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EPD PROGRAM AND PROGRAM OPERATOR NAME, ADDRESS, LOGO, AND WEBSITE	UL Environment 333 Pfingsten Road Northbrook, IL 60611 <a href="https://www.ul.com/">https://www.ul.com/</a> <a href="https://spot.ul.com">https://spot.ul.com</a>
GENERAL PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS AND VERSION NUMBER	General Program Instructions v.2.5 March 2020
MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS	TUNG HO STEEL ENTERPRISE CORP. Headquater 6F., No.9, Sec. 1, Chang-an E. Rd., Taipei City 10441, Taiwan Site for which this EPD is representative: Miaoli Works Address: No. 22,Pingding, Erhu Vil., Xihu Township, Miaoli County 36842, Taiwan Contact: K. U. Wu h82wku@tunghosteel.com
DECLARATION NUMBER	4789597922.102.1
DECLARED PRODUCT & FUNCTIONAL UNIT OR DECLARED UNIT	Hot Rolled Structural Steel Section Sections Declared Unit: 1 metric ton
REFERENCE PCR AND VERSION NUMBER	Part A: Life Cycle Assessment Calculation Rules and Report Requirements, UL Environment; Part B: Requirements on the EPD for Structural steels, Institut Vauen und Umwelt e.V., Version 1.6
DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT APPLICATION/USE	Hot rolled structural steel sections include "Hot Rolled H-Beam", "Checked H-Beam", "I-Beam", "Channel Beam" and "U-type sheet piles" applied in industrial buildings and metal structures.
PRODUCT RSL DESCRIPTION (IF APPL.)	Not Applicable
MARKETS OF APPLICABILITY	North America, Europe, Global
DATE OF ISSUE	2021 January 1
PERIOD OF VALIDITY	5 Year
EPD TYPE	Product-Specific
RANGE OF DATASET VARIABILITY	N/A
EPD SCOPE	Cradle-to-gate
YEAR(S) OF REPORTED PRIMARY DATA	2019
LCA SOFTWARE & VERSION NUMBER	SimaPro 9.0.0.49
LCI DATABASE(S) & VERSION NUMBER	Ecoinvent & U.S. LCI Database & Taiwan EPA Carbon Footprint Database
LCIA METHODOLOGY & VERSION NUMBER	CML-IA(Base line), TRACI 2.1 v1.05 EDIP2003, AWARE, Cumulated Energy Demand, Recipe 2016 Midpoint

This PCR review was conducted by:	Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V.
	IBU Independent Expert Committee (SRV)
This declaration was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14025: 2006. <input type="checkbox"/> INTERNAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXTERNAL	
	Grant R. Martin, UL Environment
This life cycle assessment was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14044 and the reference PCR by:	
	James Mellentine, Thrive ESG

### LIMITATIONS

**Exclusions:** EPDs do not indicate that any environmental or social performance benchmarks are met, and there may be impacts that they do not encompass. LCAs do not typically address the site-specific environmental impacts of raw material extraction, nor are they meant to assess human health toxicity. EPDs can complement but cannot replace tools and certifications that are designed to address these impacts and/or set performance thresholds – e.g. Type 1 certifications, health assessments and declarations, environmental impact assessments, etc.

**Accuracy of Results:** EPDs regularly rely on estimations of impacts; the level of accuracy in estimation of effect differs for any particular product line and reported impact.

**Comparability:** EPDs from different programs may not be comparable. Full conformance with a PCR allows EPD comparability only when all stages of a life cycle have been considered. However, variations and deviations are possible". Example of variations: Different LCA software and background LCI datasets may lead to differences results for upstream or downstream of the life cycle stages declared.

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### 1.2. Product Description

#### Product Identification

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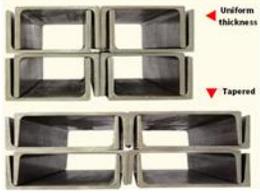
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other civil engineering projects.

\*I-Beam is broadly applied in industrial buildings and metal structures such as factories, bridges, ships, agricultural vehicle manufacturing, and power transmission towers.

