

### 3. ES 3: Formulation or re-packing; Use of nickel metal in electric arc furnace carbon steel manufacturing

#### 3.1. Title section

Product category: Base metals and alloys (PC 7)

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#### 3.2. Conditions of use affecting exposure

##### 3.2.1. Control of environmental exposure: Use of nickel metal in electric arc furnace carbon steel manufacturing - Direct discharge to fresh water\_D=10 (ERC 3)

<b>Amount used, frequency and duration of use (or from service life)</b>
Daily amount per site <= 0.286 tonnes/day (All the amounts and concentrations are expressed as Ni as this is the driver for the environmental risk assessment.)
Annual amount per site <= 100 tonnes/year
Emission days >= 350 days/year
<b>Technical and organisational conditions and measures</b>
Electrostatic precipitator or wet electrostatic precipitator or cyclones or fabric/bag filter or ceramic/metal mesh filter or wet scrubber
Chemical precipitation or sedimentation or filtration or electrolysis or reverse osmosis or ion exchange
<b>Conditions and measures related to external treatment of waste (including article waste)</b>
Dispose of waste product or used containers according to local regulations.

<b>Other conditions affecting environmental exposure</b>
Receiving surface water flow $\geq 1.8E4$ m <sup>3</sup> /day
No discharge to marine water assumed
Receiving water dilution (fresh or marine) $\geq 10$
Assumed effluent discharge flow from site $\geq 2E3$ m <sup>3</sup> /day

### 3.2.2. Control of environmental exposure: Use of nickel metal in electric arc furnace carbon steel manufacturing - Direct discharge to fresh water\_D=100 (ERC 3)

<b>Amount used, frequency and duration of use (or from service life)</b>
Daily amount per site $\leq 22.85$ tonnes/day (All the amounts and concentrations are expressed as Ni as this is the driver for the environmental risk assessment.)
Annual amount per site $\leq 8E3$ tonnes/year
Emission days $\geq 350$ days/year
<b>Technical and organisational conditions and measures</b>
Electrostatic precipitator or wet electrostatic precipitator or cyclones or fabric/bag filter or ceramic/metal mesh filter or wet scrubber
Chemical precipitation or sedimentation or filtration or electrolysis or reverse osmosis or ion exchange
<b>Conditions and measures related to external treatment of waste (including article waste)</b>
Dispose of waste product or used containers according to local regulations.
<b>Other conditions affecting environmental exposure</b>
Receiving surface water flow $\geq 1.98E5$ m <sup>3</sup> /day
No discharge to marine water assumed
Receiving water dilution (fresh or marine) $\geq 100$
Assumed effluent discharge flow from site $\geq 2E3$ m <sup>3</sup> /day

### 3.2.3. Control of environmental exposure: Use of nickel metal in electric arc furnace carbon steel manufacturing - Direct discharge to marine water (ERC 3)

<b>Amount used, frequency and duration of use (or from service life)</b>
Daily amount per site $\leq 28.57$ tonnes/day (All the amounts and concentrations are expressed as Ni as this is the driver for the environmental risk assessment.)
Annual amount per site $\leq 1E4$ tonnes/year
Emission days $\geq 350$ days/year
<b>Technical and organisational conditions and measures</b>
Electrostatic precipitator or wet electrostatic precipitator or cyclones or fabric/bag filter or ceramic/metal mesh filter or wet scrubber
Chemical precipitation or sedimentation or filtration or electrolysis or reverse osmosis or ion exchange
<b>Conditions and measures related to external treatment of waste (including article waste)</b>
Dispose of waste product or used containers according to local regulations.
<b>Other conditions affecting environmental exposure</b>
No discharge to freshwater assumed
Receiving water dilution (fresh or marine) $\geq 100$

Assumed effluent discharge flow from site $\geq 2E3$ m <sup>3</sup> /day
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### 3.2.4. Control of worker exposure: Handling of dusty raw materials (PROC 26)

<b>Product (article) characteristics</b>
Physical form of product; Solid, high dustiness
<b>Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure</b>
Covers daily exposures up to 8 hours
<b>Technical and organisational conditions and measures</b>
Local exhaust ventilation
Semi-closed system
<b>Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation</b>
APF of RPE = 10 (90% respiratory protection). For further specification, refer to section 8 of the SDS.
Wear suitable gloves tested to EN374.; For further specification, refer to section 8 of the SDS.

### 3.2.5. Control of worker exposure: Handling of massive raw materials (PROC 21)

<b>Product (article) characteristics</b>
Maximum emission potential covered in this ES: Low (abrasion based).
Physical form of product; Massive object
<b>Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation</b>
Wear suitable gloves tested to EN374.; For further specification, refer to section 8 of the SDS.

