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# Why we need EPDs

## A Contractor's View

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# Agenda

1. Sustainability and the Climate Challenge
2. Drivers for Decarbonization
3. Clients Requesting EPDs
4. Questions



# SUSTAINABILITY

## ESG

### Environmental



- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Energy Efficiency
- Green Building Certifications
- Climate Risk

- Water and Waste Management
- Environmental Management System
- Biodiversity
- Circular Economy
- Emergency Preparedness

### Social



- Health and Safety
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Working Conditions
- Employee Benefits
- Equal Opportunities
- Human Rights
- Impacts on Local Communities

### Governance

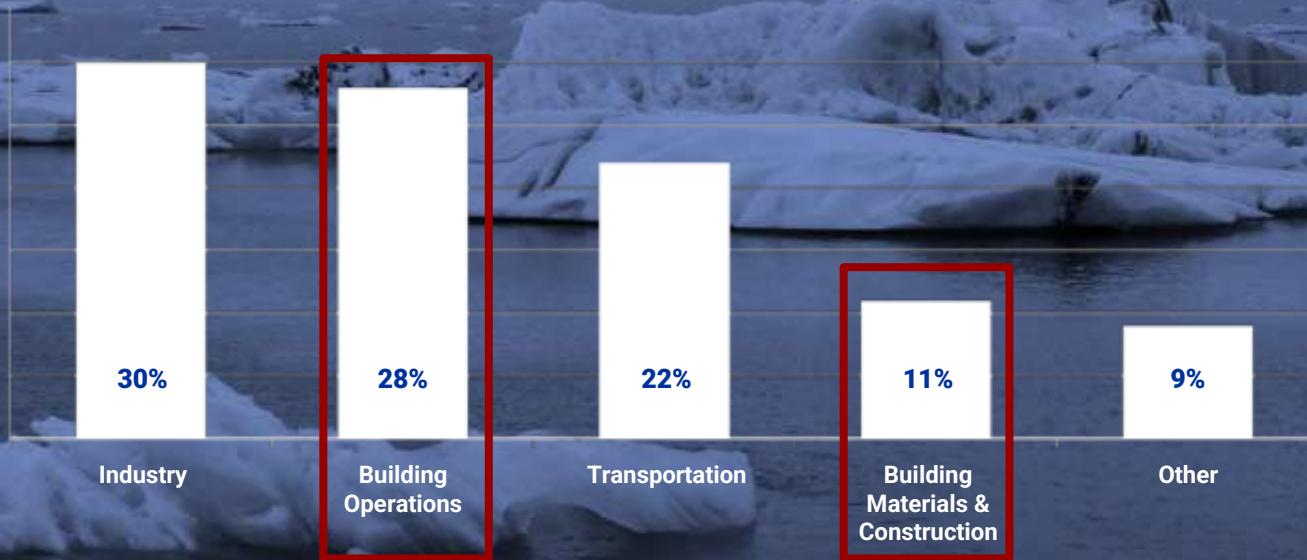


- Business Ethics
- Compliance
- Board Diversity and Governance
- Executive Compensation
- Shareholder Rights
- Pay for Performance

