








**ELVAL COLOUR**



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**ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION**  
in accordance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804

Product	<p>etalbond®- FR Aluminium Composite Panel – Fire Retardant</p> 
Declaration holder	 <p><b>ELVAL COLOUR</b></p> <p><i>Power to imagine</i></p>
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## 1. General information

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Functional Unit	1 m <sup>2</sup> of etalbond® -FR composite panel						
Product group covered and applicability	This EPD covers aluminium composite panels of 3, 4 and 6 mm thickness composed of two external 0,5 mm thick aluminium sheets coil coated with polyester or PVDF paint and with an inner material composed of mineral filled polymer core. This EPD has been developed from a modelling tool developed by thinkstep via an i-report in GaBi 6. The data and parameters used in the tool have been calculated on basis of production figures collected for the years 2011 and 2012 among four aluminium coil coaters and three composite panels' producers, including ELVAL COLOUR. The results generated by the collective tool can be considered as a good proxy to model composite panels produced by ELVAL COLOUR						
Liability	The owner of the declaration is liable for the underlying manufacturing information and evidence; European Aluminium, i.e. the programme holder, is not liable in this respect.						

## 2. Product

### 2.1. Product description and application

This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) is for business to business communication. The EPD refers to etalbond®- FR product family which is composed of two external 0,5 mm thick coil-coated aluminium sheets and an inner material made of mineral filled polymer core. This EPD covers etalbond®-FR of 3, 4 and 6 mm thickness. The etalbond®-FR products are delivered as panels with a maximum of 2 m width and 8 m length. The etalbond®-FR composite panels are semi-finished

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products which are usually further processed (e.g. by cutting/shearing/sawing, bending / folding, or machining operations drilling /punching) to be converted into a final product to be installed on a building, e.g. cladding panel. The panels can be formed as suspended cassettes hanged from an aluminium substructure or in cassette modules or plain sheets riveted on the substructure.



This EPD provide LCA results for the following etalbond®-FR composite panels:

- Three composite panel thicknesses: 3, 4 and 6 mm
- Two types of coating: PVDF - 30±3 µm and Polyester - 25±3 µm

## 2.2. Technical data

Main technical data are reported in the next table

PANEL Thickness	mm	3	4	6
1. PANEL DIMENSIONS				
1.1 Aluminium layer thickness	mm	0,5	0,5	0,5
1.2 etalbond-FR Weight	Kg/m²	6,2	7,9	11,4
1.3 Max. Standard width	mm	1000,1250, 1500, 2000		
1.4 Standard length	mm	3200		
2. PANEL TOLERANCES				
2.1 Panel thickness	mm	±0.2		
2.2 Panel width	mm	-0.00 / +4.00		
2.3 Panel length	mm	≤ 4000 mm : -0.0 / +4 4001 -6000 mm: -0.0 / +6 6001- 8000 mm: -0.0 / +10		
2.4 Diagonal difference	mm	3.00 mm		
3. TECHNICAL PROPERTIES				
3.1 Section modulus (W)	cm³/m	1.25	1.54	2.75
3.2 Rigidity (Exl)	Nm² / m	125	206	590
3.3 Alloy	EN AW- 3105 Composition : Cr 0.2% max, Cu 0.3% max, Fe 0.7% max, Mg 0.2% - 0.8%, Mn 0.3% - 0.8%, Si 0.6% max, Ti 0.1% max, Zn 0.4% max, remainder total 0.15% max			
3.4 Temper of Aluminium sheets		H44 (Painted)		
3.5 Modulus of Elasticity	N /mm²	70000		
3.6 Tensile strength (Rm)	N/mm²	≥150		
3.7 Yield strength (Rp0.2)	N/ mm²	≥120		
3.8 Elongation (A50 )	%	≥3%		
3.9 Linear Thermal Expansion		2.4 mm/m for temperature difference of 100°C		
4. CORE				
4.1 Mineral filled polymer				
5. SURFACE PREPARATION and PAINT CHARACTERISTICS				
5.1 Lacquering	Coil Coating			
5.2 Visible Surface	• PVDF Paint thickness: Target 30 µm, Tolerances according to EN 1396 • VHDPE (polyester) Paint thickness: Target 25 µm, Tolerances according to EN 1396			

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### 2.3. Relevant Standards for market Applications

Most relevant standards for applications of aluminium composite panel products in buildings are EN 485-4, EN 573-3, EN 1396, EN 13501-1, ETAG 034.

