



A Manufacturing Sector's Experience of integrating EPD alongside product, management system and responsible sourcing certification for public procurement

Using LCA and EPD in Public Procurement

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Introduction to CARES
- Sustainable Constructional Steels Scheme
- Role of EPD's and responsible sourcing
- Use in public procurement
- Lessons Learnt





INTRODUCTION

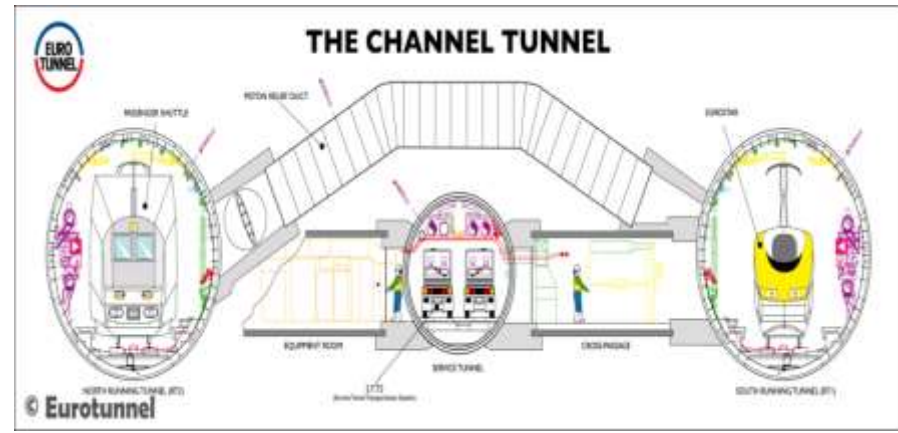
- Independent, not-for-profit certification body, established in 1983
- Offers certification schemes for constructional steels companies
 - Management system certification
 - Product Certification
 - CE Marking
 - Sustainable Constructional Steels Scheme

Its aim is to provide confidence to the users, purchasers and specifiers of constructional steels through a regime of 3rd party regulation, testing and inspection





MAJOR PROJECTS AND RECOGNITIONS





THE CARES SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTIONAL STEEL (SCS) SCHEME

Locations of CARES sustainability scheme-approved suppliers

CARES has global reach. The SCS Scheme is internationally recognised as the preferred certification system for sustainable constructional steel. CARES-approved suppliers benefit from the wide acceptance of CARES-approved steel by green building rating systems around the world.

Which suppliers are CARES-approved and where are they?