# THE CHALLENGE

## Climate change is a crisis.

GLOBAL CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS BY SECTOR

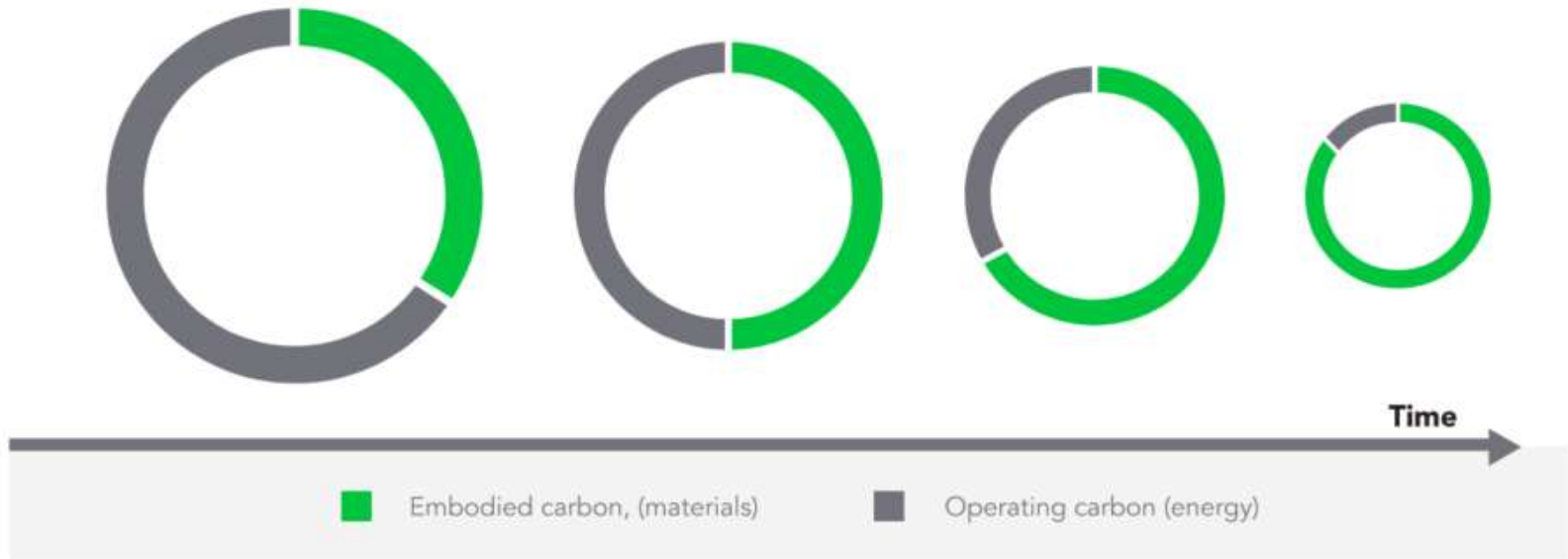


Our work has clarified that, while many of us know that change is coming, we are collectively underprepared.

Infrastructure Futures Report  
Global Infrastructure Hub  
World Economic Forum, 2020

# EMBODIED vs OPERATING EMISSIONS

Embodied carbon impact grows as operational efficiency increases



Source: [Embodied Carbon Review](#)

# ELLISDON'S CLIMATE COMMITMENT



SCIENCE  
BASED  
TARGETS

DRIVING AMBITIOUS CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION

- Net Zero by 2050
- Minimum 42% reduction by 2030
- Must rely on reduction strategies (not offsets)

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COMMIT

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DEVELOP

3

SUBMIT

4

COMMUNICATE

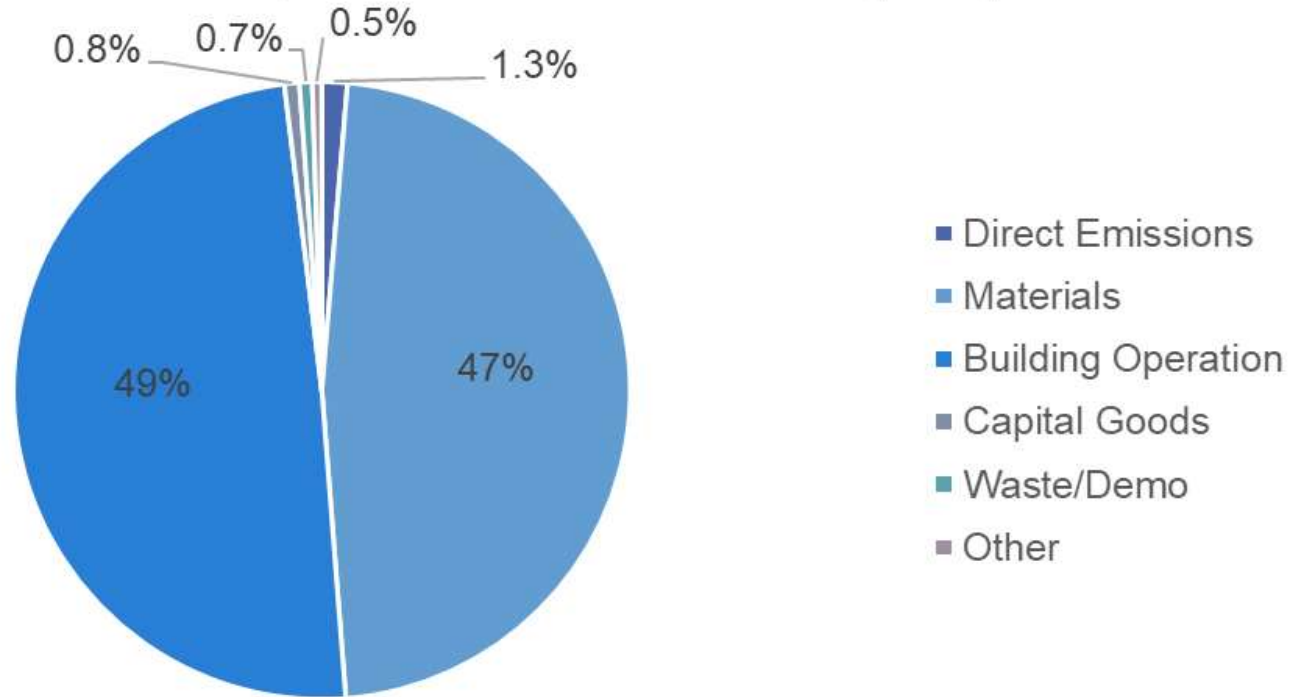
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# ELLISDON'S EMISSIONS PROFILE

