Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI):

Responsible Production, Sourcing and Stewardship of Aluminium

Thad Mermer, ASI Communications Manager Klaudia Michalska, ASI Impacts Analyst 21 October 2021



Agenda

- Introduction
- ASI Standards and Certification
- Impacts and Outcomes of the ASI Certification Program



A. Introducing ASI



ASI Vision and Mission

Vision

To maximise the contribution of aluminium to a sustainable society.

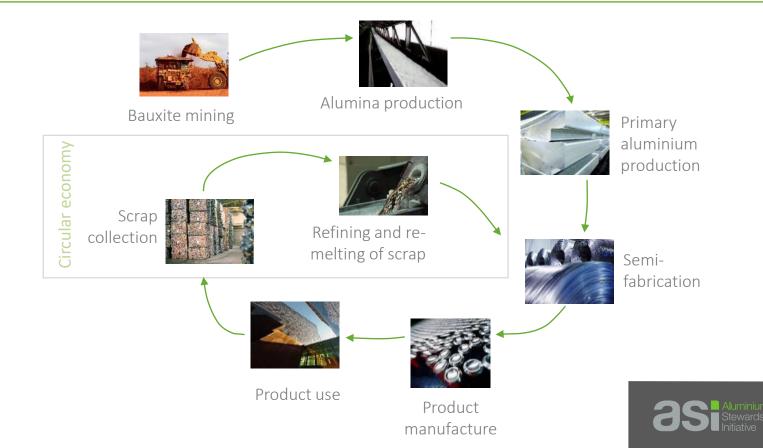
Mission

To recognise and collaboratively foster responsible production, sourcing and stewardship of aluminium.





The aluminium value chain



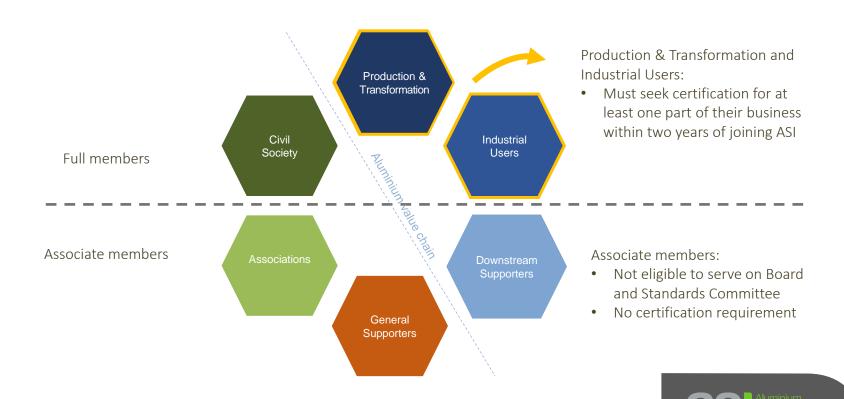
ASI – a brief history

- 2009 Multi-stakeholder group on 'responsible aluminium'
- 2011 Agreement to develop ASI work program
- **2014** IUCN hosted project concludes with draft Standards
- 2015 ASI incorporated and formal program development commences
- 2016 First AGM, Constitution adopted
- 2017 Launched full ASI Certification program in December
- 2018 First ASI Certifications, ISEAL Alliance Member
- ... 2021 190+ ASI members, 150+ Certifications strong momentum
 * Standards Revision ongoing until April 2022

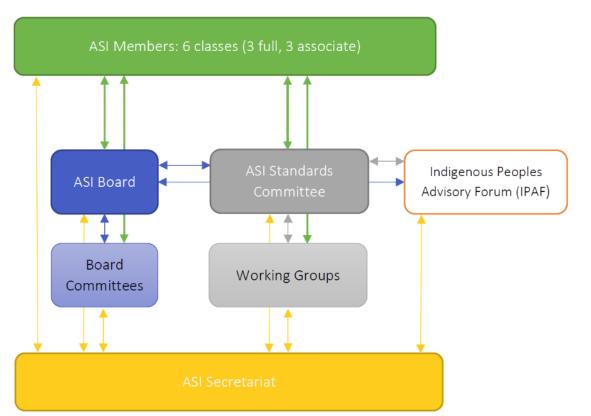




ASI Membership – 6 classes



ASI governance – working in partnership



- Members elected annually to Board and Standards
 Committee on rotating
 2-year terms
- Working Groups open to all members



