

# Environmental Product Declaration

In accordance with ISO 14025:2006 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021 for:

STEEL STAIRS

Steel straight/spiral stairs, container stairs P-SK3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, SK-KS, TAS and SST temporary stairs, ASTA, CARLA, LINEA modular stairs, industrial communication systems including ladders

from

TLC SP. Z O.O.

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#### Product Category Rules (PCR)

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Product Category Rules (PCR): 2019:14 version 1.3.1

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EPD verification by individual verifier

Third-party verifier: Silvia Vilčeková, Silcert Sro

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Yes  No

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## COMPANY INFORMATION

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### Description of the organisation:

A globally recognized company that designs, manufactures, and sells communication systems for the industry, as well as manufacturing and renting construction security equipment. Its portfolio also includes an innovative mechanism for building large-sized tanks. TLC has over a decade of experience - thousands of projects in Europe, the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Australia. The brand focuses on sustainable development, therefore in its daily activities it operates according to the principles formulated by the UN.

### Product-related or management system-related certifications:

TLC has the certificate of conformity of Factory Production Control with EN 1090-1 issued by TÜV SÜD which guarantees the highest quality level of all TLC products. The steel structures are manufactured in execution classes from EXC1 to EXC3. Some of our products are CE marked. Additionally, we have PN-EN ISO 3834-2 certificate issued by TÜV SÜD Polska.

TLC's Production Plant has been certified with the Integrated Management System of Quality, Environment and OHS (ISO 9001/ ISO 14001/ ISO 45001) issued by Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS - UK Branch.

### Name and location of production site(s):

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## PRODUCT INFORMATION

### Product name: **Steel stairs**

### **Products included in this EPD:**

- Customized straight/spiral steel stairs
- Container stairs P-SK4, P-SK5, P-SK6, P-SK7, P-SK8, P-SK-KS
- Temporary access stairs TAS, SST
- Modular stairs ASTA, CARLA, LINEA
- Industrial communication systems including ladders

### Product description:

TLC supplies wide range of stairs especially for industrial use. Our portfolio includes straight stairs as well spiral and helicoidal stairs. In most cases they are a part of larger structures – industrial communication systems – that are manufactured according to customer specifications and can have a large variety of shapes and sizes. Modern solutions and well thought-out system of fixings guarantee safety of users and easy assembly.

Experience on many markets assures that our stairs meet local regulations. We are always ready to advise our clients choosing the best solution according to their needs.

We also have our own designs intended for certain use – like container stairs, temporary access stairs and staircases for building sites or large variety of modular stairs. Having our own design department and R&D department lets us create innovative and well-thought production solutions that save time and money. Most of our products are patented or are a registered design.

Container stairs (P-SK4, P-SK5, P-SK6, P-SK7, P-SK8, SK-KS) can be used for any type of construction container, whether being used for social areas, offices, warehouses, or shipping containers. Their universality allows you to fully configure the stairs, even when there are three levels of containers. Additional elements, like landings and uprights, let you assemble a complete communication system on each level of the container.

Temporary access stairs (TAS, SST) are a safe solution that makes a great alternative to usually used, makeshift wooden structures. Modularity and universal purpose allow to use the system wherever there is a need of safe overcoming small and significant level differences. They have smooth angle regulation for better adjustment to required conditions. In order to increase visibility at the construction site, handrails are painted in yellow.

Modular stairs (ASTA, CARLA, LINEA) are steel structures used both outside and inside residential, office and industrial buildings. The stairs are made of modules which enable quick and easy assembly and are characterized by low weight. In addition, the lightness of the structure accelerates and facilitates the project implementation process.

The products can be either hot dip galvanized or powder paint coated.

Geographical scope:

The processes have been modelled to represent Europe.

**CONTENT INFORMATION**

Product components	Weight, kg	Post-consumer material, weight-%	Biogenic material, weight-% and kg C/kg
Steel	0,912-0,926	0	0
Welding wire	0,007	0	0
Zinc alloy	0-0,065	0	0
Powder coating	0-0,014	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Packaging materials	Weight, kg	Weight-% (versus the product)	Weight biogenic carbon, kg C/kg
Paper, cardboard	0,0005	0,05	0,0002
Polypropylene straps / stretch foil	0,003	0,31	0,00
Wood	0,05	5,03%	0,03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0,054</b>	<b>5,36%</b>	<b>0,030</b>

Product does not contain substances in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) which exceeds the limits for registration with the European Chemicals Agency (i.e., if the substance constitutes more than 0.1% of the weight of the product).



