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Abstract

In this paper, Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) is carried out to assess the environmental impacts of the Forestry Science Center (FSC), which is located at the University of British Columbia (UBC). LCA processes and methodologies applied are discussed in detail.

The scope of this project is defined as cradle-to-gate. In particular, takeoff is done by using OnScreen and impacts are estimated by using Impact Estimator (IE). Due to the limitation of the software and lack of the construction drawings of the building, uncertainties are introduced into the final results.

Sensitivity analysis is performed for five specific building materials of FSC, in order to achieve a better understanding of the contribution to the environmental impact. In conclusion, concrete has the most significant impacts on the overall results.

Furthermore, building performance is carried out to explore the payback period of envelope upgrades in terms of energy consumption. Recommendation is then made regarding to the future renovation to FSC or similar building type constructions.

Note this project is part of a regionalized study of buildings at UBC, which is also the largest LCA analysis run by students.

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1. Introduction

The Forest Sciences Centre (FSC) is located at 2424 Main Mall at Agronomy Rd. The FSC is built in 1998, which is one of the newest buildings on the University of British Columbia campus and cost \$47 million. (UBC Library) This building consists of 11 Classrooms, 2 lecture theatres, 230 offices, 36 Testing labs, 6 Storage rooms, 11 Washrooms/locker, and 25 Mechanical/Electrical rooms, which in total is 17,505 meter square. (UBC Forestry Department) To illustrate the usage of massive wood construction materials, parallam tree columns and wood interior wall finishing are designed. (UBC Library) The FSC is the facility house for three departments: the Departments of Wood Science, Forest Science, and Forest Resources Management. (UBC Forestry Department) The FSC is famous for its large, open and L-shape study areas with a high skylight, which spanning from the ground floor to the fourth floor. The building structural and envelope characteristics are tabulated as follows:

Table 1 Specific Building System Characteristics

Building System	Specific Building Characteristics
Structure	Columns: Concrete and parallam Beams: Concrete
Floors	Basement: Concrete slab on grade, 150mm First to Fourth Floor: Unknown, model as concrete slab on grade on concrete columns and beams.
Exterior Walls	39x152 mm, double layered of steel stud wall with two layer of regular 5/8" gypsum board, fiberglass of insulation, vapor barrier
Interior Walls	Facing the open L-shape atrium: 39x152mm steel stud with plywood finishing Others: 39x59mm steel stud wall with regular 5/8" gypsum board, vapor barrier, and fiberglass of insulation
Windows	All windows are modeled as aluminum frame with standard glazing
Roof	Steel, concrete and curtain roof. Unknown thickness

2. Goal and Scope

2.1. Goal of Study

This life cycle analysis (LCA) of the FSC at the University of British Columbia was carried out as an exploratory study to determine the environmental impact of its design. This LCA of the FSC is also part of a series of twenty-nine others being carried out simultaneously on respective buildings at UBC with the same goal and scope.

The main outcomes of this LCA study are the establishment of a materials inventory and environmental impact references for the FSC. An exemplary application of these references is in the assessment of potential future performance upgrades to the structure and envelope of the FSC. When this study is considered in conjunction with the twenty-nine other UBC building LCA studies, further applications include the possibility of carrying out environmental performance comparisons across UBC buildings over time and between different materials, structural types and building functions. Furthermore, as demonstrated through these potential applications, this FSC LCA can be seen as an essential part of the formation of a powerful tool to help inform the decision making process of policy makers in establishing quantified sustainable development guidelines for future UBC construction, renovation and demolition projects.

The intended core audience of this LCA study are those involved in building development related policy making at UBC, such as the Sustainability Office, who are involved in creating policies and frameworks for sustainable development on campus. Other potential audiences include developers, architects, engineers and building owners involved in design planning, as well as external organizations such as governments, private industry and other universities whom may want to learn more or become engaged in performing similar LCA studies within their organizations.