### 2.4. Delivery status

The material is supplied semi-finished in customised dimensions and with customised surface coating for further processing.

### 2.5. Metal and sheet production (background processes)

The most significant base material is aluminium which is extracted from bauxite via alumina refining followed by an electrolysis to produce primary aluminium (see /EAA EPR/). Aluminium supply may also come from recycling of aluminium scrap. However, in this EPD, only primary aluminium has been considered for the aluminium supply. This is a conservative assumption since aluminium recycling generates much less environmental impact than primary production. After electrolysis, the liquid primary aluminium is mixed with small quantities of alloying elements such as silicon, iron, magnesium and zinc. The etalbond®-FR composite panels are composed of aluminium sheet made of EN AW 3105. The alloy composition is provided in the previous table. The alloying elements are not considered in the LCA model and are substituted by primary aluminium. This proxy appears as reasonable considering that alloying elements contribute to less than 5% of the weight of the aluminium sheet.

The liquid alloy is then casted into slabs, i.e. starting material for the sheet production process. The slabs are produced by DC (Direct Chill) casting in cast house.

Aluminium sheets are produced through the rolling process. The slabs are hot rolled at temperature around 400-500°C and then cold rolled. The nominal thickness of aluminium sheets is 0.5 mm. The aluminium sheet is delivered as an uncoated coil to the coil coating line.

The two above processes constitute the background processes as described in the flow diagram below. The average LCI datasets reported in /EAA EPR/ have been used.