EllisDon Corporate Emissions Baseline (2021)



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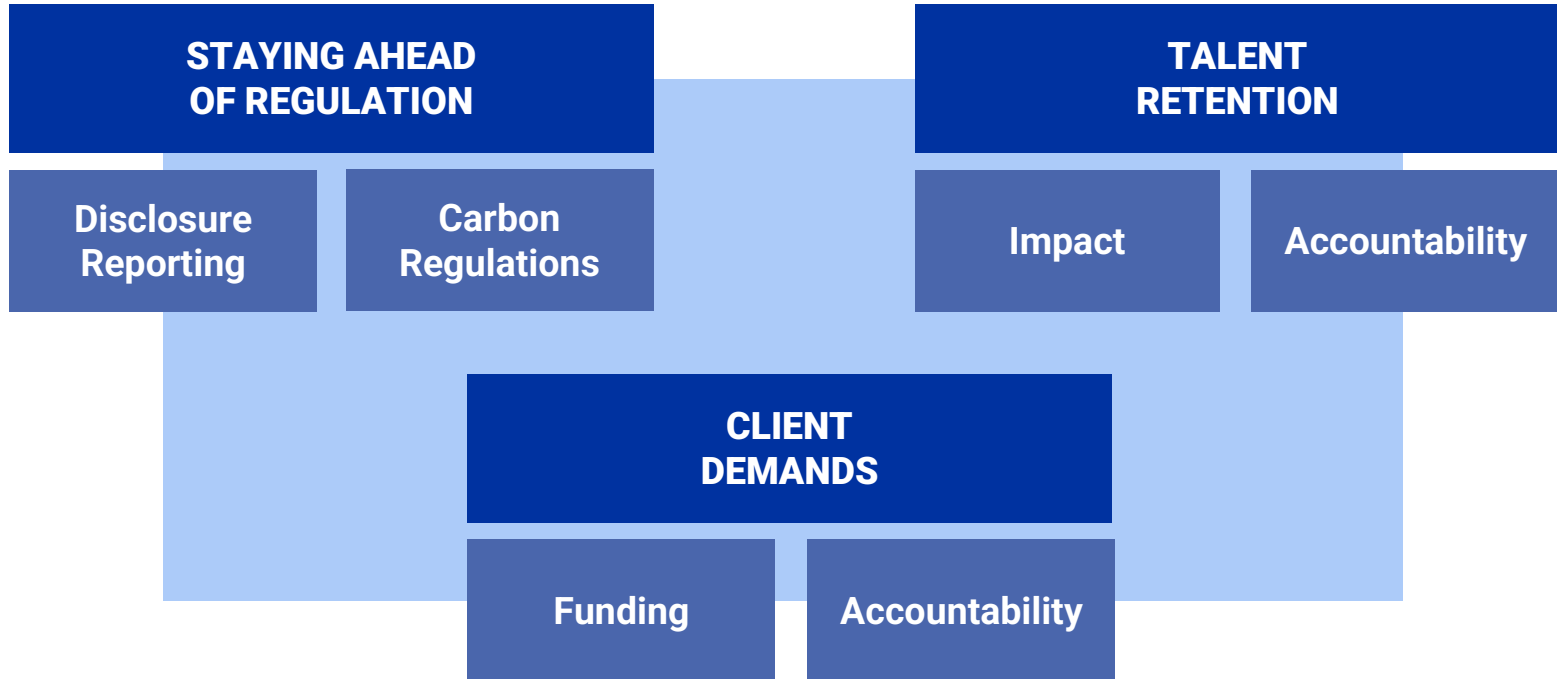
# Drivers for Decarbonization