## PRODUCTION PROCESS DESCRIPTION

The manufacturing process of our products is virtually identical for all groups. The basic building material is structural steel (S235, S355) or stainless steel (1.4301/7, 1.4401/4).

Materials are purchased from various sources - those that we use more of (e.g. sheets, profiles, pipes, gratings) are obtained directly from steel mills or manufacturers. Others that require less use or are disposable come from distributors.

After being acquired, the materials pass through the warehouse from which they are issued based on the demand generated in the computer system. Then they are cut using band saws and laser or plasma cutters. After cutting, the sheets are additionally cleaned of carbon deposits and combustion products using an automatic deburring machine. This machine additionally bends the edges of sheet metal. Details cut on laser cutting machines are immediately marked during cutting, and those cuts using other technologies require additional marking - at this stage, it is not permanent, made with oil markers. Details that require bending or drilling are sent to appropriate stations where these processes take place.

After completing the material preparation stage, when all details for the assembly of a given order are available, the computer system arranges the assembly work.

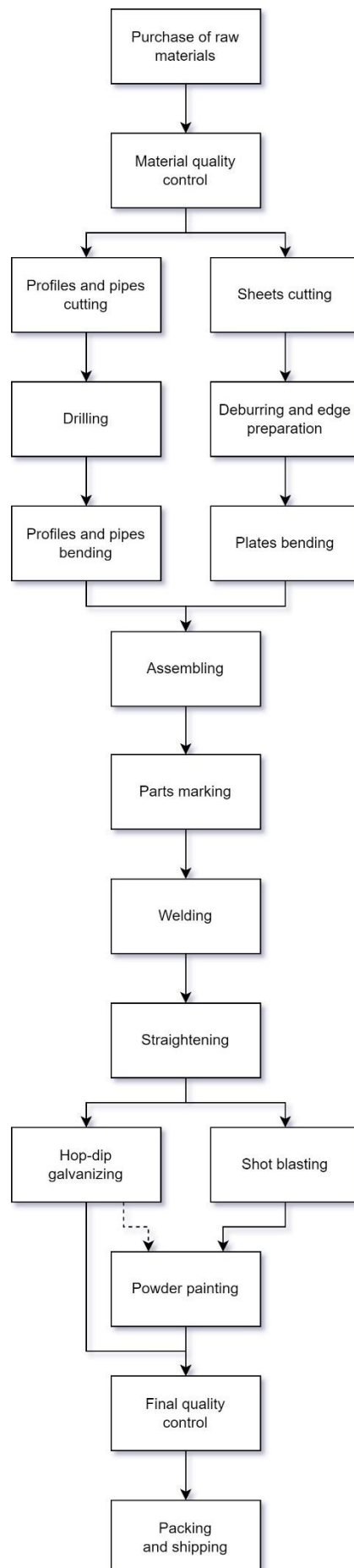
After assembly is completed, the elements are permanently marked using micro-impact marking machines and sent for welding.

After welding, the details are cleaned of spatter, the places that require it are ground, and if the desired deformation of the elements occurs, they are additionally straightened.

Details prepared in this way are sent to departments that provide anti-corrosion protection in accordance with the customer's order. Powder coating and hot-dip galvanizing is carried out at TLC. Before powder coating, the details are subjected to abrasive blasting (shot-blasting). They can also be painted after galvanizing (duplex system).

Anti-corrosion protected details are prepared for shipment by packing into parcels or containers based on the shipping list.

Diagram below presents the production process.



## LCA INFORMATION

Functional unit / declared unit:

Declared unit is 1 kilogram of Steel stairs.

Reference service life:

Not applicable

Time representativeness:

Data used for the LCA calculation is representative for the year 2022.