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### Product Specification

The products own CE MARK for LRV, and can be customized in accordance with Chinese National Standard(CNS), Australian Standard(AS), Japanese Industrial Standard(JIS), European Standard(EN), British Standard(BS) and American Society for Testing and Materials Standard(ASTM). For more details of technical specifications such as: dimensions, properties and steel grade of steel sections, please visit:

<https://www.tunghosteel.com/EN/HomeEg/Product/Intro/2>

### Technical Data

NAME	VALUE	UNIT
Density	7,850	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Modulus of elasticity	2.1	N/mm <sup>2</sup>



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Coefficient of thermal expansion	11.6	$10^{-6}K^{-1}$
Thermal conductivity	80.2	W/(mK)
Melting point	1,493	°C
Electrical conductivity at 20°C	1,030	$\Omega^{-1}m^{-1}$
Minimum yield strength (für Bleche)	345	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Minimum tensile strength (für Bleche)	450	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Minimum elongation (für Bleche)	$\geq 18$	%
Tensile strength	$\geq 450$	N/mm <sup>2</sup>

### Extraordinary effects for Fire, Water, and Mechanical Destruction

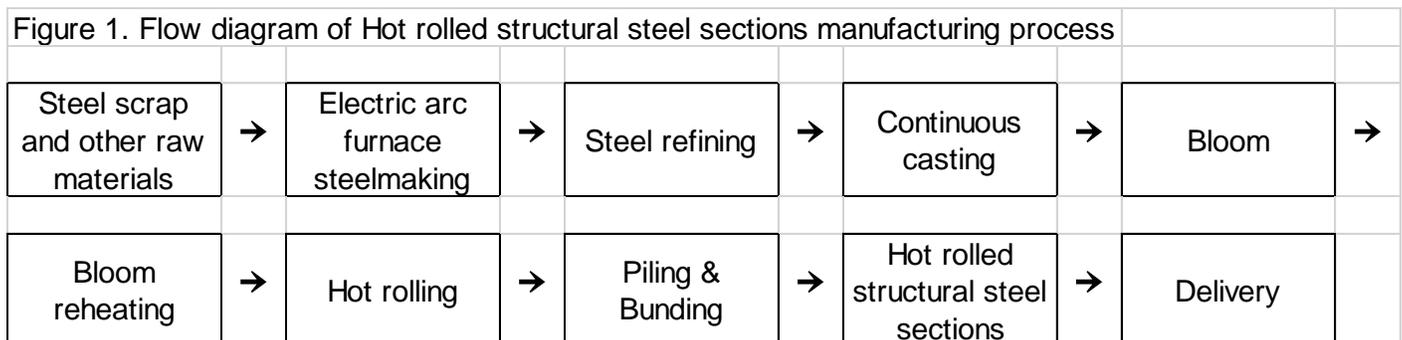
Special Fire Fighting Procedures - Do not use water on molten metal. Do not use Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Firefighters should not enter confined spaces without wearing NIOSH/MSHA approved positive pressure breathing apparatus (SCBA) with full face mask and full protective equipment.

Unusual Fire or Explosion Hazards - Steel products do not present fire or explosion hazards under normal conditions. Any non-oxidized fine metal particles/ dust generated by grinding, sawing, abrasive blasting, or individual customer processes may produce materials that the customer should test for combustibility and other hazards in accordance with applicable regulations. High concentrations of combustible metallic fines in the air may present an explosion hazard.

### Manufacturing Process

The manufacturing process includes two major parts, the first is electric arc furnace steelmaking process, and the second is hot rolling process. The quality management system is ISO 9001. The environmental management system is ISO 14001. The occupational safety management system is ISO 45001.