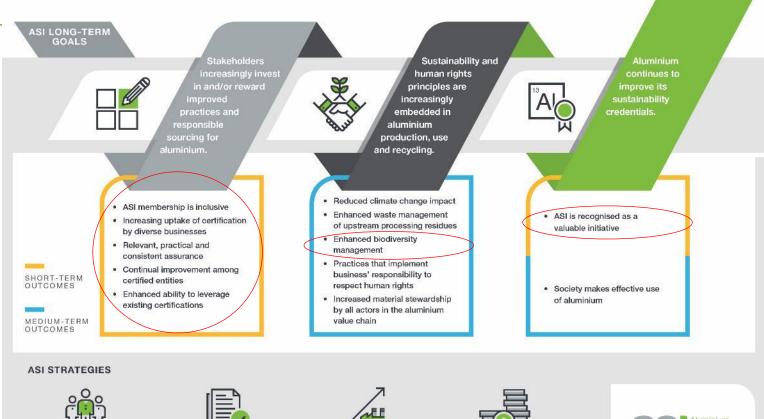
ASI THEORY OF CHANGE

CREDIBLE

PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE

GOVERNANCE



GROWING

MEMBERSHIP

FINANCIAL

RESILIANCE

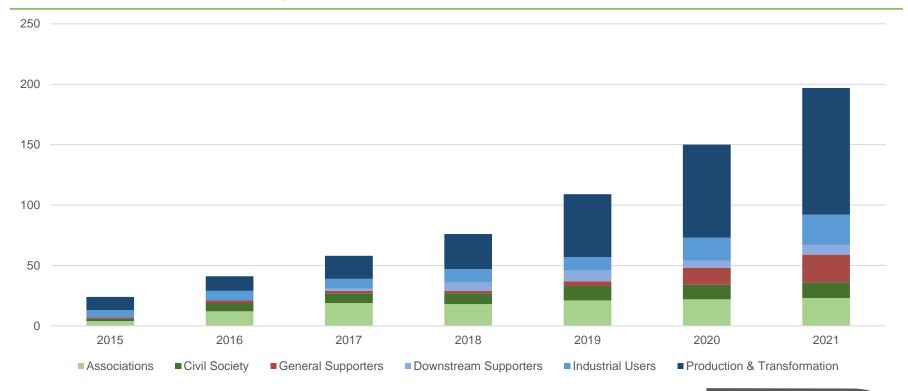
ASI – success factors

- Proactive rather than reactive
- Multi-stakeholder from inception
- Whole of supply chain approach
- Rigorous approach to program development
- Tailored to risks/materiality for aluminium
- Uptake is B2B driven
- Focus on innovation, including through digital investment





ASI membership 2015-2021 (data to Oct 2021)

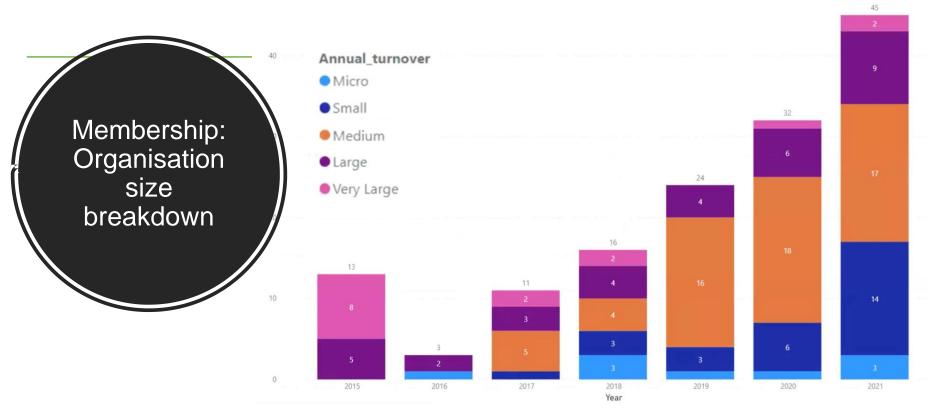






Increasing rate of membership growth





- Small: US 10 100 million annual turnover
- Medium: up to US 1 billion
- Large: up to US 10 billion



B. ASI Standards and Certification



Priority issues for ASI Standards

Bauxite mining

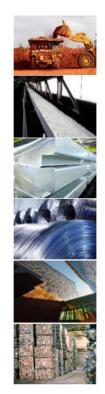
Alumina production

Aluminium production

Semi-fabrication

Product manufacture and use

Recycling



Biodiversity management Indigenous Peoples' rights

Greenhouse gas emissions for refining and smelting Bauxite residue, spent pot lining and dross

Material stewardship



ASI Standards: Application



The ASI Performance Standard sets out practices for sustainability and human rights principles to be applied by companies along the aluminium value chain.