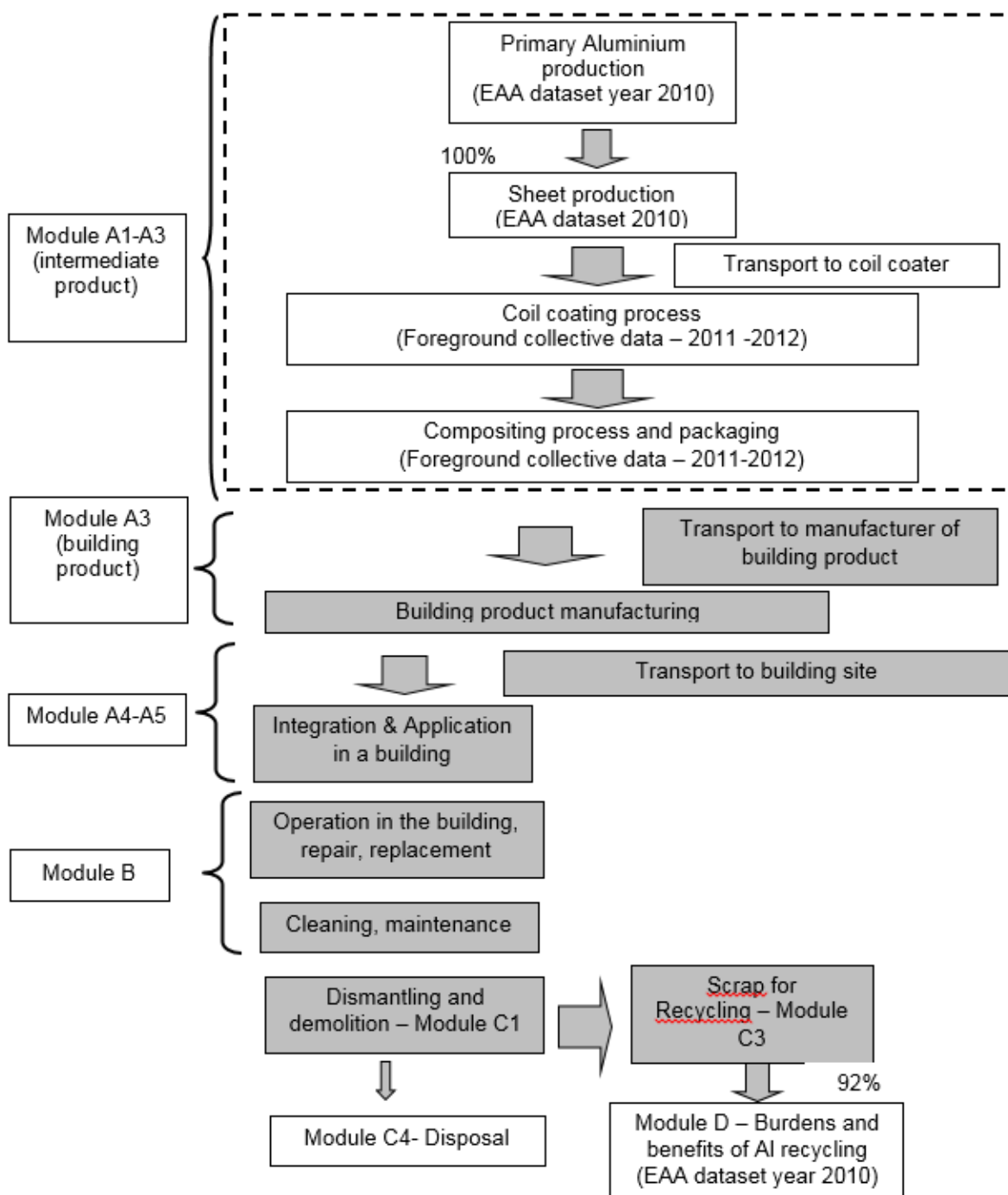




Figure 1. Life cycle flow diagram of the coil coated sheet, processes and life cycle stages (life cycle stages not covered in grey boxes)

## 2.6. Coil coating and compositing (foreground processes)

ELVAL COLOUR uses its own coating line which uses then the aluminium coil as a starting material. The production of the aluminium coil has been modelled using the average datasets published by the European Aluminium as described in the Environmental profile report /EAA EPR/. This proxy appears

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as reasonable considering the material supply to ELVAL COLOUR which come mainly from European producers.

The chemical conversion coating applied by the painting line contains hexavalent chromium [Cr (VI)] compounds. The painting process involves application of organic coating materials to the aluminium coils with a nominal thickness of 22 to 36 µm.

The coil is in fact positioned at the beginning of the line, and then unwound at a constant speed, passing through the various pre-treatment and successive painting & backing processes before being recoiled. Two strip accumulators found at the beginning and the end of the line enable the work to be continuous. The coil coating process constitutes the first foreground process for which collective LCI datasets have been used from the Coating Line.

Aluminium composite panels are produced with various core thicknesses in a continuous lamination process where the aluminium sheet and the core materials are bonded together through the combination of heat and pressure. For the etalbond®-FR, the core material is composed of polymer mixed with mineral powder acting as a fire retardant. The mineral filler is mainly composed of MDH (magnesium hydroxide) and/or ATH (Aluminium hydroxide).

The thickness of composite panels is usually between 3 and 6 mm, 4 mm being the most common thickness. The thickness of the aluminium sheet is 0,5 mm for etalbond®-FR. etalbond®-FR composite panels are delivered in pallets with most common dimensions comprised between 1 and 1,7 m wide up to 8 m long. For larger panel dimensions other pallet formats are available. etalbond®-FR panels are placed on wood pallets in stacks with a PE protective film (50-70 µm) on the coated side of the panels. In this EPD only PE film is considered as packaging material.

The aluminium composite panel production process constitutes the second foreground process for which collective LCI datasets have been used, including ELVAL COLOUR production site.

## 2.7. Health and safety aspects during production and installation

The painting process requires the use of organic solvents as well as hazardous substance for the chemical conversion coating [i.e. Cr (VI) solution].