### 3.2.6. Control of worker exposure: Smelting, melting and casting (PROC 22, PROC 4, PROC 23)

<b>Product (article) characteristics</b>
Physical form of product: Molten.
Maximum emission potential covered in this ES: High (temperature based).
<b>Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure</b>
Covers daily exposures up to 8 hours
<b>Technical and organisational conditions and measures</b>
Local exhaust ventilation
Semi-closed system
High temperature

### 3.2.7. Control of worker exposure: Rolling, milling or forging (PROC 24)

<b>Product (article) characteristics</b>
Physical form of product; Solid
Maximum emission potential covered in this ES: High (temperature based). Low to high level of abrasion possible.
<b>Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure</b>
Covers daily exposures up to 8 hours

<b>Technical and organisational conditions and measures</b>
Provide a good standard of general ventilation (not less than 3 to 5 air changes per hour).

### 3.2.8. Control of worker exposure: Grinding (PROC 24)

<b>Product (article) characteristics</b>
Physical form of product; Massive object
Maximum emission potential covered in this ES: High (abrasion based).
<b>Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure</b>
Covers daily exposures up to 8 hours
<b>Technical and organisational conditions and measures</b>
Use in closed process
Use of an integrated local exhaust ventilation with high efficiency is required.

### 3.2.9. Control of worker exposure: Annealing and pickling (PROC 22, PROC 13)

<b>Product (article) characteristics</b>
Maximum emission potential covered in this ES: Low.
Physical form of product; Massive object
<b>Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure</b>
Covers exposure up to 180 minutes
<b>Technical and organisational conditions and measures</b>
Elevated temperature (process temperature may vary depending on the conducted process but is maintained well below the melting point of the substance).
Provide a good standard of general ventilation (not less than 3 to 5 air changes per hour).

### 3.2.10. Control of worker exposure: Welding (PROC 25)

<b>Product (article) characteristics</b>
Physical form of product; Massive object
Maximum emission potential covered in this ES: High (temperature based).
<b>Technical and organisational conditions and measures</b>
High temperature
Provide a good standard of general ventilation (not less than 3 to 5 air changes per hour).
<b>Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation</b>
Dermal contact with the substance has to be excluded.

### 3.2.11. Control of worker exposure: Low energy handling of massive objects (PROC 21)

<b>Product (article) characteristics</b>
Maximum emission potential covered in this ES: Low (abrasion based).
Physical form of product; Massive object
<b>Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation</b>
Wear suitable gloves tested to EN374.; For further specification, refer to section 8 of the SDS.

### 3.2.12. Control of worker exposure: Packaging, shipping and storage (PROC 21)

<b>Product (article) characteristics</b>
Maximum emission potential covered in this ES: Very low.
Physical form of product; Massive object
<b>Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation</b>
Wear suitable gloves tested to EN374.; For further specification, refer to section 8 of the SDS.

### 3.2.13. Control of worker exposure: Wet cleaning (PROC 28)

<b>Product (article) characteristics</b>
Maximum emission potential covered in this ES: Very low.
Physical form of product: Solution and other liquid materials, e.g. suspensions are also covered.
<b>Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure</b>
Covers daily exposures up to 8 hours
<b>Technical and organisational conditions and measures</b>
Cleaning machines such as power sweeper, no direct manual cleaning.
Covers use at ambient temperatures.
<b>Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation</b>
APF of RPE = 10 (90% respiratory protection).

### 3.2.14. Control of worker exposure: Cleaning/removal of dust (PROC 28)

<b>Product (article) characteristics</b>
Physical form of product: Residual dust.
<b>Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure</b>
Covers daily exposures up to 8 hours
<b>Technical and organisational conditions and measures</b>
Cleaning is conducted using cleaning machines, in particular hovering is applied and the use of compressed air is omitted.
<b>Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation</b>
APF of RPE = 20 (95% respiratory protection). For further specification, refer to section 8 of the SDS.

## 3.3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

### 3.3.1. Environmental release and exposure: Use of nickel metal in electric arc furnace carbon steel manufacturing - Direct discharge to fresh water\_D=10 (ERC 3)

Release route	Release rate	Release estimation method
Water	8.87E-3 kg/day	Estimated release factor
Air	0.033 kg/day	Estimated release factor
Soil	0 kg/day	Estimated release factor

Protection target	Exposure estimate	RCR
Fresh water	3.22E-3 mg/L (EUSES 2.1.2)	0.453
Sediment (freshwater)	41.9 mg/kg dw (PEC sediment calculation method for metals)	0.384

Protection target	Exposure estimate	RCR
Agricultural soil	16.20 mg/kg dw (EUSES 2.1.2)	0.542

### 3.3.2. Environmental release and exposure: Use of nickel metal in electric arc furnace carbon steel manufacturing - Direct discharge to fresh water\_D=100 (ERC 3)