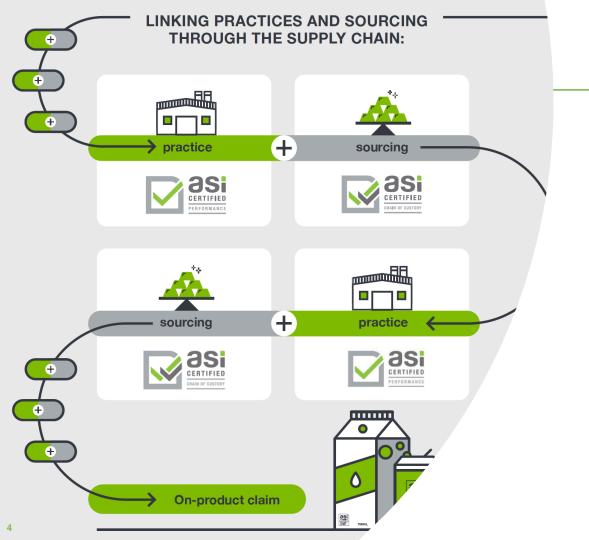
Œ



The ASI Chain of Custody Standard creates a link from company practices to responsible sourcing of products, by connecting Certified suppliers and customers and accounting for material flow.



Sourcing



How the ASI Standards link practices with sourcing



Performance Standard: Overview

Governance

1. Business Integrity

2. Policy and Management

3. Transparency

4. Material Stewardship

Environment

5. Greenhouse Gas Emissions

6. Emissions, Effluents and Waste

7. Water

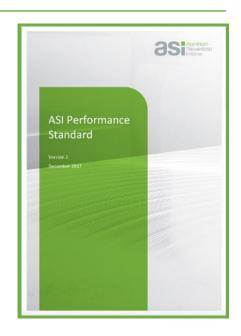
8. Biodiversity

Social

9. Human Rights

10. Labour Rights

11. Occupational Health and Safety





Performance Standard: 59 issues in all

Governance: 19	Environment: 19	Social: 21
Legal Compliance.	Disclosure of GHG emissions and energy use.	Human Rights Due Diligence.
Anti-Corruption.	GHG emissions reductions.	Women's Rights.
Code of Conduct.	Aluminium Smelting.	Indigenous Peoples.
		Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC).
Environmental, Social, and Governance Policy	Emissions to Air.	Cultural and sacred heritage.
Leadership.	Discharges to Water.	Resettlements.
Environmental and Social Management Systems.	Assessment and Management of Spills and	Local Communities.
Responsible Sourcing.	Leakage.	Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.
Emergency Response Plan.	Reporting of Spills.	
Mergers and Acquisitions.	Waste management and reporting.	Freedom of Association and Right to Collective Bargaining.
Closure, Decommissioning and Divestment.	Bauxite Residue.	Child Labour.
	Spent Pot Lining (SPL).	Forced Labour.
Sustainability Reporting.	Dross.	Non-Discrimination.
Non-compliance and liabilities.		Communication and engagement.
Payments to governments.	Water assessment.	Disciplinary practices.
Stakeholder complaints, grievances and requests	Water management.	Remuneration.
for information.	Disclosure of water usage and risks.	Working Time.
Environmental Life Cycle Assessment.	Biodiversity assessment.	Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Policy.
Product design.	Biodiversity management.	OH&S Management System.
Aluminium Process Scrap.	Alien Species.	Employee engagement on health and safety.
Collection and recycling of products at end-of-life.	Commitment to "No Go" in World Heritage	OH&S performance.
	properties. Mine rehabilitation.	