The [Cr (VI)] containing solution used for the formation of the chemical conversion coating has a very low consumption rate. This chemical conversion coating significantly improves the corrosion resistance and the adhesion of the paint on the aluminium substrate. The chemical conversion process is automated and takes place in well controlled and confined area so that there is no spoilage of Cr (VI) solution or contact with workers.

Waste solution and VOC are systematically collected and properly treated according with the respective European Norms. VOC are directly incinerated within the coating backing furnace at the plant location. No measures exceeding statutory requirements are necessitated.

There are no relevant aspects of occupational health and safety during the further processing and installation of the etalbond®-FR panels. Under normal installation, no measurable environmental impacts can be associated to the chromium presence from Cr-based pre-treated aluminium.

## 2.8. Packaging

The material is supplied as stacked panels in the dimensions specified by the customer. Wooden pallets, cardboard paper and recycled plastic foil are used as packaging materials. After use, packaging materials can be re-used or recycled. Wooden pallets, recycled plastic and paper can be collected separately and directed to the recycling circuit.

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## 2.9. Further processing, use and reference service life

etalbond®-FR panels are intermediate products which are used for the production of cladding panels used in the building sector. This EPD does not cover the downstream processes to convert this intermediate product into a final building product.

During the chemical conversion process, the Cr6+ ions react entirely with the aluminium substrates to generate a stable chromium oxide layer. Hence, even in case of damage of the organic coating, there is no measurable release of chromium during the use phase.

Since the use phase is not modelled, no specific information can be given about the reference Service Life. Main uses are cladding and roofing of buildings. In practice, a service life of 50 years can be assumed in normal use for such application /DURABILITY/. In normal use, aluminium building products are not altered or corroded over time. A regular cleaning (e.g. once a year) of the product suffice to secure a long service life. However, the use of cleaning solution too alkaline (pH >10) or too acid (pH < 4) should be avoided.

In case of fire, etalbond®-FR is classified in accordance to EN 13501-1 as Class B, s1, d0.

## 2.10 End of life stage

etalbond®-FR is fully recyclable. The etalbond®-FR panels should be specifically collected in special containers or locations and directed to specialised recyclers. The economic value of etalbond®-FR panels at end of life should largely cover the possible costs related to those operations. Hence, after use, the product is in most cases collected and directed to a specialist company for aluminium and core material recycling. Recycled aluminium and mineral filled core produced by these recyclers is used again as primary material. A survey by the European Aluminium Association has established an average collection rate of 96% for aluminium applications in the construction sector /EAA DELFT/.

Only a small fraction of the aluminium coated sheet escapes the recycling route. This small fraction (4%) is then considered as landfilled in the LCA model. From collected scrap up to the new aluminium ingot, it is assumed that 4% of the metal is lost. Hence, the overall recycling rate of aluminium has been fixed to 92%.

The waste code for aluminium in accordance with the European Waste Catalogue (EWC) is 17 04 02 and for mineral filled polymer core and plastic is 17 02 03.

## 3. LCA: Calculation rules



### 3.1. Functional Unit and specific mass

The functional unit corresponds to 1 m<sup>2</sup> of aluminium composite panel. The corresponding mass of the composite panels are reported in the next table

etalbond fr® thickness	Mass of the functional unit
3 mm	6,2 kg
4 mm	7,9 kg
6 mm	11,4 kg

### 3.2. System boundaries

Type of EPD: Cradle to gate – with options

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Production stage (modules A1-A3) includes processes that provide materials and energy input for the system, manufacturing and transport processes up to the factory gate, as well as waste processing.

For the end of life a collection rate of 96% is assumed and directed to recycling (module D). The 4% lost product is modelled through landfilling (module C4). Considering the few losses along the recycling chain, it is assumed that 92% of the Al sheet is effectively recycled as new ingot. Hence, an end of life recycling rate of 92% is used within module D to reflect the benefits of recycling through the substitution principle.