2.2. Scope of Study

The product system being studied in this LCA are the structure and envelope of the FSC on a square foot finished floor area of academic building basis. In order to focus on design related impacts, this LCA encompasses a cradle-to-gate scope that includes the raw material extraction, manufacturing of construction materials, and construction of the structure and envelope of the FSC, as well as associated transportation effects throughout.

2.3 Tools, Methodology and Data

Two main software tools are to be utilized to complete this LCA study; OnCenter's OnScreen TakeOff and the Athena Sustainable Materials Institute's Impact Estimator (IE) for buildings.

The study will first undertake the initial stage of a materials quantity takeoff, which involves performing linear, area and count measurements of the building's structure and envelope. To accomplish this, OnScreen TakeOff version 3.6.2.25 is used, which is a software tool designed to perform material takeoffs with increased accuracy and speed in order to enhance the bidding capacity of its users. Using imported digital plans, the program simplifies the calculation and measurement of the takeoff process, while reducing the error associated with these two activities. The measurements generated are formatted into the inputs required for the IE building LCA software to complete the takeoff process. These formatted inputs as well as their associated assumptions can be viewed in Annexes A and B respectively.

Using the formatted takeoff data, version 4.0.64 of the IE software, the only available software capable of meeting the requirements of this study, is used to generate a whole building LCA model for the FSC in the Vancouver region as an Institutional building type. The IE software is designed to aid the building community in making more

environmentally conscious material and design choices. The tool achieves this by applying a set of algorithms to the inputted takeoff data in order to complete the takeoff process and generate a bill of materials (BoM). This BoM then utilizes the Athena Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) Database, version 4.6, in order to generate a cradle-to-grave LCI profile for the building. In this study, LCI profile results focus on the manufacturing (inclusive of raw material extraction), transportation of construction materials to site and their installation as structure and envelope assemblies of the FSC. As this study is a cradle-to-gate assessment, the expected service life of the FSC is set to 1 year, which results in the maintenance, operating energy and end-of-life stages of the building's life cycle being left outside the scope of assessment.

The IE then filters the LCA results through a set of characterization measures based on the mid-point impact assessment methodology developed by the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), the Tool for the Reduction and Assessment of Chemical and other environmental Impacts (TRACI) version 2.2. In order to generate a complete environmental impact profile for the FSC, all of the available TRACI impact assessment categories available in the IE are included in this study, and are listed as;

- Global warming potential
- Acidification potential
- Eutrophication potential
- Ozone depletion potential
- Photochemical smog potential
- Human health respiratory effects potential
- Weighted raw resource use
- Primary energy consumption

Using the summary measure results, a sensitivity analysis is then conducted in order to reveal the effect of material changes on the impact profile of the FSC. Finally, using the UBC Residential Environmental Assessment Program (REAP) as a guide, this study then estimates the embodied energy involved in upgrading the insulation and

window R-values to REAP standards and generates a rough estimate of the energy payback period of investing in a better performing envelope.

The primary sources of data used in modeling the structure and envelope of the FSC are the original architectural and structural drawings from when the was initially constructed in 1998. The assemblies of the building that are modeled include the foundation, columns and beams, floors, walls and roofs, as well as their associated envelope and/or openings (ie. doors and windows). The decision to omit other building components, such as flooring, electrical aspects, HVAC system, finishing and detailing, etc., are associated with the limitations of available data and the IE software, as well as to minimize the uncertainty of the model. In the analysis of these assemblies, some of the drawings lack sufficient material details, which necessitate the usage of assumptions to complete the modeling of the building in the IE software. Furthermore, there are inherent assumptions made by the IE software in order to generate the bill of materials and limitations to what it can model, which necessitated further assumptions to be made. These assumptions and limitation will be discussed further as they emerge in the Building Model section of this report and, as previously mentioned, all specific input related assumption are contained in the Input Assumptions document in Annex B.

3. Building Model

3.1 Takeoffs

Two-six architectural and construction drawings are providing for takeoff. In particular, except Basement Plan is the construction drawing, others are architectural, such as: ground floor, second floor and roof plan. As a matter of fact, these drawings are in good quality that information can be easily and clearly read.