Database(s) and LCA software used:

Database used is Ecoinvent 3.9.1 with LCA software SimaPro 9.5.2

Description of system boundaries:

The studied system is Cradle-to-Gate with modules C and D (A1-A3 + C + D)

	Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Resource recovery stage
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery-Recycling-potential
Module	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Modules declared	X	X	X	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	X	X	X	X	X
Geography	EU	EU	PL	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	EU	EU	EU	EU	EU
Specific data used	>90%			ND	ND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – products	GWP-GHG indicator Product 1: -6% Product 2: 7% Product 3: 6% Product 4: -4% Product 5: 1%			ND	ND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – sites	0%			0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

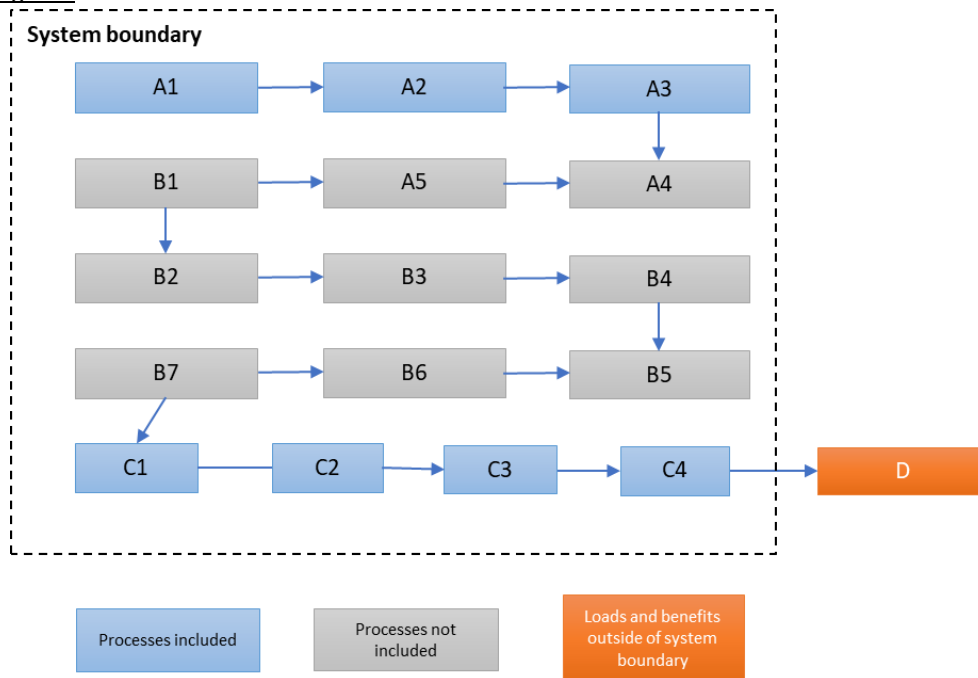
X – Modules declared

ND – modules not declared

The dataset used to model the electricity used in manufacturing processes of module A3:

Electricity, medium voltage, PL, residual mix with climate impact **1,08 kg CO2 eq./kWh** using the GWP GHG indicator.

System diagram:



Description of modules included, assumptions, scenarios:

Module	Included activities
<b>A1</b>	Raw material extraction, processing (pipe drawing, hot rolling, metal working) Difference between used steel types (S355 and S235) are assumed to be negligible as the difference between them is only max 0,1% of carbon content; <i>Excluded:</i> name plate, as the quantity of material was negligible
<b>A2</b>	Transport of raw materials and components to TLC Sp z .o.o. based on provided distances, using lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO5
<b>A3</b>	Energy use, water use; Materials needed for welding, cutting, galvanizing, powder coating; Direct emissions from manufacturing, Waste treatment: Aluminium and steel 95% recycling, 5% landfill*; Non-hazardous waste sent to municipal waste treatment; Hazardous waste sent to underground deposit; Packing with steel tape
<b>C1</b>	Diesel operated machine Electricity used for impact wrench
<b>C2</b>	Transport from customer to waste treatment plant based on provided distances. Only road transports are used: lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO5
<b>C3</b>	Preparation for steel recycling (waste sorting)
<b>C4</b>	Final disposal: landfilling of not recycled part of waste (5%)*
<b>D</b>	Benefits from steel recycling

\*Waste treatment scenario for metals is based on *PEFCR Metal Sheets, 2019*.



#### Allocation

This study allocates manufacturing data between all products by mass. Electricity, heat, water use, waste, direct emissions and packaging are allocated based on production volumes in 2022.

#### Restrictions to the use of the EPD

The EPD is relevant only for the products range listed in section *Product information*. Information in this EPD shall be used only in reference to the products included in the scope.

## RESULTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

### MANDATORY IMPACT CATEGORY INDICATORS ACCORDING TO EN 15804

#### Results per declared unit: 1 kilogram of Steel stairs

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-fossil	kg CO2 eq.	4,30E+00	7,56E-02	1,50E-02	3,33E-02	1,38E-04	-1,57E+00
GWP-biogenic	kg CO2 eq.	7,02E-02	9,55E-05	1,20E-05	3,26E-02	3,88E-07	-6,17E-04
GWP-luluc	kg CO2 eq.	3,50E-03	1,97E-05	7,33E-06	2,39E-05	1,85E-08	-5,05E-04
GWP-total	kg CO2 eq.	4,37E+00	7,57E-02	1,50E-02	6,43E-02	1,38E-04	-1,57E+00
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	1,08E-07	7,20E-09	3,41E-10	4,35E-10	2,21E-12	-3,44E-08
AP	mol H+ eq.	2,01E-02	3,43E-04	3,72E-05	1,53E-04	1,25E-06	-5,76E-03
EP-freshwater	kg P eq.	2,22E-04	7,25E-07	1,26E-07	9,68E-07	5,38E-10	-7,47E-05
EP-marine	kg N eq.	3,91E-03	6,67E-05	9,92E-06	6,05E-05	5,78E-07	-1,27E-03
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq.	4,28E-02	5,97E-04	1,04E-04	4,85E-04	6,29E-06	-1,48E-02
POCP	kg NMVOC eq.	1,72E-02	6,68E-04	6,07E-05	1,56E-04	1,87E-06	-7,89E-03
ADP-minerals&metals*	kg Sb eq.	1,34E-04	5,28E-08	4,20E-08	4,37E-07	5,51E-11	-1,43E-06
ADP-fossil*	MJ	5,55E+01	4,45E+00	2,28E-01	3,23E-01	1,80E-03	-1,62E+01
WDP*	m3	8,85E-01	6,00E-03	1,09E-03	3,69E-03	3,89E-06	-3,27E-01
Acronyms	GWP-fossil = Global Warming Potential fossil fuels; GWP-biogenic = Global Warming Potential biogenic; GWP-luluc = Global Warming Potential land use and land use change; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance; EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment; EP-marine = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment; EP-terrestrial = Eutrophication potential, Accumulated Exceedance; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; ADP-minerals&metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP-fossil = Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption						

*\* Disclaimer: The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties of these results are high or as there is limited experience with the indicator.*

*The results of modules A1-A3 shouldn't be used without considering the results of module C.*

*The estimated impact results are only relative statements, which do not indicate the endpoints of the impact categories, exceeding threshold values, safety margins and/or risks.*

### ADDITIONAL MANDATORY IMPACT CATEGORY INDICATORS

#### Results per declared unit: 1 kilogram of Steel stairs

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-GHG <sup>1</sup>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	4,37E+00	7,56E-02	1,50E-02	4,75E-02	1,38E-04	-1,57E+00

### RESOURCE USE INDICATORS

#### Results per declared unit: 1 kilogram of Steel stairs

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	7,57E+00	1,72E-02	3,34E-03	3,18E-02	5,31E-05	-5,81E-01
PERM	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
PERT	MJ	7,57E+00	1,72E-02	3,34E-03	3,18E-02	5,31E-05	-5,81E-01
PENRE	MJ	5,55E+01	4,45E+00	2,28E-01	3,23E-01	1,80E-03	-1,62E+01
PENRM	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
PENRT	MJ	5,55E+01	4,45E+00	2,28E-01	3,23E-01	1,80E-03	-1,62E+01
SM	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
RSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
NRSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	1,33E-02	1,28E-04	3,99E-05	7,99E-05	1,80E-07	-2,60E-03
Acronyms	PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERT = Total use of renewable primary energy resources; PENRE = Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRM = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRT = Total use of non-renewable primary energy re-sources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW = Use of net fresh water						

<sup>1</sup> This indicator accounts for all greenhouse gases except biogenic carbon dioxide uptake and emissions and biogenic carbon stored in the product. As such, the indicator is identical to GWP-total except that the CF for biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> is set to zero.

## WASTE INDICATORS

### Results per declared unit: 1 kilogram of Steel stairs

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	1,36E-04	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	9,82E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	5,00E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00

## OUTPUT FLOW INDICATORS

### Results per declared unit: 1 kilogram of Steel stairs

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Components for re-use	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Material for recycling	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	8,75E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Exported energy, electricity	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Exported energy, thermal	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00

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