Chain of Custody Standard: Overview

General CoC Management

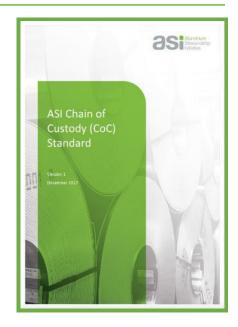
- 1. Management System and Responsibilities
- 2. Outsourcing Contractors

Confirming Eligible Input

- 3. Primary Aluminium
- 4. Recycled Aluminium
- 5. Casthouses
 - 6. Post-Casthouse
- 7. Due Diligence

CoC Accounting, Documentation & Claims

- 8. Mass Balance Percentage System
 - 9. Issuing CoC Documents
- 10. Receiving CoC Documents
- 11. Market Credits
 System
- 12. Claims and Communications





The purpose of each Standard

Uncertified Facility

• may not make any ASI claims

Performance Standard



may make claims about the facility having met ASI Standard



Facility Certified to both the ASI Performance Standard & CoC Standard

May make claims about the facility having met ASI Standards & may sell ASI certified material





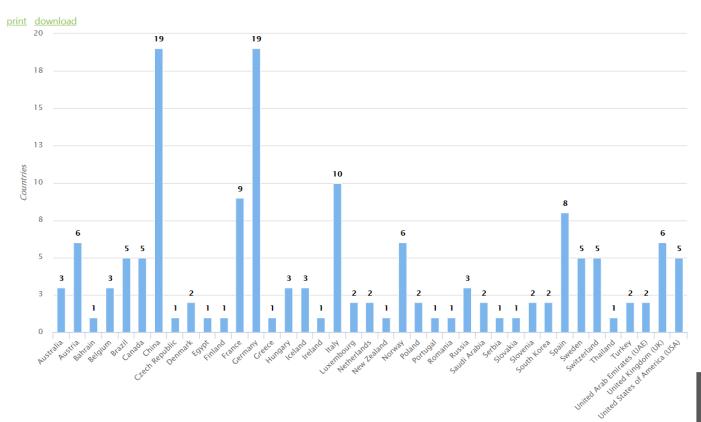








Country incidence of Performance Standard Certification





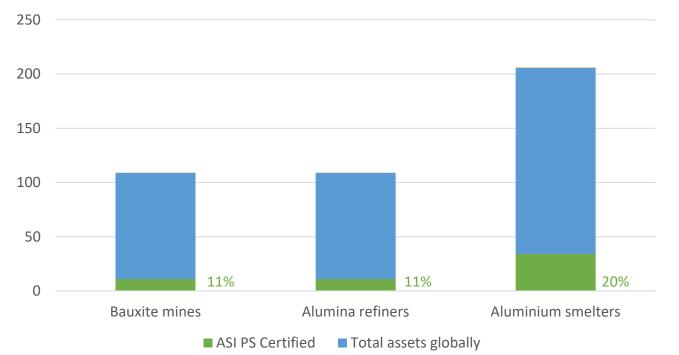




ASI Certification – Performance Standard – Primary

Uptake of ASI Performance Standard Certification across total global assets to date (3 May 2021)





Data on aggregate number of global assets - Source: CRU Aluminium Emissions Analysis Tool







Taking a comprehensive approach





C. Impacts and Outcomes of the ASI Certification Program



Benefits of joining – access to markets

Low carbon

Climate Changed

Green Aluminum, Coming Soon to a Metals-Trading Desk Near You

There's potential for a separate, premium market in metal that claims 'clean' status



London Metal Exchange plans low carbon aluminum platform

Conflict-affected and high-risk areas (OECD)



LME SETS OUT RESPONSIBLE SOURCING REQUIREMENTS



Consumer differentiation

Waste and circular economy

Plastic bottles vs aluminum cans: Who'll win the global water fight?



Benefits of joining – access to resources

Guinea: Local communities filed a complaint against the World Bank for financing destructive bauxite mine



Community and NGO concerns



"Strategic" materials



Column: Scrap gap drives China's copper and

aluminium import boom

Availability of (quality) scrap



Benefits of joining – access to capital

Regulatory shifts



Financial sector investment

FT ADVISER

ESG versus performance? For investors in mining it shouldn't be a choice

INSIDER

As ESG investment and goals expand and the sector evolves, expectations grow for more accountability and data



Benefits of joining – Members perspective

Drivers to join

- Sustainability as a business imperative - "license to operate"
- Customer and supplier requirement for responsible sourcing and production of materials
- Responsible decisionmaking
- Exchange best practices
- Becoming an industry frontrunner

Practical Outcomes

- Better perception of own company
- Aligned business practices with international standards and best practice
- Understanding of importance of ESG performance

