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To: Stephens Pipe & Steel LLC.  
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ATT: Ms. Donna Johnson

RE: Use of Recycled Materials

Steel Wire manufactured by the Leggett & Platt Wire Group (Carthage Wire Mill, Merit Steel Company, Adcom Wire Company, Metrock Steel and Solon Specialty Wire), utilizes steel rods made by either the Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) or Basic Oxygen Furnace (BOF) technology. EAF technology utilizes a high percentage (minimum 90%) of recycled scrap, primarily post consumer scrap, as the raw material for making steel. BOF technology utilizes a higher percentage of virgin iron ore combined with 10-15% recycled materials to make steel. This scrap material would typically be classified as pre-consumer material.

Steel sourcing is dependent upon pricing and availability in the marketplace. This can affect the percentage of EAF/BOF material in the product mix. Questions regarding the percentage of EAF/BOF sourcing can be obtained from your particular supplying facility.

I am available for any questions you may have on this topic.

Sincerely,

Nick Johannes  
Environmental/Safety Director  
Leggett & Platt Wire Group