

# Roundtable on the Responsible Recycling of Metals (RRRM) Shipbreaking and Steel Working Group - Alignment

15 September 2023

## Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Confirming WG objectives/ways of working and outline workplan with full group
3. Sharing session and discussion - Setting the scene for the group including (starting speaker in brackets)
4. Next Steps

## Outcomes and Decisions

- No 'sponsor' has come forward for this working group. Their role would be to act as a close stakeholder to the secretariat, to help plan and coordinate the WG meetings. This would involve attending WG planning meetings before and after the WG meeting and reviewing and supporting development of materials for the WG activities.
  - Outreach to new members is still ongoing. Support is requested to identify relevant Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) steel producers, particularly local to shipbreaking activities in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Turkey, who may consider joining the WG.
  - The mapping work is now finished and will be put into a report. A summary of the mapping and the relevant outcomes for the SSWG has been shared.
  - The landscaping report is being drafted. A summary of the landscaping report and the relevant findings for the SSWG have been shared.
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- This meeting focused on initial alignment, the next meeting will focus on definitions and terminology.
  - The group was asked to review the landscaping and mapping summaries, as well as the flowchart and to feedback on any key omissions or clarifications needed.
  - The Secretariat will circulate the glossary and terminology working document via e-mail at least 3 days before our next meeting. WG members are requested to review and feedback on these using the template provided.

Action agreed	Owner	Deadline
Forward contacts from civil society and/or other relevant stakeholders that you believe should be included in this Working Group	SSWG members	Asap
To share the meeting notes	Secretariat	22/09/2023
To review the landscaping summary, the mapping summary and the steel flowchart and to feedback on any omissions and clarifications needed	SSWG members	22/09/2023
To circulate definitions/glossary working document	Secretariat	25/09/2023
To review the definitions working document and prepare for our next meeting	SSWG members	28/09/2023
To share Due Diligence process and our activities relating to this	Secretariat	15/10/2023

To identify a sponsor for this working group	Secretariat and WG members	28/09/2023
To share the draft mapping report	Secretariat	11/10/2023
To share the draft landscaping report	Secretariat	11/10/2023

### Attendees

Ankitab Anshu, Lloyd's Register  
 Bernadetta Mantoan, NGO Shipbreaking Platform  
 Ehud Bar-Lev (Udi), Lloyd's Register  
 Ekin Sakin, NGO Shipbreaking Platform  
 Elin Saltkjel, Grieg Services  
 Giulio Vernier, Smart Freight Center  
 Henning Gramann, GSR Services  
 Ladin Camci, CARES  
 Patrick Davidson, Mayer Environmental EMR  
 Rory Meredith, ResponsibleSteel (RS)  
 Vikram Purohit, Lloyd's Register

## Meeting Notes

### Agenda item 1: Introductions

The members of the group introduced themselves.

### Agenda item 2: Confirming WG objectives

Dave presented the working group's objectives, including highlighting and clarifying terminologies and definitions. In terms of due diligence, it is important to set specific expectations while also highlighting potential limitations with a top-down approach. This group will therefore also look at other opportunities to bridge that gap between high risks and downstream user expectations. The group will also focus on implications on business models and understanding this higher cost associated with responsible recycling.

In general, it was emphasized that we should not reinvent the wheel but rather understand what's already been done and build on that. The Roundtable is led by the Secretariat and functions through two working groups, overseen by the steering group. As this Group does not have a co-sponsor, the Group was asked to step forward as co-sponsor to help support the work to use as a sounding board and confirm work plans.

In terms of expanding this group, the group is currently missing direct input from a steel mill which utilises shipbreaking metal for recycling. Furthermore, there is potential to enhance the group through recruiting members from Bangladesh and Pakistan. A request was put to the group to consider additional members in these missing categories.

Expectations for the group, the scope and how this working group fits into the wider roundtable were presented. Working Group members are expected to attend meetings, review

materials provided in a shared Dropbox folder, and offer feedback. The group seeks expertise in various fields, including technical policy, commercial standards, and more, to help prioritize and address key issues. The focus is on the recycling value chain of shipbreaking and steel, considering both environmental and commercial aspects. There's an emphasis on improving transparency and responsibility within the recycling sector. The roundtable will produce outputs like landscaping reports, guidance tools, and recommendations based on collaborative discussions and mapping efforts.

### **Agenda item 3: Sharing session and discussion**

The main findings of the landscaping report were presented, showing both general findings and findings specific to shipbreaking and steel. The landscaping report has helped uncover gaps and challenges in the sector.

The mapping findings were also presented, showing that schemes for various value chain stages exist, but complete systems are rare, with less emphasis on upstream processes. For shipbreaking and steel, the main findings of the 2009 Hong Kong Convention, the EU Ship Recycling Regulation and the Maersk Responsible Ship Recycling Standard.

Henning from GSR Services presented a draft structure for a scheme based on their experience and explained their proposed range of criteria (see the slides for the details). Multiple questions were raised and remarks were made following the presentation, especially around assurance (how can we have confidence in the standards), how to prioritise and rank criteria and the scoring, and the need for definitions of commercial flows.

Bernadette from the NGO Shipbreaking Platform presented the current state and impacts from shipbreaking. She highlighted the questions surrounding due diligence, especially in terms of monitoring and guarantees, as well as the importance of improving ESG performance at these high risk locations in the sector.

Ladin from CARES shared information on steel certifications at the steel mill including the Sustainable Constructional Steel (SCS) scheme, noting that this is relevant, in particular, for EAF producers. Rory from ResponsibleSteel explained their membership (not only steel), the ResponsibleSteel International Standard, applicable to all steel production and how sites are third-party audited using approved certification bodies such as CARES.

### **Agenda item 4: Next Steps**

Whereas this meeting focused on initial alignment, the next meeting will focus on definitions and terminology. The group was asked to review the landscaping and mapping summaries, as well as the flowchart. The Secretariat will circulate the glossary working document via e-mail before our next meeting, which the WG members are invited to feedback on, helping prioritise definitions that are currently problematic, the reasons why and to provide suggestions for improvements.