

# Claims and Logo Guidelines

for the ResponsibleSteel™ International Standard

Business Members, Civil Society Members, Associate Members and Certified Sites

October 2023

# Preface

These guidelines have been designed to help our members use the ResponsibleSteel International Standard both properly and responsibly.

The guidelines cover all aspects of our logo and membership, certified site and certified steel marks, as well as providing instruction and usage examples for member websites, paperwork, site signage and photography.

ResponsibleSteel has a clear responsibility to control all relevant ResponsibleSteel related claims to ensure they are both credible and accurate. Due to the diversity of industries and supply chain activities involved in the steel value chain, this Guide provides both principles and practical examples of how ResponsibleSteel members may make claims. It is in the interests of all ResponsibleSteel members and supporting organisations to follow the rules regarding ResponsibleSteel related claims, and thus support the programme's ongoing integrity and value.

ResponsibleSteel members pay an annual membership fee to support the ResponsibleSteel work programme. No additional usage or licensing fee currently applies for any legitimate use of the ResponsibleSteel logo or associated claims. The ResponsibleSteel Board reserves the right to review and amend fee structures from time to time.

NB. Do not use any of the brand elements directly from these guidelines. All relevant templates for logos and membership, certified site and certified steel marks are available from claims@responsiblesteel.org

# Compliance

#### Compliance with this Guide

If a ResponsibleSteel Member does not comply with one or more of the rules and conditions specified in this guide, ResponsibleSteel can withdraw the right to use the ResponsibleSteel logo and/or suspend or terminate ResponsibleSteel membership. If you see any ResponsibleSteel logos or claims being used inappropriately, or potentially misleading or fraudulent claims or representations about ResponsibleSteel by either members or non-members, please notify us immediately at <a href="mailto:claims@responsiblesteel.org">claims@responsiblesteel.org</a> so that we may investigate and take action. The procedures of the ResponsibleSteel Issues Resolution System may apply.

#### **Legal Compliance**

Organisations that make ResponsibleSteel-related claims are each responsible for legal compliance with Applicable Law, including applicable laws and regulations related to labelling, advertisement, and consumer protection and Antitrust Laws (applicable laws and regulations relating to antitrust and competition), at all times. ResponsibleSteel cannot accept liability for any violations of Applicable Law or any infringement of third-party rights made by other organisations.

# Contents

| Our brand  | 1.0 | Certified steel mark with progress level                  | 3.6 |
|--|-----|---|-----|
| Our logo   | 2.0 | Certified steel mark with progress level, without QR code | 3.7 |
| The Logo   | 2.1 | Mark usage  | 3.8 |
| Member usage of the logo                                 | 2.2 |   |     |
| Primary logo - horizontal variants                       | 2.3 | Claims relating to<br>ResponsibleSteel brand,             |     |
| Stacked logo variants                                    | 2.4 | membership, logo and marks                                | 4.0 |
| Clear Zone   | 2.5 | ResponsibleSteel claims                                   | 4.1 |
| Minimum size   | 2.6 | ·   |     |
| Marks for ResponsibleSteel                               |     | Photography   | 5.0 |
| membership, certified site                               |     | Usage examples  | 6.0 |
| and certified steel                                      | 3.0 | Exterior signage  | 6.1 |
| Member mark  | 3.1 | Interior signage  | 6.2 |
| Associate mark   | 3.2 | Associate and member websites                             | 6.3 |
| Core certified site mark                                 | 3.3 | Paperwork   | 6.4 |
| Certified site mark with progress level                  | 3.4 | Event identification and backdrop                         | 6.5 |
| Certified site mark with progress level, without QR code | 3.5 | Certified steel mark                                      | 6.6 |

# Our brand

# ResponsibleSteel is the world's first global International Standard for responsibly sourced and produced steel.

A not-for-profit multi-stakeholder organisation, ResponsibleSteel was founded to bring together business, civil society and downstream users to provide a global standard and certification initiative for steel.

Our mission is to be a driving force in the socially and environmentally responsible production of net-zero steel, globally.

Aligned with the ISEAL codes of practice, ResponsibleSteel's credible standards and robust auditing will help transform the steel industry by rewarding best processes at every stage of the supply chain, building a consensus on what sustainability looks like for steel and putting pressure on those not working to high standards to raise their game.