### Flow Diagram

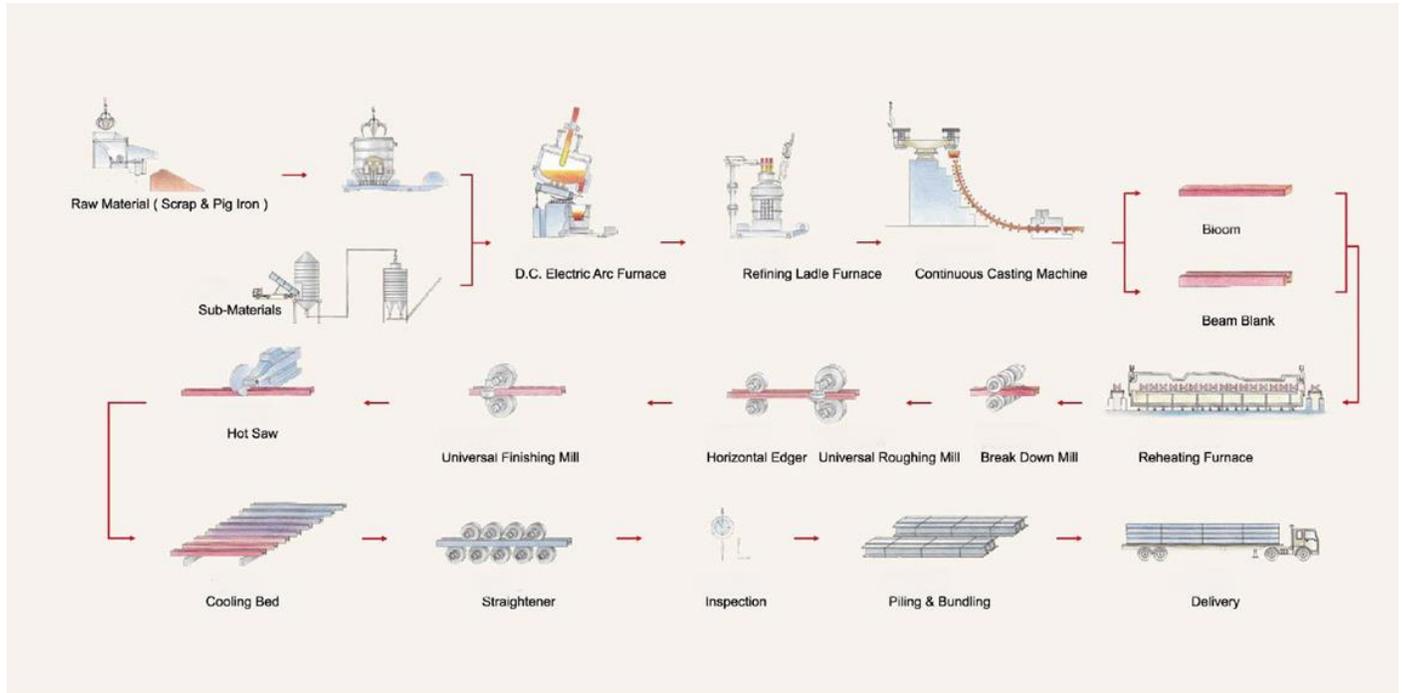


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## 1.4. Reasons for carrying out the study; intended applications of the study; target audiences.

Since more and more clients care about and ask for the environmental impacts of our products, we started the study of life cycle assessment of our products.

## 1.5. Material Composition

The hot rolled structural steel sections manufactured by Tung Ho is made of 100% low alloyed steel manufactured in electric arc furnace with 90% of recycled material.



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The typical composition of the low alloyed is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1**

ELEMENT	TYPICAL CONTENT
Iron	98.5%
Carbon	0.12%
Manganese	0.18%
Silicon	0.65%
Phosphorus	0.01%
Sulfur	0.01%
Copper	0.02%
Others(Sn, V, Nb, Al, B, Ni, Cr, Mo, Ti)	0.51%
Total	100%

The products do not contain any hazardous substances listed in the “Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation” (SVHC) exceeding 0.1% of the weight of the product.

## 1.6. Manufacturing

The steel structure site production flow is: Receiving steel plate materials → Assembly → Welding → Wing plate leveling → Welding bead rectification → Heat shaping → Inspection → Entry into warehouse.

## 1.7. Packaging and Delivery Status

The hot rolled structural steel sections are packaged by rod-carbon steel for delivery.

## 1.8. Disposal/ Re-use/ Recycling

Hot rolled structural steel sections is easy to recycling, but it is not suggested to be re-used as structural elements. The European Waste Index code for hot rolled structural steel sections is ewc-code-17-04-05 – iron and steel.

## 2. Life Cycle Assessment Background Information

### 2.1. Functional or Declared Unit

Declared Unit: 1 metric ton of HOT ROLLED STRUCTURAL STEEL SECTIONS

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**Table 2**

NAME	VALUE	UNIT
Declared unit	1	t
Thickness (des Bleches)	please visit: <a href="https://www.tunghosteel.com/EN/HomeEg/Product/Intro/2">https://www.tunghosteel.com/EN/HomeEg/Product/Intro/2</a>	mm
Density	7,850	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Conversion factor to 1 kg	1,000	-

## 2.2. System Boundary

This is a cradle to gate EPD. The following life cycle stages were considered:

A1 – Raw material supply.