# DECARBONIZATION COMMITMENTS

## Drivers for Commitment and Action



# WHY NET ZERO IS IMPORTANT FOR REAL ESTATE

## Financial Business Case, Stakeholder Demand, and Risk of Stranded Assets



Financial business case

- Lower OpEx
- Lower M&R
- Increased NOI
- Increased Asset Value



Investors are Valuing It



Increased energy  
reliability/ grid resilience



Tenants are Asking for It



Regulations are Coming

# CLIMATE COMMITMENTS: UNDER SCRUTINY

**Overview of company climate commitments.** Assessed by corporate Climate Responsibility Monitor - 2022.

HIGH INTEGRITY	PLEDGE	TRANSPARENCY	INTEGRITY	PAGE
No companies achieved a high integrity rating				
REASONABLE INTEGRITY	PLEDGE	TRANSPARENCY	INTEGRITY	PAGE
MAERSK	Net-zero by 2040			p. 86
MODERATE INTEGRITY	PLEDGE	TRANSPARENCY	INTEGRITY	PAGE
APPLE	Carbon neutral by 2030			p. 56
SONY	Zero emissions by 2050			p. 95
VODAFONE	Net-zero by 2040			p. 102
LOW INTEGRITY	PLEDGE	TRANSPARENCY	INTEGRITY	PAGE
AMAZON	Net-zero carbon by 2040			p. 54
DEUTSCHE TELEKOM	Net-zero by 2040			p. 68
ENEL	Net-zero by 2050			p. 70
GLAXOSMITHKLINE	Net-zero by 2030			p. 74
GOOGLE	Carbon-free 2030			p. 76
HITACHI	Carbon neutral by 2050			p. 79
IKEA	Climate positive by 2030			p. 81

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# Changing Project Requirements



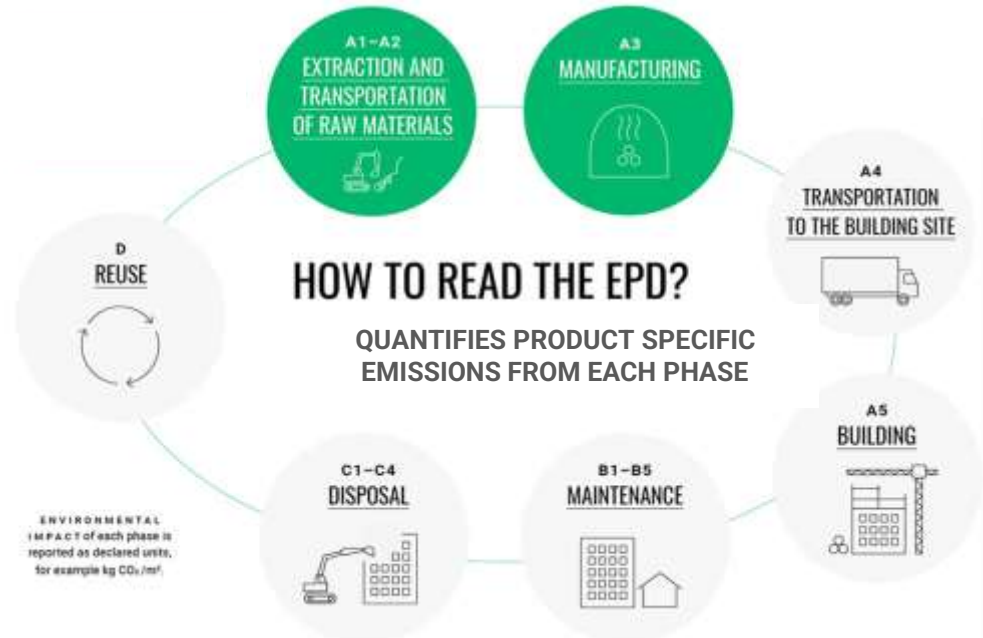
# EVALUATING EMISSIONS

## WHOLE BUILDING LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT



Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Life\\_Cycle\\_Thinking\\_Product\\_System.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Life_Cycle_Thinking_Product_System.jpg)