Best practice will be developed further with a diverse mix of stakeholders, businesses and civil society groups alike, helping the industry recognise that change is fundamental to competitive advantage, securing market share and safeguarding a greener planet for future generations.

By working with some of the most influential organisations in this industry and beyond, we can drive positive change through the recognition and use of the ResponsibleSteel International Standard, now and in the future.

If we succeed, everyone wins.

# Our logo

Our logo is the most important and recognisable element of our brand. Its consistent and considered application is the cornerstone of a strong visual identity. Our name and brand name, when written should always be shown as ResponsibleSteel. For all external documentation, ResponsibleSteel will appear in text with the trade mark abbreviation; ResponsibleSteel<sup>TM</sup>.

#### **Please note:**

The ResponsibleSteel logos and certified site marks are for use by members who have had their sites certified, and should not be used on any steel products produced from certified sites. The certified steel mark may be used by members who have had their sites certified, and have reached at least progress level 1 in both decarbonisation and material sourcing.

The design of our logo is based on a ribbon of steel to evoke quality and strength. It is comprised of three elements:

#### **Symbol**

The ribbon shape creates a stylised letter R. The significant initial letter of our organisation.

#### Logotype

Our logotype uses clean and simple letter forms that complement the symbol.

#### Descriptor

Our descriptor helps communicate what we do as an organisation. It should be included within the logo wherever possible.

The full ResponsibleSteel logo (not brand mark) should only be used by ResponsibleSteel itself or if an organisation or member is referring to the ResponsibleSteel brand. Either the horizontal or stacked version of the logo can be used to suit a particular design.

The following pages detail logo variants and their uses.

Visual identity guidelines



Logo Lock-up



Visual identity guidelines 2.2

# Member usage of the logo

This is our primary logo which Business, Civil Society and Associate Members may need to use for the external promotion of our brand. It can be used in presentations, press releases, and news stories.

The logo can be used alongside a members' or associates' brand if required, to indicate the partnership with ResponsibleSteel. The logos should appear at an equal size visually, with a grey vertical dividing line in-between.

Please note that this logo should not be used as an alternative to the member, associate, certified site or certified steel marks. If an organisation would like to confirm its official status as a member, an associate, or a certified site, or label a product as being certified steel, the appropriate official mark should always be used.

The primary logo must always appear on a white background. Horizontal or stacked version of the logo can be used to suit a particular design.

#### Please note:

Do not reproduce any of the brand elements from this guidelines document. Digital files of all graphic elements and templates are available on request.

#### **Primary logo**



**Partnerships** 



# Primary logo - horizontal variants

Our horizontal logo adapts in different ways to suit specific uses:

#### **Primary logo**

This is the primary logo and should be used wherever possible. It must always appear on a white background.

#### Single colour logo

Secondary use for applications which don't support full colour reproduction.

#### **Solid logo**

Secondary use for applications which don't support halftone reproduction.

#### Logo without descriptor

Secondary use for applications which require a smaller logo than the minimum size primary logo.

#### **Reverse logo**

Only use when the logo can't be positioned on a white background. Only use on plain backgrounds that are dark enough to provide good legibility. Not to be used over photographic images.

#### **Primary logo**



#### Solid logo



#### Reverse logo



#### Single colour logo



#### Logo without descriptor



# Stacked logo variants

Our stacked logo adapts in different ways to suit specific uses:

#### **Primary logo**

This is the primary logo and should be used wherever possible. It must always appear on a white background.

#### Single colour logo

Secondary use for applications which don't support full colour reproduction.

#### **Solid logo**

Secondary use for applications which don't support halftone reproduction.

#### **Logo without descriptor**

Secondary use for applications which require a smaller logo than the minimum size primary logo.

#### **Reverse logo**

Only use when the logo can't be positioned on a white background. Only use on plain backgrounds that are dark enough to provide good legibility. Not to be used over photographic images.





Logo without descriptor



Single colour logo



Reverse logo



Solid logo



#### Clear zone

To maintain the integrity and clarity of our logo, there is a minimum area around it which must remain clear. This is equal in height to the letter I in the word Responsible.

#### **Primary logo**





#### Logo without descriptor





#### Please note:

Do not reproduce any of the brand elements from this guidelines document. Digital files of all graphic elements and templates are available on request.