According to the PCR document, modules C1, C2 and C3 shall be addressed in the EPD. Since aluminium products covered in these EPDs are intermediates building products for which it is difficult to define deconstruction and transport scenarios, it has been decided not to cover these three modules. For building products made of aluminium sheet, the contribution of these modules are usually moderate and their omission can be considered as reasonable.

### 3.3. Estimates and assumptions

It has been assumed that the aluminium sheet was composed of primary aluminium and mineral filled polymer core only. In practice, aluminium sourcing can also be based partly on recycled aluminium. This assumption is then conservative. Alloying elements were not considered and a pure aluminium sheet has been assumed as a proxy. For the LCA modelling, a composition of 40%w polyethylene and 60%w ATH has been assumed for the core material.

### 3.4. Cut-off criteria

All known operating data was taken into consideration in the analysis. Considering the long experience of data collection within the European Aluminium Industry, it can be assumed that the ignored processes or flows contribute to much less than 5% to the impact categories under review.

### 3.5. Background data

GaBi 6 2014- the software system for comprehensive analysis developed by thinkstep (previously PE International) – was used for modelling the life cycle for the manufacture of coil-coated aluminium sheet and aluminium composite panel. Generic GaBi 6 data sets have been used for energy, transport and consumables. For the aluminium primary production, recycling and aluminium composite panel production, the datasets described in the EAA environmental report have been used /EAA EPR/.

### 3.6. Foreground data and EPD-data tool



Foreground data refers to the coil coating process. The coil coating data are collective data generated from 6 European plants from 4 companies, including ELVAL COLOUR. Data are from the years 2011 and 2012. The collective data have been used then for developing an EPD-data tool which generates EPD indicators based on several key product specifications. This EPD-data tool has been used to generate the EPD results.

### 3.7. Data quality

The data quality can be considered as good. The primary data collection has been done thoroughly, all relevant flows are considered. Technological geographical and temporal representativeness is appropriate. The use of collective data can be considered as a reasonable proxy of the ELVAL COLOUR processes.

### 3.8. Allocation

Any aluminium composite panel scrap, aluminium scrap or mineral filled polymer scrap produced at composite panel production or coil coating process level is recycled by the producer or sent for recycling to a recycler. This recycling loop has been modelled in the

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GaBi model so that the aluminium composite panel is the only product exiting the gate. Hence, the production process does not deliver any co-products. For the end-of-life stage, aluminium composite scrap is sent to a recycling treatment and credits are calculated. Both the recycling and the credits are modelled in module D.

### 3.9. Comparability

As a general rule, a comparison or evaluation of EPD data is only possible when all of the data to be compared has been drawn up in accordance with EN 15804 and the building context or product-specific characteristics are taken into consideration.

## 4. LCA scenarios and additional technical information

Modules A4, A5, B1-B7 and C1-C3 are not taken into consideration in this Declaration. Only primary aluminium is used as sourcing. Hence, end of life credits are fully reported in Module D based on a recycling rate of 92% and a full conservation of the inherent properties through recycling.

Production			Installation		Use stage							End-of-Life				Next product system
Raw material supply (extraction, processing, recycled material)	Transport to manufacturer	Manufacturing	Transport to building site	Installation into building	Use / application	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction / demolition	Transport to EoL	Waste processing for reuse, recovery or recycling	Disposal	Reuse, recovery or recycling potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	X	X

## 5. LCA results

The results for the 6 etalbond®-FR composite panels are reported in the next table

- 3 mm: etalbond FR– PE-30 and etalbond FR–PVDF-30
- 4 mm: etalbond FR – PE-40 and etalbond FR–PVDF-40
- 6 mm: etalbond FR – PE-60 and etalbond FR–PVDF-60