A2 – Transport.

A3 – Manufacturing.

\*Not including “CONSTRUCT-ION PROCESS STAGE”, “USE STAGE” and “END OF LIFE STAGE”.

## 2.3. Estimates and Assumptions

\*The most representative overseas scrap yard is in Long Beach, USA, is assumed all scrap yards operate in the same way.

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## 2.4. Cut-off Criteria

Life Cycle Inventory data for 100% of total inflows (mass and energy) to the upstream and core module have been included. Company infrastructure, employee’s transportation and administrative activities were kept out of the scope of this study.

## 2.5. Data Sources

The material, energy, transportation, waste treatment and air emission data collected are from the year 2019, and the major data source is from the ERP system of Miaoli Works. The LCA software used for this study is SimaPro 9.0.0.49, the LCI databases include Ecoinvent & U.S. LCI Database & Taiwan EPA Carbon Footprint Database.

## 2.6. Data Quality

The collected data were checked for plausibility and consistency. Good data quality can be assumed. Data quality assessment per information module is provided in Tables 3, 4 and 5.



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Data	Time Related Coverage	Geographical coverage	Technological coverage	Data Source	Measured or estimated
Raw materials consumption	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M
Distance of scrap transportation to recycling center	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M
Energy and materials consumption of scrap processing in recycling center, as well as waste and generated emissions	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M
Fuels consumption and emissions related to electricity generation and distribution in Taiwan	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M&E
Energy consumption and generation of emissions related to natural gas production in Taiwan	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M&E
Energy and materials consumption to raw materials production for the steelworks	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M&E

Data	Time Related Coverage	Geographical coverage	Technological coverage	Data Source	Measured or estimated
Distance of scrap and others raw materials transportation	2019	Taiwan	Not Applicable	Tung Ho	M
Distance of auxiliary items transportation	2019	Taiwan	Not Applicable	Tung Ho	M
Distance of natural gas transportation	2019	Taiwan	Not Applicable	Tung Ho	M
Consumption of materials and energy and emissions related to the transport requirements of raw materials and auxiliary inputs	2019	Taiwan	World average	Ecoinvent	M&E

Data	Time Related Coverage	Geographical coverage	Technological coverage	Data Source	Measured or estimated
Production efficiency and generation of by-products	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M
Consumption of auxiliary items	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M&E
Energy and materials consumption of auxiliary items production	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M&E
Waste generation	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M



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Waste treatment process	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M&E
Air emissions and waste water generation	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M&E
Distance of waste transportation	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M&E
Requirements of waste transportation	2019	Taiwan	Modern	Tung Ho	M&E

## 2.7. Period under Review

From January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

## 2.8. Allocation

Allocation of inputs and outputs of the system between product and coproducts was based on a mass relation, considering the quantity produced per year of each product and coproduct at the level of unit process.

The slag and arc furnace Dust produced from the electric arc furnace process are treated as wastes, not as coproducts in this study, so we didn't use economic allocation approach to allocate the environmental impacts to the slag and arc furnace Dust.

There are no credits from recycling or energy recovery of packaging materials and production waste. On the other hand, this is a "cradle to gate" study, so there are no credits from recycling or energy recovery from the end of life of the product.

**Table 6**

ITEM	ALLOCATION METHOD
the use of recycled and/or secondary raw materials	By weight of output of bloom & beam-blank & slab
electricity used for electric arc furnace	By weight of output of bloom & beam-blank & slab
electricity used for sections hot rolling	By weight of output of hot rolling steel products
auxiliary and operating materials	By weight of output of bloom & beam-blank & slab
packaging materials	By weight of output of hot rolling steel products
production waste	By weight of output of bloom & beam-blank & slab





3. Life Cycle Assessment Results

Table 7. Description of the system boundary modules

EPD Type	PRODUCT STAGE			CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE		USE STAGE							END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY	
	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from gate to site	Assembly/Install	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Building Operational Energy Use During Product Use	Building Operational Water Use During Product Use	Deconstruction	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse, Recovery, Recycling Potential	
	X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	x

(X = included in LCA; MND = Module Not Declared).