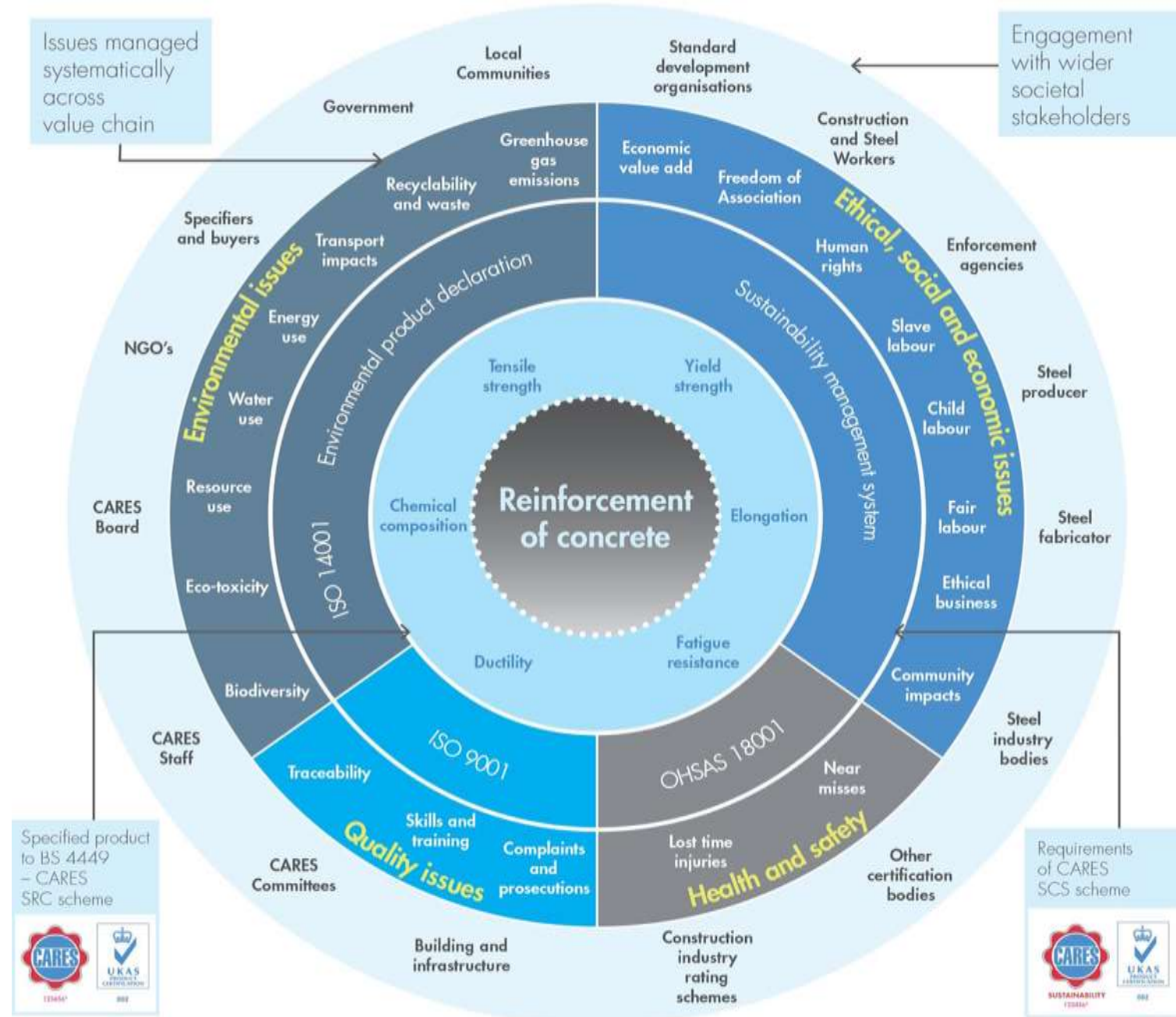


- Aims to improve construction sector sustainability performance
- Applicable to primary producers of steel and steel fabricators
- Based on inclusivity, integrity, stewardship and transparency
- Stakeholder engagement critical to scheme and feeds periodic review



SCHEME BASIS AND STRUCTURE

REINFORCING STEEL BAR (REBAR) AS AN EXTENDED PRODUCT





HOW AUTHORITATIVE IS CARES DATA?

- Certification process: Application review; Stage 1 and Stage 2 detailed on-site audits each year
- Chances of data errors are reduced when compared to sample approach/less frequent audit cycle
- EPD data, which is updated once every 3 years, is subject to an additional verification stage by a third party – BRE

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RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

- Life cycle thinking includes social and human rights impacts across whole value chain
- Increasing expectations of responsible sourcing from construction product buyers
- CARES helped develop and aligns with new standards like BES 6001 & BES 6002



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BRE Environmental & Sustainability Standard

BES 6001: ISSUE 3.1

Framework Standard for Responsible Sourcing

This BRE Environmental & Sustainability Standard describes the organisational management, supply chain management and sustainability aspects to be addressed in the certification and approval of the responsible sourcing of products

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PUBLIC PROCUREMENT DRIVERS

- The EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive
- UK government Procurement Policy Note 11/16
- UK Modern Slavery Act (MSA) introduced in March 2016
- Paris Accord and National Implementation Agreements

The UK MSA requires any business with a worldwide turnover above £36m to publically report on its efforts to eradicate slavery and human trafficking in its entire value chain



PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

- EPD / LCA data + social requirements are informing public procurement and funding of construction projects in Netherlands, France, Germany, Norway, UK
- E.g. Balanced scorecard themes – UK HS2



Health, safety
and security



Environment



Benchmark for delivery
and operational
excellence



Vibrant city
regions



Design for
passengers



Skills and
employment



On time



On budget



LESSONS LEARNT

- Expectations about the quality and availability of EPD and social data are growing
- Supply chain focus, data and information on human rights, social and community impacts
- Increasing regulation regarding the reporting of impacts associated with construction materials
- Collaborations and engagement key to achieving performance improvements

Third-Party Certification can enable expectations of public procurers to be met



LESSONS LEARNT

- Sustainable procurement is now a key part of major infrastructure and construction projects
- Some buying organisations have 'Sustainable Materials Specialists'
- Public (and private) sector clients are expecting higher standards of evidence and certifications

Being able to demonstrate the Sustainability of steel construction materials is increasingly a minimum requirement on the biggest contracts





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