Next steps

- Ambition to certify whole supply chain
- Certify against Chain of Custody Standard
- Set more challenging sustainability targets
- Investment in R&D projects



Story of Change - AMAG

- ASI Certification as a milestone on the path of AMAG's ongoing sustainability activities.
- Formalised approach to biodiversity and sustainable management of the surrounding Lachforst forest.

 https://aluminiumstewardship.org/why-aluminium/asioutcomes-impacts/asi-story-ofchange-series/)





Story of Change – Emirates Global Aluminium

- The ASI Performance Standard as a global benchmark against which EGA can measure their performance, target improvements and align corporate sustainability approach.
- Formalised approach to biodiversity and conservation efforts for the critically endangered Hawksbill turtle.





ASI Chain of Custody – 'Mass Balance'

Using Mass Balance

The ASI Chain of Custody program uses a Mass Balance model, which:

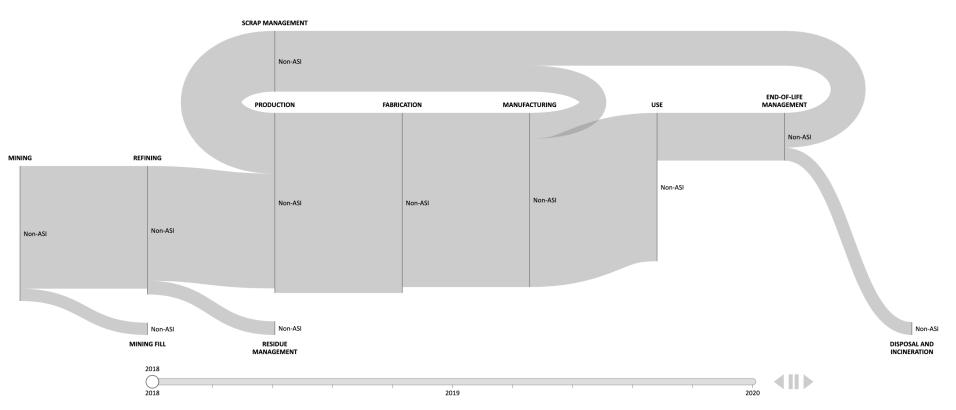
- Allows certified and non-certified material (e.g. bauxite, alumina, aluminium) to be mixed, with controls based on a material accounting system
- Enables chain of custody programs to scale up to still achieve impact but with less costs and barriers to participation
- Puts the focus on connecting supply chain practices, not atoms.