Takeoff is carried out using the software, On-Screen Takeoff. In particular, walls are measured applying linearly condition; footing, doors, columns, and beams are

measured using count condition; slab on grade, floor, and roof are calculated with area condition. For windows, both area and counts conditions are applied. Elevation drawing of the building is used to determine the height of the column and walls.

Due to lack of the construction detail drawings and material schedules, alternative methodologies and assumptions are applied to overcome the challenge. In particular, from the architectural drawings, there is a difficulty to locate the beams; Wall, column and beams schedule are not available; due to the limitation of Impact Estimator (IE), thickness of the footing or wall would need to be recalculated. To keep the overall objective in mind that to assemble the total volume of each constructional material, applied methodology and assumptions would have the advantage to accomplish the takeoff but introducing the uncertainties to the final IE results at the same time.

3.2 Assembly Groups

There are six assembly groups for this project: foundation, walls, mixed columns & beams, floors, roofs, and extra base materials. The following sections will discuss each assembly group in detail, along with its assumptions.

3.2.1 Foundation

In this project, foundation consists of two groups: slab on grade and footings.

Slag on grade (SOG) at the FSC is 150mm, which is not an available input selection in IE. Length and width are recalculated to match the total volume of the SOG while assuming the thickness is 100mm. Concrete strength and flyash percentage is assumed as 20 MPa and average.

For footings, whose detailed construction information are available, are named the same as the schedule, such as: F1, F2 and F3. For information can be obtain from the

drawings, footings are names as CF1, CF2 etc.; same methodology for strip footings, which are then named as SF1, SF2 etc. Since there is a maximum allowable thickness in IE, to match the overall volume of the footing, adjusted width and length are manually calculated. Please refer to Appendix B for detailed calculation. Similar adjustment are made to rebar, concrete strength and concrete flyash percentage regarding the availability of IE input selection. In particular, rebar are adjusted to #20M; concrete strength is adjusted from 25 MPa to 20 MPa; all the concrete flyash percentage is assumed at average.

3.2.2 Walls

Walls are modeled and named in three categories for the FSC: cast in place, steel stud and curtain wall. Such as: for steel stud interior wall, it is named as: *Wall_SteelStud_W06*. Because the wall schedule is not available, assumptions are made accordingly. General characteristic of walls and assumptions are listed in Table 1. Furthermore, for concrete walls, strength is adjusted from 25MPa to 30MPa due to the limitation of the input selection in IE; reinforcement is assumed as #20; and the flyash is at the average percentage. Additional assumptions to the walls are the envelope types. For instance: for exterior wall, W06, its envelope is assumed to be assembled with two layers of regular gypsum board, 3 mil polyethylene of the vapor barrier, 88.9 mm fiberglass batt, and split faced brick. Please refer to Appendix B for detailed assumptions for each wall.

Windows on the wall are measured using both area and count condition in OnScreen. All the windows are assumed to have aluminum frame with standard glazing. Doors are measured using count condition. Both windows and doors are named with a prefix, the wall they are on. For example: windows on the exterior wall, *Wall_SteelStud_W06*, are named as *Wall_SteelStud_W06_Window*.

3.2.3 Columns and Beams

Columns are modeled using count condition in OnScreen. To keep the consistency and high accuracy, columns and beams are counted at each floor; for the same reason, columns and beams are named with their construction material and the floors they are on. In general, column and beam type are assumed as concrete. Due to the limitation of IE input for the bay size and supported span, both values are recalculated by taking the square root of the measured supported floor area divided by the counted number of columns. By doing so, area supported per column is calculated. Please refer to Appendix B for the detailed calculation of each bay size and supported span. For the parallam column in FSC, different methodology is used to do the takeoff, which will be discussed in the following Extra Material section.

