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### As a Member, you will:

- Demonstrate to customers and stakeholders that you are actively addressing key sustainability issues in your supply chain and production processes
- Participate in working groups developing ResponsibleSteel standards
- Vote on the adoption of final ResponsibleSteel standards (Full Members only)
- Attend ResponsibleSteel membership meetings
- Attend the ResponsibleSteel Annual General Meeting
- Vote on the ResponsibleSteel Constitution

### Membership Fees

The annual membership fees we charge all of our members are our main source of revenue. Your contribution helps support the good governance and operations of a globally recognised international standard, allowing us to develop standards, engage with decision-makers, and work alongside other organisations.

A range of membership fees are applicable depending on the type, size and/or purpose of an organisation. For organisations that are commercially active in the steel supply chain, annual membership fees are determined by annual turnover/revenue:

Annual revenue	Membership fee		
	Steel producers, processors and mining companies	Other businesses (Including Associates)	Not for profits
>\$20 billion	\$60,000	\$38,000	\$0
\$10 billion - \$20 billion	\$38,000		\$0
\$5 billion - \$10 billion	\$35,000		\$0
\$1 billion - \$5 billion	\$20,000		\$0
\$100 million - \$1 billion	\$7,000		\$0
\$1 million - \$100 million	\$1,200		\$0
<\$1 million	\$150		\$0

**Please note that where applicable, fees are to be paid annually to remain a Member of ResponsibleSteel.**

Renewal membership Invoices are sent out in December for payment in January. For any members joining throughout the year, there is a 50% reduction for approved members from 1 July – 31 December in the year of joining.

Please note, should a Member wish to give notice to resign, membership would cease 90 days from the date of receipt by ResponsibleSteel of the notice as per Article 6.10 of ResponsibleSteel's Constitution. If notice is given later than October 3, the Member remains liable for payment of the membership fee for the following year in addition to any other sum owing to ResponsibleSteel at the time of cessation.

Membership fees reflect a member's annual revenue. Members are asked to submit any changes in revenue which might impact a change in membership fee. Membership fees are subject to revision at the discretion of the ResponsibleSteel Board. Additional fees apply for steelmaking sites pursuing certification against the ResponsibleSteel International Standard.

## **Membership Commitments**

*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;
- Supporting ResponsibleSteel's ethos of collaboration by actively sharing knowledge and expertise with ResponsibleSteel and other ResponsibleSteel Members.
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- 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;

## 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 International 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 International 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 International 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 further progress.

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.

## Application Form

There are several steps to become a ResponsibleSteel member:

- Complete and submit the application form, this will have to be signed by a senior representative;
- The ResponsibleSteel Board will review your application;
- Membership will be confirmed following Board approval
- Upon fee payment your membership will be officially announced.

Applicant Details	
First Name	
Last Name	
Position	
Email	
Company/Organisation	
Company/Organisation Website Address	
Annual Report Link	
Sustainability Report Link (If applicable)	
Address: Street City State/Province/Region Country Postal Code	
Membership Details	
Membership Category	<input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Society <input type="checkbox"/> Associate
Is your organisation a not-for-profit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Proof of status (Not-for-profits only) E.g. 501(c) status or charity commission registration number	
Company Revenue (Turnover in US\$ if for-profit)	
Short description of the company	

Reason for joining ResponsibleSteel	
Invoice address/email, if different from the above	
Do you require a Purchase Order Number?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Business Activities (for Business membership applications)	<input type="checkbox"/> Steelmaking <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive and Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Sector <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Sector <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Mining <input type="checkbox"/> Packaging <input type="checkbox"/> Scrap Metal <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Processing
Principal Areas of Work (for Civil Society membership applications)	<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity <input type="checkbox"/> Impacts of Steelmaking <input type="checkbox"/> Business Integrity <input type="checkbox"/> Labour Rights <input type="checkbox"/> Emissions, Effluent, Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Legacy Impacts <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions <input type="checkbox"/> Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Health and Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Impacts of Mining <input type="checkbox"/> Water Stewardship
Principal Areas of Work (for Associate membership applications)	<input type="checkbox"/> Assurance <input type="checkbox"/> Standards <input type="checkbox"/> Business Association <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Support <input type="checkbox"/> Funding and Financial Support <input type="checkbox"/> Other

<p>Please indicate whether you support each of the 13 ResponsibleSteel International Standard Principles by ticking the relevant box:</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Leadership  <input type="checkbox"/> Social, Environmental and Governance Management Systems  <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible Sourcing of Input Materials  <input type="checkbox"/> Decommissioning and Closure  <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Health and Safety  <input type="checkbox"/> Labour Rights  <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights  <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholder Engagement and Communication  <input type="checkbox"/> Local Communities  <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions  <input type="checkbox"/> Noise, Emissions, Effluents, and Waste  <input type="checkbox"/> Water Stewardship  <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity         </p>
<p>How did you learn about ResponsibleSteel?</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> From the RS Board or Secretariat  <input type="checkbox"/> From a current member organisation  <input type="checkbox"/> At an event  <input type="checkbox"/> Online  <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:         </p>
<p><b>Declaration and Signature</b></p>	
<p>Declaration - I have read and agree to comply with the:</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Constitution and associated by-laws</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Antitrust Policy</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Issues Resolution System</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Trademark Rules</u> </p>
<p>Signature:</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>Date:</p>	<p>_____</p>

Once you have completed and signed your membership application form, please submit it via our [website](#) or via email to [membership@responsiblesteel.org](mailto:membership@responsiblesteel.org).