Release route	Release rate	Release estimation method
Water	0.709 kg/day	Estimated release factor
Air	2.629 kg/day	Estimated release factor
Soil	0 kg/day	Estimated release factor

Protection target	Exposure estimate	RCR
Fresh water	5.44E-3 mg/L (EUSES 2.1.2)	0.766
Sediment (freshwater)	100.3 mg/kg dw (PEC sediment calculation method for metals)	0.92
Agricultural soil	16.50 mg/kg dw (EUSES 2.1.2)	0.552

### 3.3.3. Environmental release and exposure: Use of nickel metal in electric arc furnace carbon steel manufacturing - Direct discharge to marine water (ERC 3)

Release route	Release rate	Release estimation method
Water	0.886 kg/day	Estimated release factor
Air	3.286 kg/day	Estimated release factor
Soil	0 kg/day	Estimated release factor

Protection target	Exposure estimate	RCR
Marine water	3.48E-3 mg/L (EUSES 2.1.2)	0.404
Sediment (marine water)	99.6 mg/kg dw (PEC sediment calculation method for metals)	0.914
Agricultural soil	16.58 mg/kg dw (EUSES 2.1.2)	0.555

### 3.3.4. Worker exposure: Handling of dusty raw materials (PROC 26)

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long term	0.014 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.28
Inhalation, local, long term	0.014 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.28
Inhalation, local, acute	0.071 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	< 0.01
Dermal, local, long term	5.18 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> (Measured data)	0.148
Combined, systemic, long term		0.28

### 3.3.5. Worker exposure: Handling of massive raw materials (PROC 21)

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
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Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long term	9E-3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.18
Inhalation, local, long term	9E-3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.18
Inhalation, local, acute	0.037 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	< 0.01
Dermal, local, long term	5.18 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> (Measured data)	0.148
Combined, systemic, long term		0.18

### 3.3.6. Worker exposure: Smelting, melting and casting (PROC 22, PROC 4, PROC 23)

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long term	0.021 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.42
Inhalation, local, long term	0.021 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.42
Inhalation, local, acute	0.085 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	< 0.01
Dermal, local, long term	0.76 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> (Measured data)	0.022
Combined, systemic, long term		0.42

### 3.3.7. Worker exposure: Rolling, milling or forging (PROC 24)

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long term	0.024 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.48
Inhalation, local, long term	0.024 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.48
Inhalation, local, acute	0.096 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	< 0.01
Dermal, local, long term	0.76 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> (Measured data)	0.022
Combined, systemic, long term		0.48

### 3.3.8. Worker exposure: Grinding (PROC 24)

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long term	5E-3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.1
Inhalation, local, long term	5E-3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.1
Inhalation, local, acute	0.014 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	< 0.01
Dermal, local, long term	0.76 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> (Measured data)	0.022
Combined, systemic, long term		0.1

### 3.3.9. Worker exposure: Annealing and pickling (PROC 22, PROC 13)

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long term	0.037 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.74
Inhalation, local, long term	0.037 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.74
Inhalation, local, acute	0.11 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	< 0.01
Dermal, local, long term	0.76 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> (Measured data)	0.022
Combined, systemic, long term		0.74

**3.3.10. Worker exposure: Welding (PROC 25)**

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long term	0.015 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.3
Inhalation, local, long term	0.015 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.3
Inhalation, local, acute	0.044 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	< 0.01
Dermal, local, long term	0.76 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> (Measured data)	0.022
Combined, systemic, long term		0.3

**3.3.11. Worker exposure: Low energy handling of massive objects (PROC 21)**

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long term	9E-3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.18
Inhalation, local, long term	9E-3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.18
Inhalation, local, acute	0.037 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	< 0.01
Dermal, local, long term	5.18 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> (Measured data)	0.148
Combined, systemic, long term		0.18

**3.3.12. Worker exposure: Packaging, shipping and storage (PROC 21)**

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long term	9E-3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.18
Inhalation, local, long term	9E-3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.18
Inhalation, local, acute	0.037 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	< 0.01
Dermal, local, long term	5.18 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> (Measured data)	0.148
Combined, systemic, long term		0.18

**3.3.13. Worker exposure: Wet cleaning (PROC 28)**

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long term	6E-3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.12
Inhalation, local, long term	6E-3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.12
Inhalation, local, acute	0.026 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	< 0.01
Dermal, local, long term	0.76 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> (Measured data)	0.022
Combined, systemic, long term		0.12

**3.3.14. Worker exposure: Cleaning/removal of dust (PROC 28)**

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long term	0.032 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.64
Inhalation, local, long term	0.032 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.64
Inhalation, local, acute	0.189 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Measured data)	0.016
Dermal, local, long term	0.76 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> (Measured data)	0.022



Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Combined, systemic, long term		0.64

### **3.4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES**

Guidance: Please refer to Section 0.3 of this “ES for Communication”.