3.2.4 Floor

Including basement, there are five floors in FSC. In this project, for simplicity, all the floors are assigned the same type. The total floor area is calculated by summing up each floors area, which is measured using area condition in OnScreen. Due to the maximum span for the IE input can not exceed 9.75m, 9m is used as the span. Thus, the width of the floor is calculated as 1018.2m. Please refer to Appendix B for detailed calculations. Additional assumptions are listed as follow:

- The concrete strength is 30MPa;
- The concrete flyash is at average percentage;
- The live load is 3.6 kPa;
- It is assembled with ½” regular gypsum board.

3.2.5 Roof

From the architectural drawing of the roof, we can exam that it is formed by three portions. In this project, due to the lack of the detailed construction information, roof is

modeled as: metal, concrete and curtain wall. Particularly, to overcome the limitation of the input material availability in IE, the skylight roof is modeled as curtain wall. The total length of roof is measured using linear condition and the Viewable glazing is assumed as 95% with metal spandrel panel. To overcome the limitation of the input material availability in Impact Estimator, the skylight roof is modeled as curtain wall. The total length of roof is measured using linear condition.

3.2.6 Extra Materials

For the special feature in FSC, the parallam columns and roof supporting structure, the linear condition is used to measure their length, width and thickness in OnScreen. There are eight repeated structure for the columns and roof supporting. Thus, only one set of the structure is measured and the total volume of parallam would be eight times the previous result. Specifically, 92.2 m³ of parallam is used for this structural construction.

The steel staircases are also modeled using linear condition in Onscreen. Total length, width and height of the staircases are measured. Total volume is then calculated. Using the total volume to time the density of the rolled steel, which is 7850 kg/m³. (SI Metric) The total mass of the steel is obtained.

4. Bill of Materials

The following table is the summary bill of materials (BoM) for FSC.

Table 2 Bill of materials Report

Material	Quantity	Unit
1/2" Regular Gypsum Board	10080.18	m2
3 mil Polyethylene	20408.2262	m2
5/8" Regular Gypsum Board	27044.7494	m2
6 mil Polyethylene	6321.5574	m2
Aluminum	43.0044	Tonnes
Ballast (aggregate stone)	106029	kg
Batt. Fiberglass	81957.4276	m2 (25mm)
Cold Rolled Sheet	0.4636	Tonnes
Concrete 20 MPa (flyash av)	3121.6356	m3
Concrete 30 MPa (flyash av)	5797.7152	m3
EPDM membrane	1767.2805	kg
Expanded Polystyrene	10518.7215	m2 (25mm)
Galvanized Decking	16.2014	Tonnes
Galvanized Sheet	14.4762	Tonnes
Galvanized Studs	85.2408	Tonnes
Glazing Panel	56.3253	Tonnes
GluLam Sections	20.099	m3
Joint Compound	37.0514	Tonnes
Metric Modular (Modular) Brick	409.2765	m2
Modified Bitumen membrane	4833.117	kg
Mortar	173.38	m3
Nails	4.2446	Tonnes
Open Web Joists	8.3625	Tonnes
Oriented Strand Board	18868.9638	m2 (9mm)
Paper Tape	0.4252	Tonnes
PVC membrane	8494.101	kg
Rebar, Rod, Light Sections	778.6587	Tonnes
Screws Nuts & Bolts	3.5284	Tonnes
Small Dimension Softwood Lumber, kiln-dried	40.0656	m3
Softwood Plywood	2061.9578	m2 (9mm)
Solvent Based Alkyd Paint	124.781	L
Split-faced Concrete Block	46331.3053	Blocks
Standard Glazing	1867.49	m2
Water Based Latex Paint	308.9364	L
Welded Wire Mesh / Ladder Wire	5.8753	Tonnes

Note that the largest five amount of materials in terms of the assemblies contributing to the building constructions are Concrete 30 MPa (5797.7152 m³), Batt. Fiberglass (81957.4276 m²), Oriented Strand Board (18868.9638 m²), Galvanized Studs (85.2408 Tonnes), and Softwood Plywood (2061.9578 m²). Those five materials would have significant effects on the IE result due to these five materials are the main construction materials for the walls, roofs, columns and beams. Since assumptions are made regarding the limitation of IE, the final BoM would be impacted by the assumptions. Particularly, the concrete strength for all walls is adjusted to 30MPa from 25MPa, instead of to 20MPa. If original assumption is 20 MPa, the total amount of Concrete 30 MPa would decrease and the amount of Concrete 20MPa would increase. However, the total amount of concrete would not be impacted much regarding this assumption. Furthermore, for most of cases, the assumption would directly affect the final BoM. Without wall schedules, Batt Fiberglass is assumed within most of the walls at FSC. In reality, different material would be used instead. In this case, Batt Fiberglass could be over estimated.