4.1. Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results

Parameters describing environmental potential impacts were calculated using CML-IA method version 3.05 (Guinee et al. 2001; Huijbregts et al. 2003; Wegener et al. 2008) as implemented in SimaPro 9.0.0.49 for table 8. Parameters describing environmental potential impacts were calculated using TRACI method version 2.1 as implemented in SimaPro 9.0.0.49 for table 9. Table 8 and table 9 below shows the LCA results per the declared unit and the impact contribution per module.

Table 8 RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT (CML-IA method version 3.05): declared unit and product

Impact Category	Unit	A1 - Raw materials supply	A2 - Transportation	A3 - Manufacturing	Total(A1 - A3)
GWP(Global warming potential)	kg CO <sub>2</sub> -Eq/ton	2.60E+02	1.11E+02	5.63E+02	9.34E+02
	%	27.85%	11.91%	60.25%	100.00%
ODP(Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer)	kg CFC-11Eq/ton	3.67E-05	4.49E-06	3.19E-06	4.44E-05
	%	82.72%	10.11%	7.18%	100.00%



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AP(Acidification potential of land and water)	kg SO <sub>2</sub> -Eq/ ton	1.01E+00	1.66E+00	2.03E-01	2.87E+00
	%	35.05%	57.86%	7.09%	100.00%
EP(Eutrophication potential)	kg PO <sub>4</sub> -Eq/ ton	5.56E-02	1.73E-01	2.35E-02	2.52E-01
	%	22.09%	68.58%	9.33%	100.00%
POCP(Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants)	kg C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -Eq/ ton	7.02E-02	7.98E-02	1.10E-02	1.61E-01
	%	43.63%	49.56%	6.81%	100.00%
ADPE(Abiotic depletion potential for nonfossil resources)	kg Sb-Eq/ ton	2.86E-04	1.63E-06	3.49E-04	6.36E-04
	%	44.97%	0.26%	54.78%	100.00%
ADPF(Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources)	MJ/ ton	3.98E+03	5.75E+02	4.59E+02	5.02E+03
	%	79.40%	11.46%	9.14%	100.00%

**Table 9** RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT (TRACI method version 2.1): declared unit and product

Impact Category	Unit	A1 - Raw materials supply	A2 - Transportation	A3 - Manufacturing	Total(A1 - A3)
GWP(Global warming potential)	kg CO <sub>2</sub> -Eq/ ton	3.21E+02	7.02E+01	5.31E+02	9.23E+02
	%	34.83%	7.61%	57.56%	100.00%
ODP(Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer)	kg CFC-11Eq/ ton	7.40E-05	5.94E-06	3.98E-06	8.39E-05
	%	88.18%	7.08%	4.74%	100.00%



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AP(Acidification potential of land and water)	kg SO <sub>2</sub> -Eq/ ton	2.36E+00	1.75E+00	2.06E-01	4.32E+00
	%	54.72%	40.50%	4.77%	100.00%
EP(Eutrophication potential)	kg N-Eq/ ton	7.38E+00	6.65E-02	0.00E+00	7.45E+00
	%	99.11%	0.89%	0.00%	100.00%
POCP(Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants)	kg O <sub>3</sub> -Eq/ ton	2.71E+01	2.33E+01	2.39E+00	5.28E+01
	%	51.29%	44.18%	4.53%	100.00%
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## 4.2. Life Cycle Inventory Results

Parameters describing resource use were evaluated with the Cumulated Energy Demand method version 1.10 (Frischknecht et al. 2007) except for the indicator of use of net fresh water that was evaluated with Recipe 2016 Midpoint (H) version 1.00 (Huijbregts et al. 2017). The detailed description of the use of resources is provided in Table 10.

