	0E0
GWP-biogenic	kg CO_2 eq.	5,72E–3	5,1E–5	3,84E–4	6,16E–3	3,18E–5	9,17E–7	3,3E–6	–1,27E–3	1,04E–6	0E0
GWP-luluc	kg CO_2 eq.	8,32E–4	3,66E–5	8,11E–5	9,5E–4	1,46E–5	2,79E–7	1,37E–6	2,52E–5	1,56E–7	0E0
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	8,14E–8	8,1E–9	1,6E–9	9,11E–8	1,08E–8	7,12E–10	1,07E–9	3,19E–9	2,17E–10	0E0
AP	mol H^+ eq.	4,19E–3	4,79E–4	7,47E–5	4,74E–3	2,44E–4	3,45E–5	1,91E–5	2,69E–4	5E–6	0E0
EP-freshwater	kg P eq.	5,04E–5	7,16E–7	5,43E–7	5,16E–5	3,7E–7	1,33E–8	3,7E–8	1,53E–6	6,36E–9	0E0
EP-marine	kg N eq.	8,17E–4	1,44E–4	1,7E–5	9,77E–4	7,03E–5	1,52E–5	5,75E–6	5,94E–5	1,72E–6	0E0
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq.	9,46E–3	1,59E–3	1,87E–4	1,12E–2	7,78E–4	1,67E–4	6,35E–5	6,89E–4	1,9E–5	0E0
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	3,6E–3	4,35E–4	5,74E–5	4,09E–3	2,4E–4	4,59E–5	2,04E–5	1,88E–4	5,51E–6	0E0
ADP-minerals & metals*	kg Sb eq.	1,11E–5	4,89E–7	8,65E–8	1,16E–5	7,73E–7	5,03E–9	7,75E–8	1,23E–6	4,81E–9	0E0
ADP-fossil*	MJ	1,3E1	5,98E–1	2,18E–1	1,38E1	7,15E–1	4,54E–2	7,07E–2	3,08E–1	1,47E–2	0E0
WDP	m^3	6,12E–1	3,79E–3	4,08E–3	6,2E–1	2,62E–3	8,46E–5	2,63E–4	4,37E–3	6,81E–4	0E0
Acronyms	GWP-fossil = Global Warming Potential fossil fuels; GWP-biogenic = Global Warming Potential biogenic; GWP-luluc = Global Warming Potential land use and land use change; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance; EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment; EP-marine = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment; EP-terrestrial = Eutrophication potential, Accumulated Exceedance; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; ADP-minerals & metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP-fossil = Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption										

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Use of resources

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
					Use of resources per functional of declared unit						
PERE	MJ	1,3E0	1,83E–2	6,84E–2	1,39E0	8,87E–3	2,45E–4	8,9E–4	4,83E–2	1,19E–4	0E0
PERM	MJ	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0
PERT	MJ	1,3E0	1,83E–2	6,84E–2	1,39E0	8,87E–3	2,45E–4	8,9E–4	4,83E–2	1,19E–4	0E0
PENRE	MJ	1,3E1	5,98E–1	2,05E–1	1,38E1	7,15E–1	4,54E–2	7,07E–2	3,08E–1	1,47E–2	0E0
PENRM	MJ	0E0	0E0	1,36E–2	1,36E–2	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0
PENRT	MJ	1,3E1	5,98E–1	2,19E–1	1,38E1	7,15E–1	4,54E–2	7,07E–2	3,08E–1	1,47E–2	0E0
SM	kg	9,18E–1	0E0	7,26E–6	9,18E–1	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0
RSF	MJ	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0
NRSF	MJ	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0
FW	m³	7,68E–3	1,44E–4	9,85E–5	7,93E–3	1,46E–4	4,01E–6	1,47E–5	1,26E–4	1,61E–5	0E0
Acronyms		PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERT = Total use of renewable primary energy resources; PENRE = Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRM = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRT = Total use of non-renewable primary energy re-sources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW = Use of net fresh water										

Waste production and output flows

Waste production

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
					Results per functional or declared unit						
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	2,5E–1	1,41E–3	9,95E–4	2,53E–1	6,99E–4	4,88E–5	6,87E–5	0E0	1,37E–5	0E0
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	2,36E0	5,62E–2	3,1E–2	2,45E0	7,48E–2	5,22E–4	7,6E–3	0E0	1E–1	0E0
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	5,38E–5	3,78E–6	1,12E–6	5,87E–5	4,91E–6	3,18E–7	4,85E–7	0E0	9,74E–8	0E0

Output flows

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Components for re-use	kg	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0
Material for recycling	kg	0E0	0E0	1E–2	1E–2	0E0	0E0	0E0	9E–1	0E0	0E0
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0
Exported energy	MJ	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0	0E0

Reading example: 9.00E-03 = 9.0×10^{-3} = 0.009

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Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Tot.A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP	kg CO_2 eq.	8,05E–1	4,22E–2	1,24E–2	8,6E–1	4,59E–2	3,27E–3	4,5E–3	2,19E–2	5,17E–4	0E0
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	7,43E–8	6,49E–9	1,45E–9	8,22E–8	8,6E–9	5,63E–10	8,49E–10	2,71E–9	1,72E–10	0E0
AP	mol H^+ eq.	3,11E–3	3,56E–4	5,27E–5	3,52E–3	1,36E–4	4,87E–6	9,25E–6	1,67E–4	2,08E–6	0E0
EP	kg PO_4^{3-} eq.	1,97E–3	6,83E–5	1,89E–5	2,06E–3	2,34E–5	8,57E–7	1,87E–6	6,83E–5	4,03E–7	0E0
POCP	kg Ethene	3,32E–4	1,14E–5	3,1E–6	3,46E–4	6,92E–6	5,01E–7	5,86E–7	7,84E–6	1,53E–7	0E0
ADP-minerals & metals*	kg Sb eq.	1,11E–5	4,89E–7	8,65E–8	1,16E–5	7,73E–7	5,03E–9	7,75E–8	1,23E–6	4,81E–9	0E0
ADP-fossil*	MJ	1,3E1	5,98E–1	2,18E–1	1,38E1	7,15E–1	4,54E–2	7,07E–2	3,08E–1	1,47E–2	0E0
Acronyms	GWP = Global Warming Potential; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential; EP = Eutrophication potential; POCP = Formation of ozone of lower atmosphere; ADP-minerals&metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP-fossil = Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption										

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Tools and database

- One Click LCA tool;
- Ecoinvent 3.6 database

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