		Etalbond FR - PE - 30			Etalbond FR - PVDF - 30			Etalbond FR - PE - 40			Etalbond FR - PVDF - 40			Etalbond FR - PE - 60			Etalbond FR - PVDF - 60		
	kg Al	2,7			2,7			2,7			2,7			2,7			2,7		
	kg PE	1,9			1,9			2,8			2,8			4,7			4,7		
	Total kg	4,6			4,6			5,5			5,5			7,4			7,4		
Parameter	Unit	Etalbond - PE - 30			Etalbond - PVDF - 30			Etalbond - PE - 40			Etalbond - PVDF - 40			Etalbond - PE - 60			Etalbond - PVDF - 60		
		A1-A3	C4	D	A1-A3	C4	D	A1-A3	C4	D	A1-A3	C4	D	A1-A3	C4	D	A1-A3	C4	D
GWP	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq.]	32,1	3,17E-03	-21,1	32,6	3,17E-03	-21,1	33,5	4,04E-03	-21,1	34,0	4,04E-03	-21,1	36,5	5,77E-03	-21,1	36,8	5,77E-03	-21,1
ODP	[kg CFC11-eq.]	1,33E-06	5,25E-14	-1,15E-06	2,04E-06	5,25E-14	-1,15E-06	1,33E-06	6,68E-14	-1,15E-06	2,04E-06	6,68E-14	-1,15E-06	1,33E-06	9,54E-14	-1,15E-06	2,04E-06	9,54E-14	-1,15E-06
AP	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> -eq.]	0,12	0,0000196	-0,0842	0,122	0,0000196	-0,0842	0,124	0,000025	-0,0842	0,126	0,000025	-0,0842	0,133	0,0000357	-0,0842	0,135	0,0000357	-0,0842
EP	[kg PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> -eq.]	7,69E-03	2,83E-06	-4,86E-03	7,80E-03	2,83E-06	-4,86E-03	8,10E-03	3,61E-06	-4,86E-03	8,21E-03	3,61E-06	-4,86E-03	8,95E-03	5,15E-06	-4,86E-03	9,04E-03	5,15E-06	-4,86E-03
POCP	[kg ethene-eq.]	0,00879	0,00000191	-0,00519	0,00893	0,00000191	-0,00519	0,00941	0,00000243	-0,00519	0,00955	0,00000243	-0,00519	0,0107	0,00000347	-0,00519	0,0108	0,00000347	-0,00519
ADPE	[kg Sb-eq.]	1,63E-05	1,13E-09	-9,20E-06	1,73E-05	1,13E-09	-9,20E-06	1,72E-05	1,44E-09	-9,20E-06	1,83E-05	1,44E-09	-9,20E-06	1,91E-05	2,05E-09	-9,20E-06	2,02E-05	2,05E-09	-9,20E-06
ADPF	[MJ]	432	0,0416	-220	440	0,0416	-220	479	0,0529	-220	487	0,0529	-220	575	0,0756	-220	581	0,0756	-220
Parameter	Unit																		
PERE	[MJ]	115,0	-	-	116,0	-	-	116,0	-	-	117,0	-	-	118,0	-	-	119,0	-	-
PERM	[MJ]	0,0	-	-	0,0	-	-	0,0	-	-	0,0	-	-	0,0	-	-	0,0	-	-
PERT	[MJ]	115,0	4,16E-03	-96,0	116,0	4,16E-03	-96,0	116,0	5,29E-03	-96,0	117,0	5,29E-03	-96,0	118,0	7,56E-03	-96,0	119,0	7,56E-03	-96,0
PENRE	[MJ]																		
		531,0	-	-	539,0	-	-	579,0	-	-	588,0	-	-	678,0	-	-	684,0	-	-
PENRM	[MJ]	0,0	-	-	0,0	-	-	0,0	-	-	0,0	-	-	0,0	-	-	0,0	-	-
PENRT	[MJ]	531,0	4,32E-02	-294,0	539,0	0,0	-294,0	579,0	0,1	-294,0	588,0	0,1	-294,0	678,0	0,1	-294,0	684,0	0,1	-294,0
SM	[kg]	0,0	0,00E+00	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
RSF	[MJ]	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
NRSF	[MJ]	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
FW	[m³]	0,2	0,0	-0,2	0,2	0,0	-0,2	0,3	0,0	-0,2	0,3	0,0	-0,2	0,3	0,0	-0,2	0,3	0,0	-0,2
Parameter	Unit																		
HWD	[kg]	0,0000277	1,37E-08	0	0,0000308	1,37E-08	0	0,000033	1,74E-08	0	0,0000361	1,74E-08	0	0,0000441	2,49E-08	0	0,0000466	2,49E-08	0
NHWD	[kg]	7,35	3,31E-04	-4,82	7,36	3,31E-04	-4,82	8,07	4,21E-04	-4,75	8,08	4,21E-04	-4,75	9,5	6,01E-04	-4,63	9,51	6,01E-04	-4,63
RWD	[kg]	0,0404	6,61E-07	-0,0302	0,0408	6,61E-07	-0,0302	0,0409	8,42E-07	-0,0302	0,0413	8,42E-07	-0,0302	0,042	1,20E-06	-0,0302	0,0423	1,20E-06	-0,0302
CRU	[kg]	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-
MFR	[kg]	0	0	2,4	0	0	2,4	0	0	2,4	0	0	2,4	0	0	2,4	0	0	2,4
MER	[kg]	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-
EEE	[MJ]	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-
EET	[MJ]	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-