#### Minimum size

These are the smallest sizes that are recommended for the logo. The logo without descriptor should only be used on applications that require a smaller size than the primary logo.

#### **Primary logo**

40mm





#### Logo without descriptor

30mm





#### Please note:

Do not reproduce any of the brand elements from this guidelines document. Digital files of all graphic elements and templates are available on request.

# Our marks

These identify what we stand for as an organisation, and are awarded to those with the courage and foresight to implement the right international standards for a brighter future for the steel industry, and the world.

The marks are made available to ResponsibleSteel Business Members, Civil Society Members and Associate Members to highlight their status as supporters of the ResponsibleSteel programme. However, there are clear guidelines concerning their usage as well as the associated claims which must be followed.

There are 5 available marks to members, which are outlined in this section:

#### **Member mark**

For members of the ResponsibleSteel programme.

#### **Associate mark**

For associate members of the ResponsibleSteel programme.

#### **Core Certified Site mark**

For members who have steel making and other sites which are certified.

#### **Certified Site mark with progress levels**

For certified sites that have achieved at least level 1 of decarbonisation and responsible materials sourcing requirements.

#### **Certified Steel mark with progress levels**

For certified steel making sites that have achieved at least level 1 for both decarbonisation and responsible materials sourcing requirements, and wishing to identify the steel product produced from a site as a ResponsibleSteel certified steel product.

#### Member mark

This mark can be used by members of the ResponsibleSteel programme.

The mark is available in stacked and horizontal formats, either of which can be used to suit a particular space or layout.

#### **Primary mark**

This version of the mark should be used wherever possible.

#### **Solid mark**

A secondary use mark which should only be used for applications which don't support halftone reproduction.

#### Minimum size

The smallest size that is recommended to retain satisfactory legibility.

Please note: the primary stand-alone ResponsibleSteel logo must not be used an as alternative to the member mark.

#### Please note:

Do not reproduce any of the brand elements from this guidelines document. Digital files of all graphic elements and templates are available on request.

#### **Primary mark**





Stacked

Horizontal

#### Solid mark





Stacked Horizontal

#### Minimum size







Height: 25mm

#### **Associate mark**

This mark can be used by associate members of the ResponsibleSteel programme.

The mark is available in stacked and horizontal formats, either of which can be used to suit a particular space or layout.

#### **Primary mark**

This version of the mark should be used wherever possible.

#### **Solid mark**

A secondary use mark which should only be used for applications which don't support halftone reproduction.

#### Minimum size

The smallest size that is recommended to retain satisfactory legibility.

Please note: the primary stand-alone ResponsibleSteel logo must not be used an as alternative to the associate mark.

#### Please note:

Do not reproduce any of the brand elements from this guidelines document. Digital files of all graphic elements and templates are available on request.

#### **Primary mark**





Stacked

Horizontal

#### Solid mark





Stacked Horizontal

#### Minimum size







Height: 25mm

#### **Core Certified Site mark**

This mark can be used by members who have steelmaking sites and other sites which are certified.

The mark is available in stacked and horizontal formats, either of which can be used to suit a particular space or layout.

#### **Primary mark**

This version of the mark should be used wherever possible.

#### **Solid mark**

A secondary use mark which should only be used for applications which don't support halftone reproduction.

#### Minimum size

The smallest size that is recommended to retain satisfactory legibility.

Please note: the primary stand-alone ResponsibleSteel logo must not be used an as alternative to the core certified site mark.

#### Please note:

Do not reproduce any of the brand elements from this guidelines document. Digital files of all graphic elements and templates are available on request.

#### **Primary mark**





Stacked

Horizontal

#### Certified Site Mark Code

ResponsibleSteel will generate a unique certified site mark code which will be included with the artwork provided to the certificate holder when the certificate is issued.

#### Solid mark





Stacked Horizontal

#### Minimum size





Width: 22mm

Height: 27mm

Visual identity guidelines

# Certified Site mark with progress level

This mark can be used by steelmaking sites that have achieved at least level 1 of decarbonisation and responsible materials sourcing requirements.

The Certified Site mark **with QR code** should be used wherever possible.