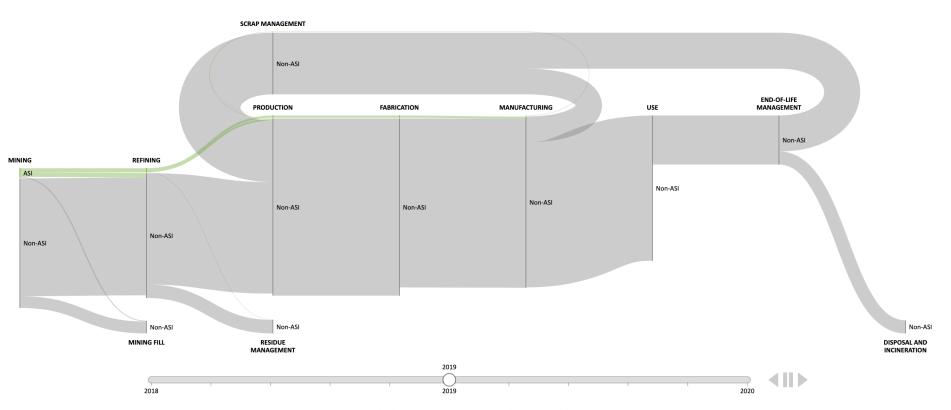
ASI Chain of Custody – Global Mass Flow







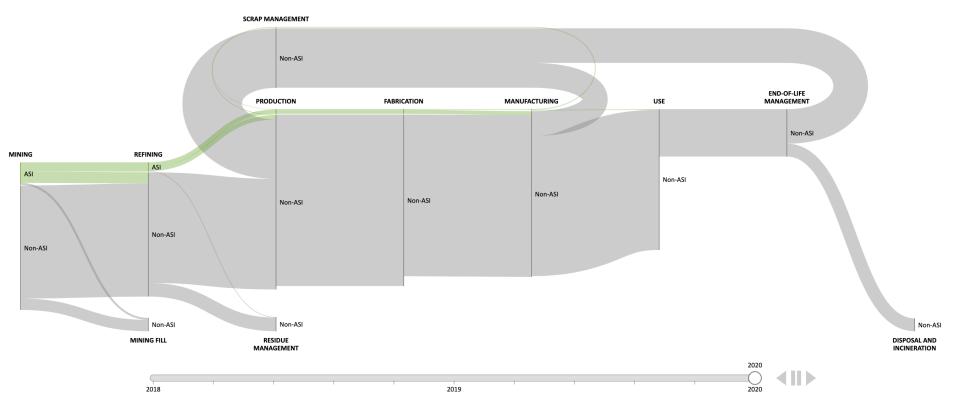
ASI Chain of Custody – Global Mass Flow







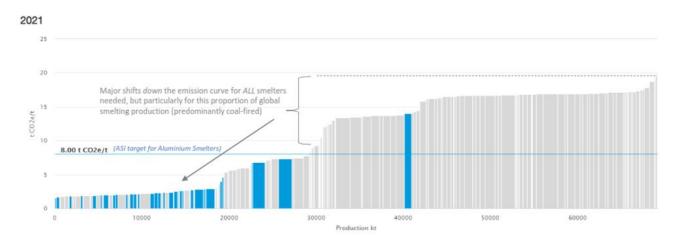
ASI Chain of Custody – Global Mass Flow



GHG Emissions Review – ASI Smelters

03 Aluminium Smelting - CRU Emission Curves (with ASI Entities highlighted)

Aluminium emissions curves Scope 1 & 2 site (Total Aluminium)



This data is supplied on a private and confidential basis to the customer. Its contents must not be disclosed to any other company, organisation or individual, nor be photocopied or otherwise reproduced in whole or in part, without the prior written permission of CRU International.

© CRU International Ltd. 2021. All rights reserved

Figure 19: Aluminium smelting – Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions curves (t CO₂e/t Al) vs. cumulative production (kt) with ASI certified Entities highlighted in colour, compared to CRU's global data set. (Source: CRU Emissions Analysis Tool, © CRU International Ltd, 2021)

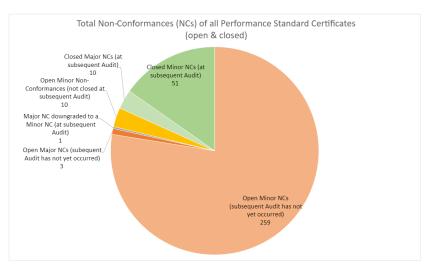
Full report:

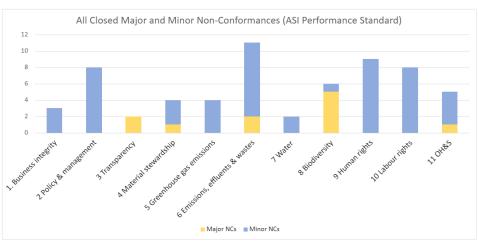
https://aluminiumstewardship.org/whyaluminium/outcomeimpact-evaluations/



Progress on Addressing Non-Conformances

Data as of 25 June 2021





https://aluminium-stewardship.knack.com/asi-assurance-platform#public-dashboard/



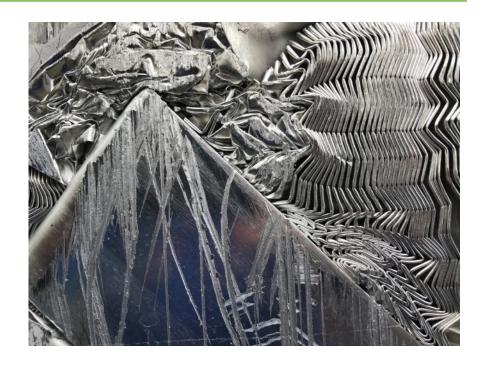
Contributions to the SDGs





Summary

- ASI has built a robust program for whole-ofsupply-chain engagement and improvement
- Members and certifications are growing strongly, building momentum in ASI
- We are already starting to achieve shared impact through collaboration, implementation and scale





Thad Mermer
ASI Communications Manager
thad@aluminium-stewardship.org

Klaudia Michalska ASI Impacts Analyst klaudia@aluminium-stewardship.org

ASI Website www.aluminium-stewardship.org

Join the ASI mailing list http://aluminium-stewardship.org/mailing-list/