## PRODUCT SPECIFIC EPD (ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION)



Source: <https://www.paroc.com/campaigns/paroc-natura/epd>

# HOW WE EVALUATE ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATIONS (EPDS)

**NUTRITION LABELS =  
FOOD NUTRITION  
REPORTING**

<b>Nutrition Facts</b>	
16 servings per container	
<b>Serving size</b>	<b>1 Tbsp. (21g)</b>
<b>Amount per serving</b>	
<b>Calories</b>	<b>60</b>
<small>% Daily Value*</small>	
<b>Total Fat</b> 0g	0%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%
Trans Fat 0g	
<b>Cholesterol</b> 0mg	0%
<b>Sodium</b> 0mg	0%
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 17g	6%
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Total Sugars 17g	34% <sup>†</sup>
<b>Protein</b> 0g	
Vitamin D 0mcg	0%
Calcium 0mg	0%
Iron 0mg	0%
Potassium 0mg	0%

\* The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.  
† One serving adds 17g of sugar to your diet and represents 34% of the Daily Value for Added Sugars.

**EPDs = PRODUCT & SERVICE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTING  
PLUS PRIMARY ENERGY**

<b>EPD "Nutrition" Label</b>	
<b>Your Building Product</b>	
<b>Amount per Unit</b>	
<b>LCA IMACT MEASURES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Primary Energy (MJ)	12.4
Global Warming Potential (kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq)	0.96
Ozone Depletion (kg CFC-11 eq)	1.80E-08
Acidification Potential (mol H <sup>+</sup> eq)	0.93
Eutrophication Potential (kg N <sup>-</sup> eq)	6.43E-04
Photo-Oxidant Creation Potential (kg O <sub>3</sub> eq)	0.121
<b>Your Product's Ingredients: Listed Here</b>	

**EPD "nutrition label" for concrete mixes**

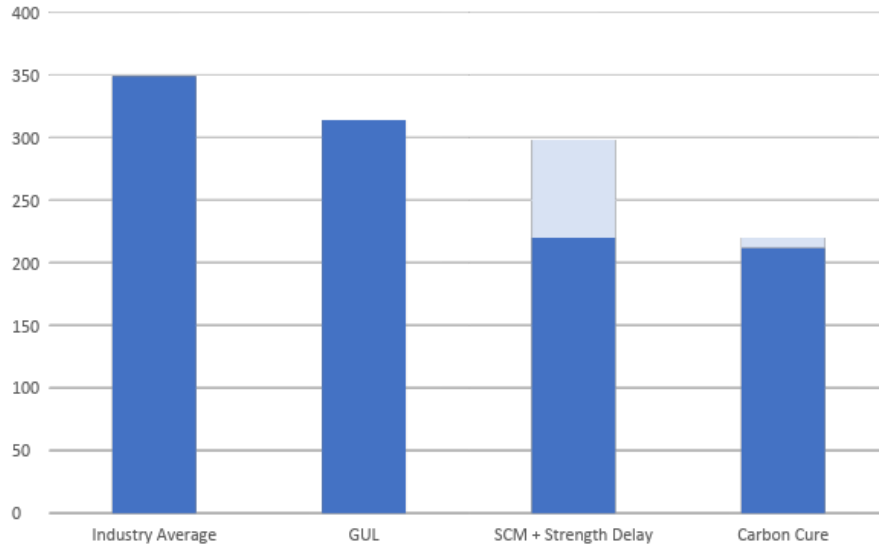
- Declaration of environmental impacts of product
- Transparency in manufacturing process
- Third party verified
- Provides baseline for improvement