The mark is available in stacked and horizontal formats, either of which can be used to suit a particular space or layout.

#### **Primary mark**

This version of the mark should be used wherever possible.

#### Solid mark

A secondary use mark which should only be used for applications which don't support halftone reproduction.

#### **Minimum size**

The smallest size that is recommended to retain satisfactory legibility.

#### Please note:

Do not reproduce any of the brand elements from this guidelines document. Digital files of all graphic elements and templates are available on request.

#### **Primary mark**



Stacked

#### Solid mark



Stacked

Please note: the primary standalone ResponsibleSteel logo must not be used an as alternative to the certified site mark.

#### Certified Site Mark Code

ResponsibleSteel will generate a unique certified site mark code which will be included with the artwork provided to the certificate holder when the certificate is issued.

3.4

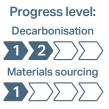


Horizontal

#### Minimum size (as shown)

Stacked: 59mm height Horizontal: 42mm height







responsiblesteel .org/data

Horizontal

#### Visual identity guidelines

# Certified Site mark with progress level - without QR code

This mark can be used by steelmaking sites that have achieved at least level 1 of decarbonisation and responsible materials sourcing requirements.

The Certified Site mark **without QR code** provides a more compact alternative which can be used where space is limited.

The mark is available in stacked and horizontal formats, either of which can be used to suit a particular space or layout.

#### **Primary mark**

This version of the mark should be used wherever possible.

#### **Solid mark**

A secondary use mark which should only be used for applications which don't support halftone reproduction.

#### Minimum size

The smallest size that is recommended to retain satisfactory legibility.

#### Please note:

Do not reproduce any of the brand elements from this guidelines document. Digital files of all graphic elements and templates are available on request.

#### **Primary mark**



Stacked



Horizontal

Please note: the primary standalone ResponsibleSteel logo must not be used an as alternative to the certified site mark.

#### Solid mark



Stacked



Horizontal

#### Minimum size (as shown)

Stacked: 38mm height Horizontal: 27mm height

#### **Certified Site Mark Code**

ResponsibleSteel will generate a unique certified site mark code which will be included with the artwork provided to the certificate holder when the certificate is issued.

Visual identity guidelines 3.6

# Certified Steel mark with progress level

This mark can be used by certified steelmaking sites that wish to identify the steel product produced at the site as a ResponsibleSteel certified steel product.

The Certified Steel mark **with QR code** should be used wherever possible.

The mark is available in stacked and horizontal formats, either of which can be used to suit a particular space or layout.

#### **Primary mark**

This version of the mark should be used wherever possible.

#### Solid mark

A secondary use mark which should only be used for applications which don't support halftone reproduction.

#### **Minimum size**

The smallest size that is recommended to retain satisfactory legibility.

#### Please note:

Do not reproduce any of the brand elements from this guidelines document. Digital files of all graphic elements and templates are available on request.

#### **Primary mark**



Stacked

#### Solid mark



Stacked

Please note: the primary standalone ResponsibleSteel logo must not be used an as alternative to the certified steel mark.

#### Certified Steel Mark Code

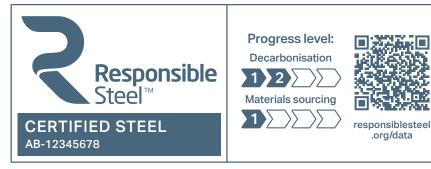
ResponsibleSteel will generate a unique certified site mark code which will be included with the artwork provided to the certificate holder when the certificate is issued.



Horizontal

#### Minimum size (as shown)

Stacked: 59mm height Horizontal: 42mm height



Horizontal

# Certified Steel mark with progress level - without QR code

This mark can be used by certified steelmaking sites that wish to identify the steel product produced at the site as a ResponsibleSteel certified steel product.

The Certified Steel mark **without QR code** provides a more compact alternative which can be used where space is limited.

The mark is available in stacked and horizontal formats, either of which can be used to suit a particular space or layout.

#### **Primary mark**

This version of the mark should be used wherever possible.

#### Solid mark

A secondary use mark which should only be used for applications which don't support halftone reproduction.

#### **Minimum size**

The smallest size that is recommended to retain satisfactory legibility.

#### Please note:

Do not reproduce any of the brand elements from this guidelines document. Digital files of all graphic elements and templates are available on request.

