

## By-law passed by the ResponsibleSteel Board on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

By applying for ResponsibleSteel membership an organisation commits to a) support the ResponsibleSteel Programme and b) to drive positive change through the recognition and use of responsible steel.

### A. Support the ResponsibleSteel Programme

ResponsibleSteel Business, Civil Society and Associate Members support the achievement of the ResponsibleSteel vision and mission by:

- Communicating the organisation's membership of ResponsibleSteel internally and to external partners and stakeholders, for example through the correct use of the ResponsibleSteel Trademark and Member Logo on the organisation's website and in appropriate fora and discussions;
- Participating constructively in the discussion and development of ResponsibleSteel international standards and policies, for example through:
  - Participation in webinars on issues of interest
  - Review, and submission of comments on, draft ResponsibleSteel international standards and policies
  - Participation where applicable in votes on the approval of ResponsibleSteel international standards
- Supporting ResponsibleSteel's ethos of collaboration by actively sharing knowledge and expertise with ResponsibleSteel and other ResponsibleSteel members.

### B. Drive Positive Change Through the Recognition and Use of Responsible Steel

ResponsibleSteel Business, Civil Society and Associate Members commit to:

- Recognize the ResponsibleSteel Standard as a credible international standard for the responsible production of steel.
- Develop a plan or strategy to support the uptake of the ResponsibleSteel Standard by steelmakers within a 3 year time frame. The following initial commitments could be applicable:
  - Steelmaking businesses: to start the certification process of at least one steelmaking site against the ResponsibleSteel Standard within one year of joining ResponsibleSteel.
  - Downstream businesses: to specify and/or communicate its interest in sourcing ResponsibleSteel certified material upon obtaining membership to ResponsibleSteel through direct outreach, external communications or other relevant methods.
  - Mining businesses: to start an independent audit against a mine level assurance standard recognised by ResponsibleSteel for at least one mine

- site within one year of joining ResponsibleSteel and an applicable certification scheme being recognized by ResponsibleSteel.
- Finance and Investment sector businesses: to recognise certification of compliance with the ResponsibleSteel Standard as a relevant indicator for decision-making for lending/ investment to steelmakers within one year of joining and certification becoming available.
- Provide ResponsibleSteel with information on the member's plan or strategy, including achievement of the initial commitments and on further progress over time.

This will take the form of a Progress Letter submitted to ResponsibleSteel at least every two years including a statement of support from the company signatory as well as a brief narrative on relevant actions demonstrating the commitments are being followed.