# OPPORTUNITIES IN CONCRETE

## COLLABORATE TO OPTIMIZE REDUCTIONS

Optimized Emissions Example



### Contributions to achieve net zero

Efficiency in design & construction

Efficiency in concrete production

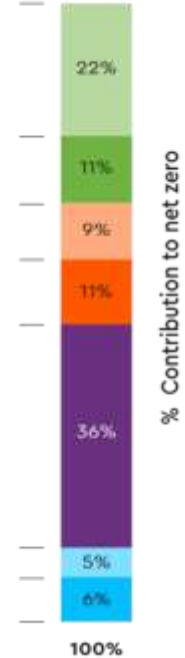
Savings in cement & binders

Savings in clinker production

Carbon capture and utilisation/ storage (CCUS)

De-carbonisation of electricity  
CO<sub>2</sub> sink: recarbonation

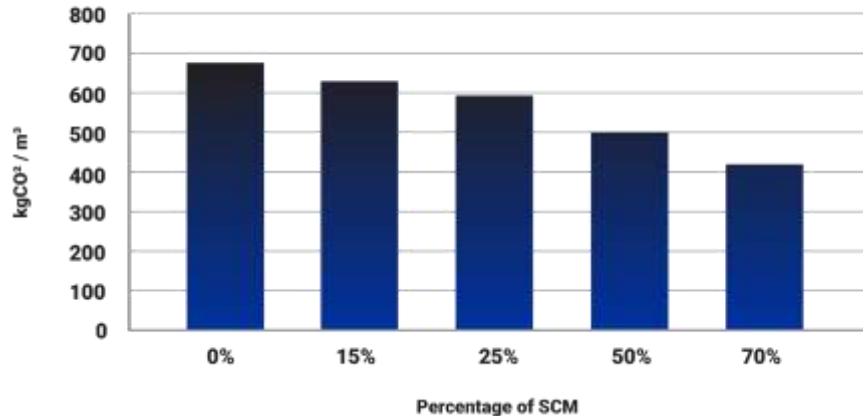
**Total reduction**



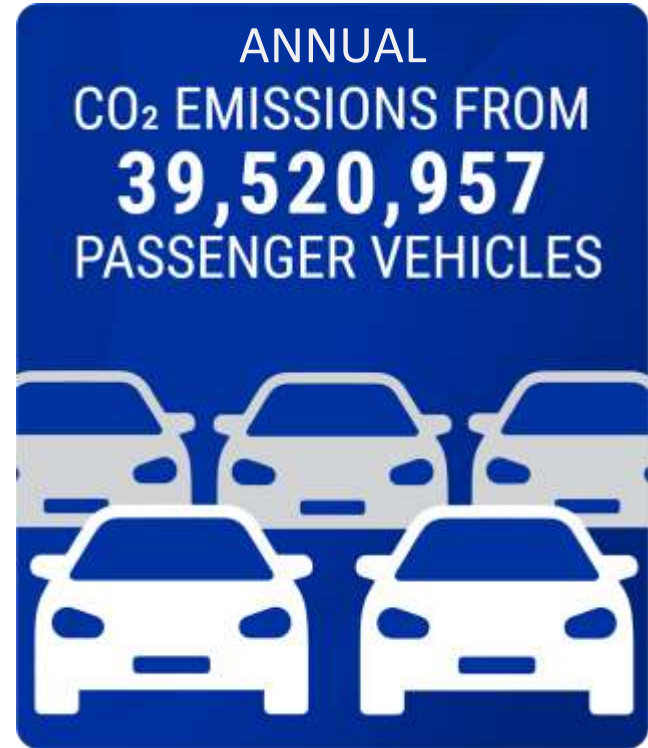
# HVSCM SUCCESS

- Precedent for using concretes with slag contents of 70% normal, previous use or trials are required
- Use of SCM at High Volumes increases performance in mass concrete, while reducing emissions
- Technical studies by EllisDon for various projects to optimize SCM content and performance