#### **Primary mark**



Stacked



Horizontal

Please note: the primary standalone ResponsibleSteel logo must not be used an as alternative to the certified steel mark.

3.7

#### Solid mark



Stacked



Horizontal

#### Minimum size (as shown)

Stacked: 38mm height Horizontal: 27mm height

#### **Certified Steel Mark Code**

ResponsibleSteel will generate a unique certified site mark code which will be included with the artwork provided to the certificate holder when the certificate is issued.

#### Mark usage

#### Member mark and Associate mark

The ResponsibleSteel Member and ResponsibleSteel Associate marks are used to recognise membership of ResponsibleSteel.

The marks can be used at any site owned and run by the member and can be used on an organisation's collateral - both printed and digital.

When promoting a member or associate of ResponsibleSteel the member or associate organisation name must be used.

#### **Core Certified Site mark**

The Core Certified Site mark is used to recognise a site which has been audited by a ResponsibleSteel approved certification body and has met the necessary criteria to become a ResponsibleSteel Certified Site.

This mark is attributable to a specific site and therefore can only be used at the specified certified site. It must not be used at any other location.

This mark can be used by: -

- The certified site on collateral both printed and digital
- Or by the member organisation to promote a certified site they operate. In this instance, the site name must be included alongside the mark.

When promoting a site's certification status, the specific site name must be referenced in all communications.

### Certified Site mark with progress level

The Certified Site mark with progress level is used to recognise steelmaking sites that are making progress on responsible sourcing and on reducing their GHG emissions intensity, in addition to meeting the core Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) requirements of the standard.

Its use is available to certified steelmaking sites that that have achieved at least progress level 1 for decarbonisation and responsible materials sourcing requirements.

This mark is attributable to a specific site and therefore can only be used at the specified certified site. It must not be used at any other location.

This mark can be used by: -

- The certified site on collateral both printed and digital
- Or by the member organisation to promote a certified site they operate. In this instance, the site name must be included alongside the mark.

When promoting a site's certification status, the specific site name must be referenced in all communications.

### **Certified Steel mark** with progress level

The Certified Steel mark with progress level is used to recognise the steel products produced at ResponsibleSteel certified steelmaking sites that have achieved a particular progress level for responsible sourcing of materials and for reducing their GHG emissions intensity.

Its use is available to certified sites that that have achieved at least progress level 1 for both these.

The Certified Steel mark can be used to identify/label certified steel products. It can also be used in printed matter - but the mark must be accompanied by text which identifies the specific product which has been certified.

#### Please note:

See section 5.0 of these guidelines for usage examples of each mark.

# Claims relating to ResponsibleSteel brand, membership, logo and marks

### ResponsibleSteel Claims

In general terms, approval IS NOT REQUIRED for claims that relate to objective facts - whether an organization is a ResponsibleSteel member or not, when they joined, ResponsibleSteel's aims and activities, or a commitment to achieving certification (which is an undertaking in the members commitments for steel making companies).

Approval from ResponsibleSteel IS REQUIRED for claims that relate to Business Members site certification for one or more of their steel sites. ResponsibleSteel will work with Business Members on both communicating and making claims for site certification. Contact claims@responsiblesteel.org for more information.

#### **Examples of Claims that are allowed:**

- 1. ResponsibleSteel membership all classes: Business Members, Civil Society Members, Associate Members:
- [Member name] is a member of ResponsibleSteel. ResponsibleSteel's mission is to be a driving force in the socially and environmentally responsible production of net-zero steel, globally.
- [Member name] is proud to be a (Business/ Civil Society/Associate) member of ResponsibleSteel.
- [Member name] joined ResponsibleSteel in [year]
- 2. ResponsibleSteel members working towards certification, e.g. steel makers, processors:
- [Member name] is a member of ResponsibleSteel. We are committed to achieving ResponsibleSteel site certification to support responsible practices in the steel supply chain.
- [Member name] is a member of ResponsibleSteel. We are working towards achieving ResponsibleSteel site certification by [relevant date]