**Table 1 LCIA results for 1 m<sup>2</sup> of etalbond®-FR composite panel (table 5-10 in the LCA report)**

List of abbreviations: GWP: Global warming potential; ODP: Ozone layer depletion potential; AP: Acidification potential of land and water; EP: Eutrophication potential; POCP: Photochemical oxidation potential; ADPE: Abiotic depletion potential (elements); ADPF: Abiotic depletion potential (fossil fuels); 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 resources; SM: Use of secondary materials; RSF: Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF: Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW: Use of net fresh water; HWD: Hazardous waste disposed; NHWD: Non-hazardous waste disposed; RWD: Radioactive waste disposed; CRU: Components for re-use; MFR: Materials for recycling; MER: Materials for energy recovery; EEE: Exported electrical energy; EET: Exported thermal energy

## 6. LCA interpretation

- Production of the aluminium sheet

The majority of the environmental impacts come from the aluminium sheet manufacturing. Within the manufacturing processes, the primary aluminium production is dominant, especially the alumina production and the electrolysis. This is particularly the case in these EPDs since it is assumed that the sheet is composed of 100% primary aluminium produced in Europe. The rolling process which converts ingot, i.e. slab, into sheet is much less significant. The LCA modelling and the impact of the primary aluminium production is detailed in the EAA environmental report /EAA EPR/. The recycled ingot production which presents a much lower impact than the primary ingot production is only used in Module D.

- Coil coating process

The coil coating process contributes in general between 2% and 15% to the various indicators. For the PVDF coating, two indicators are significantly affected by the coating process which contributes significantly to the ODP indicator due to fluoride emissions during the binder production as well as 23% of the ADP indicator due to the titanium and fluoride consumption. The coating process is also responsible for 100% of the hazardous waste disposed.



- Composite panel production process

The composite panel production process contributes to about 5%-10% to the overall impact of the composite panel. The core material, i.e. polymer with fire retardant, has a limited environmental impact compared to the aluminium sheet. Hence, the increase of the composite thickness from 3 to 6 mm without changing the Al sheet thickness does not increase significantly the indicator results.

- End of life stage (C4) and Module D

The contribution of Module C4 (disposal) is very limited compared to module A1-A3 and module D. No specific comments are then relevant for this module.

Since no recycling was considered at production level, all the recycling benefits are considered in module D. Calculation rules for module D are explained in the annex C of the EAA PCR document / EAA PCR/. A recycling rate of 92% is used and justified. This provides a significant benefits considering that recycling saves up to 95% of the impact of the primary production. This demonstrates the importance to consider module D into the assessment. The possible energy recovery resulting from the combustion of the core material is not considered in this EPD.

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