**Table 10** RESULTS OF THE LCA - RESOURCE USE: declared unit and product

Parameter	Unit	A1 - Raw materials supply	A2 - Transportation	A3 - Manufacturing	Total(A1 - A3)
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PERE(Renewable primary energy as energy carrier)	MJ	2.85E+01	2.05E-01	5.50E+00	3.42E+01
PERM(Renewable primary energy resources as material utilization)	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PERT(Total use of renewable primary energy resources)	MJ	2.85E+01	2.05E-01	5.50E+00	3.42E+01
PENRE(Nonrenewable primary energy as energy carrier)	MJ	8.71E+03	5.75E+02	4.95E+02	9.78E+03
PENRM(Nonrenewable primary energy as material utilization)	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PENRT(Total use of nonrenewable primary energy resources)	MJ	8.71E+03	5.75E+02	4.95E+02	9.78E+03
SM(Use of secondary material)	kg	1.13E+03	0.00E+00	1.55E-01	1.13E+03
RSF(Use of renewable secondary fuels)	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NRSF(Use of nonrenewable secondary fuels)	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
FW(Use of net fresh water)	m <sup>3</sup>	5.91E-01	1.40E-01	1.64E+01	1.71E+01

Environmental indicators describing waste generation were obtained from LCI except for background information which has been calculated using EDIP 2003 method version 1.06 (Hauschild and Potting, 2005). Table 11 shows waste and other outputs generated during each information module.

**Table 11** RESULTS OF THE LCA – OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE CATEGORIES:  
declared unit and product

Parameter	Unit	A1 - Raw materials supply	A2 - Transportation	A3 - Manufacturing	Total(A1 - A3)
HWD(Hazardous waste disposed)	kg	4.39E-03	4.19E-04	1.86E-01	1.91E-01
NHWD(Nonhazardous waste disposed)	kg	9.13E+02	3.14E+00	1.81E+01	9.35E+02
RWD(Radioactive waste disposed)	kg	1.36E-02	2.92E-04	1.10E+00	1.12E+00
CRU(Components for reuse)	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
MFR(Materials for recycling)	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
MER(Materials for energy recovery)	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EEE(Exported electrical energy)	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EET(Exported thermal energy)	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00



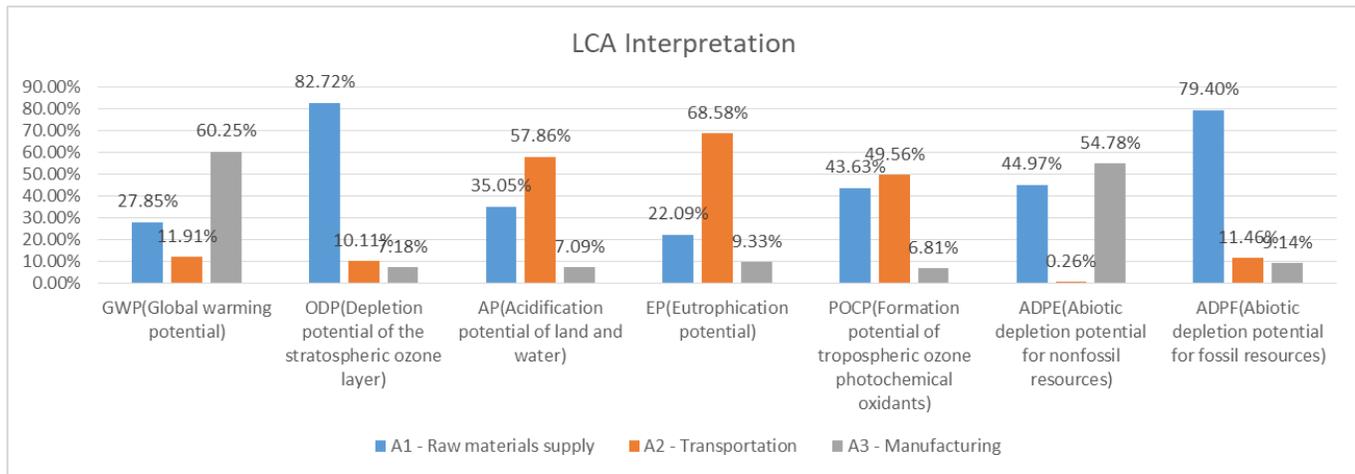


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## 4. LCA Interpretation

The highest proportion of GWP(Global warming potential) impact of the product is module A3(manufacturing), 60.25%. The highest proportion of ODP(Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer) impact of the product is module A1(raw material supply), 82.72%. The highest proportion of AP(Acidification potential of land and water) impact of the product is module A2(transportation), 57.86%. The highest proportion of EP(Eutrophication potential) impact of the product is module A2(transportation), 68.58%. The highest proportion of POCP(Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants) impact of the product is module A2(transportation), 49.56%. The highest proportion of ADPE(Abiotic depletion potential for nonfossil resources) of the product is module A3(manufacturing), 54.78%. The highest proportion of ADPF(Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources) impact of the product is module A1(raw material supply), 79.40%.