- 3. ResponsibleSteel members who have achieved site certification:
- [Member name] has achieved ResponsibleSteel certification for its site at [name site]
- Our site [name] has achieved ResponsibleSteel Site Certification. This means that our site is operated in a responsible manner with regards to environmental, social and governance issues, in line with the ResponsibleSteel International Standard.
- Sustainability is important to [Member name].
   Our steel site [name] is certified against the ResponsibleSteel International Standard to demonstrate our commitment to driving the environmentally and socially responsible production of net zero steel, globally.
- [Member name] is a ResponsibleSteel member and [Site name] in [country] has achieved ResponsibleSteel site certification.
- [Member name] [site] is certified against the
  ResponsibleSteel International Standard.
  This provides assurance of our work on
  [for example labour rights/human rights/
  occupational health and safety], in line with the
  ResponsibleSteel International Standard.

#### ResponsibleSteel Claims CONTINUED

#### Examples of Claims that are not allowed include:

- [Member name] is a member of
  ResponsibleSteel. Our membership means
  that we have great practices or are super
  responsible. (In other words any claim relating
  to performance, where ResponsibleSteel
  certification has not been achieved).
- [Member name] has achieved ResponsibleSteel site certification (without naming specific site).

### Use of the Certified Steel mark on certified steel products:

Certified steelmaking sites that have progressed to at least progress level 1 in relation to GHG emissions intensity for crude steel AND the responsible sourcing of input materials, are able to make additional claims about their certified steel products, and such products are able to be marketed or sold as 'ResponsibleSteel certified steel products'.

ResponsibleSteel-certified steelmaking sites are able to apply the Certified Steel mark on the steel products produced at the Certified Site.

### Conditions for application of the certified steel mark by certified sites:

The Certified Steel mark may be applied by ResponsibleSteel certified steelmaking sites under the following circumstances.

Note that the circumstances in which the 'certified steel' marks may be used may be expanded in future, subject to further discussion of downstream chain of custody standards and labelling.

The Certified Steel marks may only be used:

- by ResponsibleSteel certified steelmaking sites
   i.e. the sites at which crude steel is first cast
- by steelmaking sites that are certified as achieving at least progress level 1 for both decarbonisation AND the responsible sourcing of input materials
- by sites for which all the data specified in requirements 10.7.1 and 10.7.2 of the ResponsibleSteel International Standard is published on the ResponsibleSteel website
- following all the applicable requirements of the ResponsibleSteel logo guide
- by sites that are licensed to use the mark by ResponsibleSteel in the format issued by ResponsibleSteel, including the applicable ResponsibleSteel license code, and the applicable progress level 'chevrons'

The Certified Steel marks may only be used by steelmaking sites at which all the steel marketed or sold by the site has also been produced from crude steel that has itself been produced on site. Steelmaking sites that bring in crude steel or other steel from other sites for the purpose of further processing are not currently permitted to apply the ResponsibleSteel certified steel mark to their products. This rule applies, until further notice, even to sites that bring in steel from other ResponsibleSteel certified sites.

#### ResponsibleSteel Claims CONTINUED

For the avoidance of doubt, sites that process or manufacture products from steel that was produced at other ResponsibleSteel certified steelmaking sites may not currently apply the Certified Steel mark to their steel or other products under any circumstances.

The 'certified steel' mark may only be used on steel products:

- For which there is a publicly available product carbon footprint that complies with the requirements of the ResponsibleSteel International Standard requirement 10.6.4
- That carry a physical mark identifying the batch for the production of the steel product

### General requirements for all ResponsibleSteel related claims:

The ResponsibleSteel name and logo provide independent assurance for an organization's commitment to responsible, production, sourcing and stewardship of steel. Consistent, accurate and appropriate use will help build awareness, recognition and credibility of ResponsibleSteel.

ResponsibleSteel reserves the right to act on any use of its name or logo that it believes to be inappropriate.

The following rules apply to general references to ResponsibleSteel:

- ResponsibleSteel should be referred to as ResponsibleSteel.
- The above name may not be translated into other languages
- Misleading or confusing use of the ResponsibleSteel name or logo is prohibited.
- The use of the ResponsibleSteel name or logo as, or as part of, another brand is prohibited.
- The use of the ResponsibleSteel name or logo alongside other sustainability/responsible sourcing logos, marks or seals is generally permitted.

