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To our Valued Customers:

The LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System® is a voluntary, consensus-based standard to support and certify successful green building design, construction and operations.

Materials and products used in Buildings are not certified. The certification process is for the entire construction project. Building products can only contribute to earning points in various categories.

According to the International Stainless Steel Forum studies (<http://www.worldstainless.org>) Stainless steels are highly recyclable and typically contain 60% recycled material. And, the excellent corrosion resistance, strength and formability of stainless steels allow the construction of curtain walls and roofs with stunning aesthetics, minimal maintenance and long lives.

Böllinghaus Portugal - Aços Especiais rolled material, downstream used in project buildings contributes to LEED® credits according to LEED 2009 Green Building Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovations, under the Materials & Resources category.

✓ Materials&Resources

• **MR Credit 4: Recycled Content**

Use materials with recycled content such that the sum of postconsumer recycled content plus 1/2 of the preconsumer content constitutes at least 10% or 20%, based on cost, of the total value of the materials in the project.

The minimum percentage materials recycled for each point threshold is as follows:

| Recycled Content | 10% | 20% |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Points | 1 | 2 |

The recycled content value of a material assembly is determined by weight. The recycled fraction of the assembly is then multiplied by the cost of assembly to determine the recycled content value.

Böllinghaus Portugal stainless steel products are manufactured from raw material that is composed by a estimated amount of 70% recycled material (20% pre-consumer recycle content + 50% post-consumer recycle content). Using this as a portion may allow up to two (2) LEED credit points for your project.

The statements mentioned above are merely examples of how our products may help you earn LEED credits.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of any upcoming doubts, through the contacts below.

Your sincerely,



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