### Sensitivity Check

The study considered sensitivities of most uncertain and significant aspects of the data set, including “input of steel scrap”, “transportation distance of overseas steel scrap” and “Input of electricity”. After adjusting 20% on each item and check the changes of each LCA result, the results of sensitivity check is as shown on the tables below. All sensitivities of each LCA results are under 15%.

Table 12

Impact Category	Item of Sensitivity Check	The current LCA result	The LCA result after adjusting 20% on input of steel scrap	Sensitivity(%)
GWP(Global warming potential)	Input of steel scrap	9.34E+02	9.58E+02	2.50%



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ODP(Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer)	Input of steel scrap	4.44E-05	4.73E-05	6.55%
AP(Acidification potential of land and water)	Input of steel scrap	2.87E+00	3.20E+00	11.77%
EP(Eutrophication potential)	Input of steel scrap	2.52E-01	2.89E-01	14.74%
POCP(Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants)	Input of steel scrap	1.61E-01	1.77E-01	10.22%
ADPE(Abiotic depletion potential for nonfossil resources)	Input of steel scrap	6.36E-04	6.76E-04	6.26%
ADPF(Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources)	Input of steel scrap	5.02E+03	5.20E+03	3.71%

**Table 13**

Impact Category	Item of Sensitivity Check	The current LCA result	The LCA result after adjusting 20% on transportation distance of overseas steel scrap	Sensitivity(%)
GWP(Global warming potential)	Transportation distance of overseas steel scrap	9.34E+02	9.50E+02	1.63%
ODP(Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer)	Transportation distance of overseas steel scrap	4.44E-05	4.46E-05	0.40%
AP(Acidification potential of land and water)	Transportation distance of overseas steel scrap	2.87E+00	3.17E+00	10.50%



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EP(Eutrophication potential)	Transportation distance of overseas steel scrap	2.52E-01	2.81E-01	11.60%
POCP(Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants)	Transportation distance of overseas steel scrap	1.61E-01	1.76E-01	9.12%
ADPE(Abiotic depletion potential for nonfossil resources)	Transportation distance of overseas steel scrap	6.36E-04	6.37E-04	0.05%
ADPF(Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources)	Transportation distance of overseas steel scrap	5.02E+03	5.13E+03	2.22%

**Table 14**

Impact Category	Item of Sensitivity Check	The current LCA result	The LCA result after adjusting 20% on input of electricity	Sensitivity(%)
GWP(Global warming potential)	Input of electricity	9.34E+02	9.50E+02	1.61%
ODP(Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer)	Input of electricity	4.44E-05	4.46E-05	0.57%
AP(Acidification potential of land and water)	Input of electricity	2.87E+00	2.88E+00	0.55%
EP(Eutrophication potential)	Input of electricity	2.52E-01	2.54E-01	0.80%
POCP(Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants)	Input of electricity	1.61E-01	1.62E-01	0.41%
ADPE(Abiotic depletion potential for nonfossil resources)	Input of electricity	6.36E-04	6.37E-04	0.09%



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ADPF(Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources)	Input of electricity	5.02E+03	5.07E+03	1.01%
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## 5. Conclusion and Recommendation

This LCA Report has provided an assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with the system boundary “cradle to gate”, including module A1(raw material supply) & module A2(transportation) & module A3(manufacturing). The LCA software used for this study is SimaPro 9.0.0.49, the LCI databases include Ecoinvent & U.S. LCI Database & Taiwan EPA Carbon Footprint Database, and LCIA methodologies include CML-IA(Base line) version 3.05, TRACI version 2.1, EDIP2003 version 1.06, Cumulated Energy Demand method version 1.10 and Recipe 2016 Midpoint (H) version 1.00.

The specific site of this study is located in Miaoli, Taiwan. However, most of databases we used as environmental impact factors are not local database. In the future, if the local government can develop more databases of environmental impact factors, it will be very helpful for preciser assessment of the potential environmental impacts.

The study is not intended to support comparative assertions intended to be disclosed to the public.

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