GWP OF CONCRETE WITH HVSCM



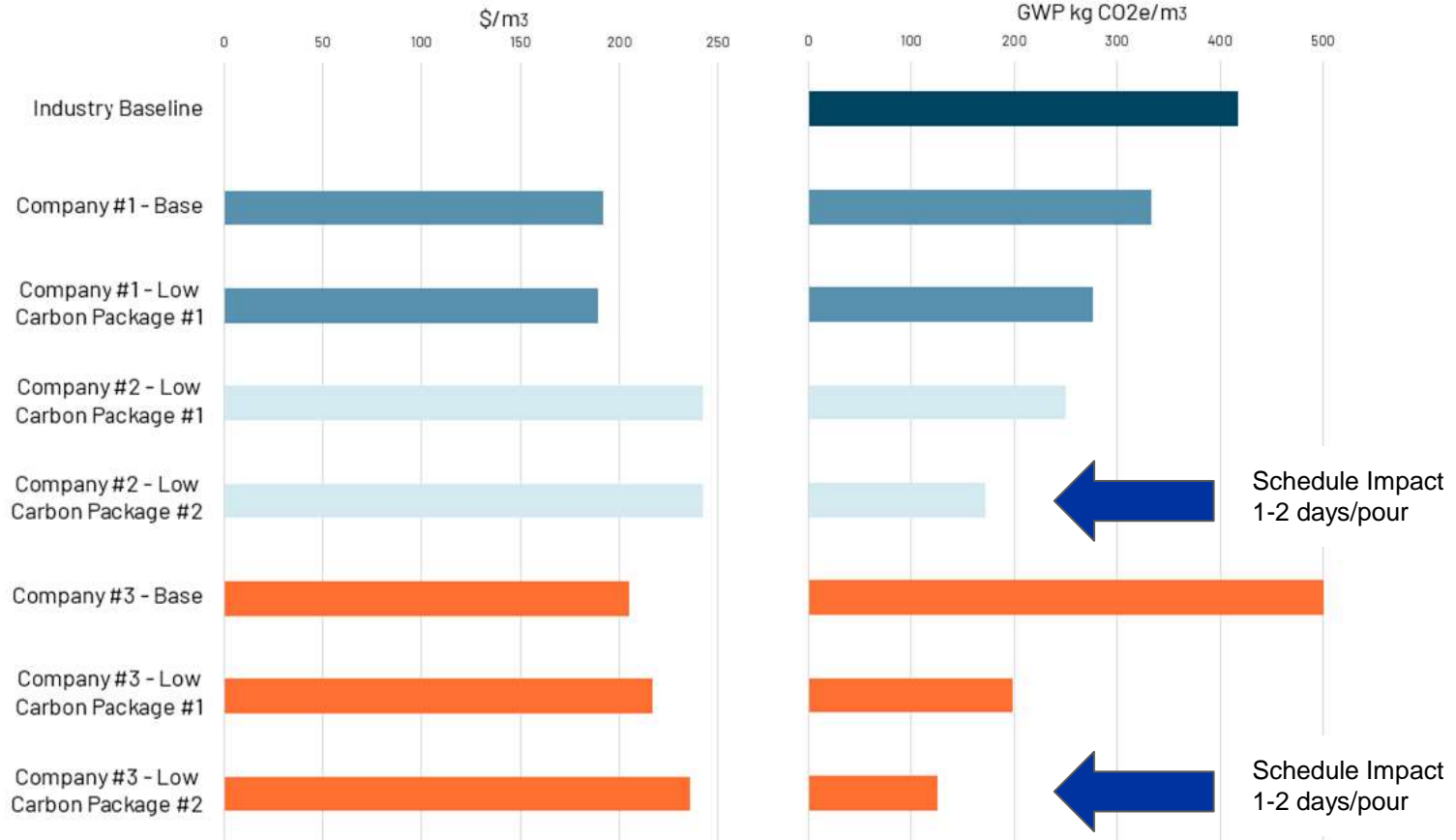
20% GHG savings by increasing SCM from 50 to 70% in mass concrete elements



# PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- **Specification Language includes requirements; following a variety of strategies:**
  - Disclose emissions intensity for each mix
  - Product Specific EPDs at bid
  - Max GWP targets by element
  - Max SCM content
- **What they want:**
  - Clients want to understand emissions reductions opportunities
  - Need clarity and data to support options
  - Opportunities to optimize solutions - collaboration

# PROJECT REQUIREMENTS



# PROJECT REQUIREMENTS - Regulations

## Federal Government - Disclosure of Embodied Carbon in Concrete

- Treasury Board driven; projects over \$10 million
- Report on “as built” supply, minimum 10% reduction from Industry Average

### What we know:

- Opportunities to optimize solutions – requires collaboration
- Report on actual data – and need industry support to do so
- Reductions expanding to 30% in 2025
- Concrete leading the way to meet targets
- Learning together to continue to evolve and improve

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# Questions