### Principles to avoid misleading or confusing use:

The ResponsibleSteel name or logo must never be displayed in a way that could:

- Confuse any audience as to the association of ResponsibleSteel with other brands or logos;
- Suggest or imply ResponsibleSteel membership or certification of an entity that is not a ResponsibleSteel member;
- Suggest or imply ResponsibleSteel certification before it has been achieved;
- Suggest or imply a larger scope of ResponsibleSteel certification than a ResponsibleSteel member has achieved;
- Lead to any harm or prejudice to the reputation or credibility of ResponsibleSteel.

If you are unsure about the interpretation of any of the above in a particular situation, contact ResponsibleSteel Secretariat at claims@responsiblesteel.org

**Please note:** any Associate members who are members of ResponsibleSteel as Associations or represent groups/ sectors who have their own members, are ONLY members of ResponsibleSteel in the name of their own Association or in the name of their own Group. Any individual members of these Associations cannot claim to be members of ResponsibleSteel in their own right, without becoming a ResponsibleSteel member.

# Photography

Photography should be carefully considered and curated, to feel cohesive and consistent with our brand.

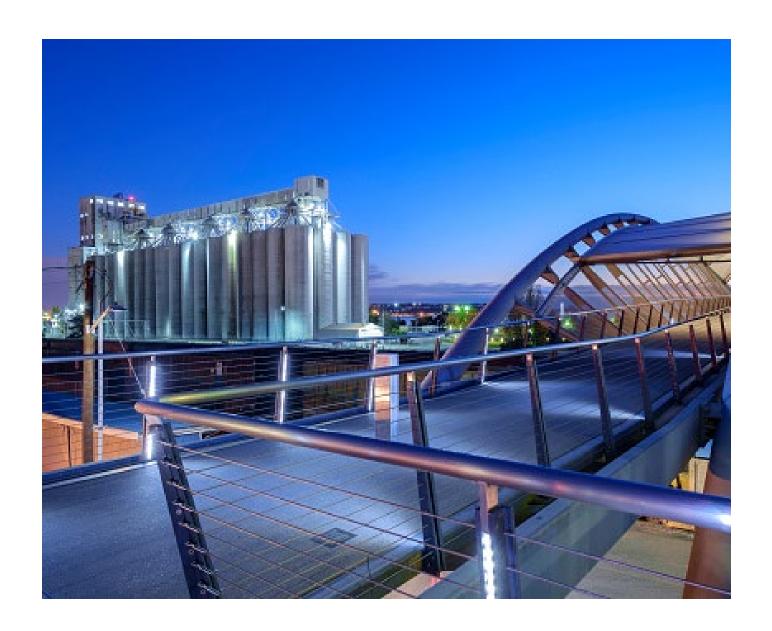
# Photography style and use

Choosing the right photography for marketing is critical to its impact. Style, quality, clarity, reality and relevance are all important factors in making these choices.

At times, ResponsibleSteel may ask for access to photography or require photography to be supplied of a production or operational site. Photography used will comply with the following photography guidelines to ensure consistency across the ResponsibleSteel collateral.

The examples chosen in this section demonstrate these values in the portrayal of our members' operational sites and the recording of certified site ceremonies.

The examples have been sourced from independent commercial image libraries.



# Photography style and use

### Member operational and production sites

Capturing member operational, administrative and production sites should be considered.

Choose images that describe the subject in a clear and concise way. They should be carefully cropped to maximise impact and avoid visual clutter.

Use foreground elements to give the subject more impact. Early morning or evening shots and aerial views can also be used to add visual interest.

Consider use of people wherever possible as they add interest and engagement.











# Photography style and use

#### **Certified site ceremonies**

When capturing ceremonies or events, clearly identifying the event is a useful way to add meaning and significance, as demonstrated here in these examples. See more in the usage examples section on how to achieve this.

Wherever possible, a clear and visually uncluttered approach is preferable. If a suitable venue or space isn't available, a simple backdrop can be made to create the right environment.











# Usage examples

These examples should help you to use the ResponsibleSteel membership and certified site marks correctly across collateral.

#### **Exterior signage**

#### **Entrance sign**

The example shows how the membership and certified site marks should be used at members' or associates' headquarters and/ or their certified sites. The relevant mark should be positioned towards the bottom of the signage.

Signage system designs will vary across our members and associates, therefore use the example opposite as a general guide to help with the relative size and positioning of the ResponsibleSteel membership or certified site mark.

#### Headquarters



#### Interior signage

### Member, associate and certified site reception signs

The relevant membership or certified site mark should be positioned towards the lower right of the member or associate branding.

If at a member or associate headquarters, the award can be displayed on the main reception desk, or in a display cabinet if one is available.

Reception areas will vary across our members. Use the example opposite as a general guide to help with the relative size and positioning of the ResponsibleSteel membership or certified site mark.

The certified site mark should only be used at a ResponsibleSteel certified site.

The ResponsibleSteel member and ResponsibleSteel associate marks can be used at multiple office sites.

Main reception: back wall and desk



# Associate and Member websites

There are two places on our members' or associates' websites which are recommended for placement of the ResponsibleSteel member or associate mark:

#### **Sustainability page**

Depending on the individual website design, the mark could be placed bottom right, or incorporated within the page information itself.

#### **Footer**

Alternatively, the mark could appear bottom right within the website footer.

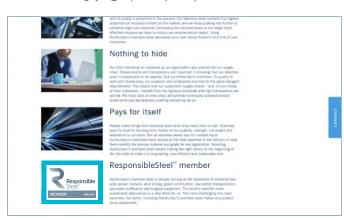
For responsive website designs, ensure that the mark is used at a legible size on all devices.

Where a member or associate may wish to promote a certified site through news stories or PR, the mark must be accompanied by descriptive copy which highlights which site has been certified.

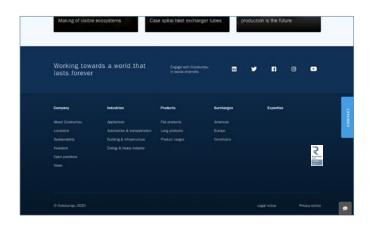
#### **Sustainability page** (example 1)



#### Sustainability page (example 2)



#### **Footer**



#### Member and associate mark





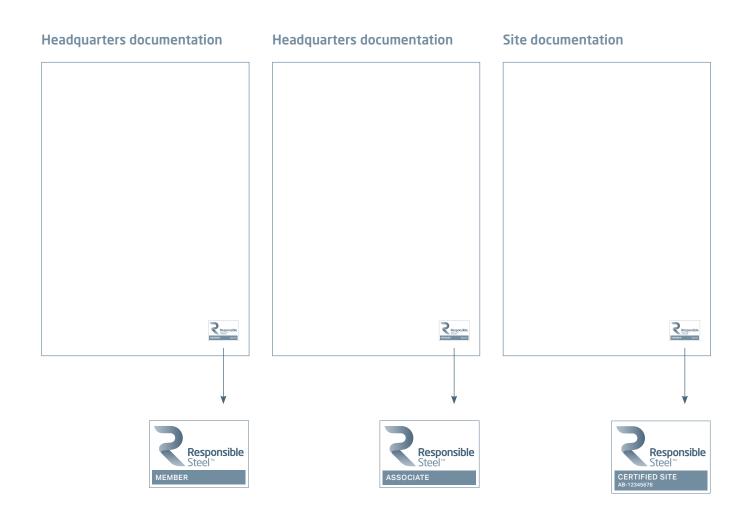
Visual identity guidelines

6.4

### **Paperwork**

For documentation, it is recommended that the relevant mark be positioned at its minimum size in the footer, as indicated here.

Please ensure that only certified sites use the certified site mark.



# Event identification and backdrop

The examples opposite show options on how to achieve effective identification at your event.

Member and associate branding should be supported with a clear description of the event, which should be visible alongside the participants. See the photography section for examples. ResponsibleSteel branding can also be included.

If a clear and uncluttered area isn't available, consider making a white backdrop. Exhibition display units & panels could be used, or a purpose built 'stage flat' made.

For certified site ceremonies, the certified site mark may be used.

#### **Event identification and backdrop**







#### **Certified Steel mark**

The examples opposite show how the certified steel mark could be applied to steel products.

Labeling would need to include a physical mark identifying the batch for the production of the steel product.

The certified steel mark could be incorporated into existing production methods for labeling of products, to fit with the technical and material requirements, or an additional label could be applied.

#### **Certified Steel mark**