5. Summary Measures

The following table is the Summary Measure Table.

Table 3 Summary Measure Table

	Manufacturing			Construction		
	Material	Transportation	Total	Material	Transportation	Total
Primary Energy Consumption MJ	54120997	1403934.544	55524932	1589013.39	2262954.14	3851968
Weighted Resource Use kg	34548232	951.4795524	34549183	45797.5458	1541.965563	47339.51
Global Warming Potential (kg CO2 eq)	5652443.3	2637.458251	5655081	111406.722	4362.567401	115769.3
Acidification Potential (moles of H+ eq)	2293760.1	845.3905527	2294605	52790.9985	1375.92796	54166.93
HH Respiratory Effects Potential (kg PM2.5 eq)	19019.094	1.016664724	19020.11	75.7516109	1.653556027	77.40517
Eutrophication Potential (kg N eq)	1593.3069	0.876676129	1594.184	46.2906344	1.425319283	47.71595
Ozone Depletion Potential (kg CFC-11 eq)	0.028661	1.08116E-07	0.028661	5.7537E-09	1.78625E-07	1.84E-07
Smog Potential (kg NOx eq)	18727.967	18.90879926	18746.88	1160.95616	30.71000932	1191.666

The following table summarizes the total measurements along with its total measurement per square foot.

Table 4 Total Summary Measure Table

	Manufacturing	Construction	Total	Total per ft2
	Total	Total		
Primary Energy Consumption MJ	55524931.5	3851967.53	59376899	242.897
Weighted Resource Use kg	34549183.5	47339.51135	34596523	141.526
Global Warming Potential (kg CO2 eq)	5655080.77	115769.2895	5770850.1	23.6072
Acidification Potential (moles of H+ eq)	2294605.47	54166.92648	2348772.4	9.60827
HH Respiratory Effects Potential (kg PM2.5 eq)	19020.111	77.40516692	19097.516	0.07812
Eutrophication Potential (kg N eq)	1594.18356	47.71595371	1641.8995	0.00672
Ozone Depletion Potential (kg CFC-11 eq)	0.02866109	1.84379E-07	0.0286613	1.2E-07
Smog Potential (kg NOx eq)	18746.8763	1191.666165	19938.542	0.08156

Since the total/ft² value is about 240, which is close to 300, the rule of thumb value, the IE assessment result is in the acceptable range.

6. Uncertainties

To evaluate the value of the final products of LCA, uncertainties analysis becomes essential. The following section would discuss major uncertainties containing in this project.

- Regional Effects

Note that the impact assessment methodology TRACI is the averaged values of North American. For some specific environmental impact, it could take place in other regions, such as: Vancouver would have a smaller impact of acidification compared with other heavy industry cities. In another word, IE could over/under weight the impacts due to its regional database.

- Linear Manner

TRACI is also using the linear relationship to assess the environmental impacts from ecological processes. In reality, the possible exponential increase/decrease could exist when the emission reaches certain concentration.

7. Sensitivity Analysis

A sensitivity analysis is carried out for the FSC. Five materials are assessed in this section. Each material is compared between its original impacts with 10% weight increment impact.

Table 5 Sensitivity Analysis Detailed Values

Name of Material to be Tested	Total Amount in Original Model's BoM	10% of Total in BoM	Waste Factor for Material (%)	Extra Basic Material Input Value
Concrete 30 MPa (flyash av)	5128.1917	512.81917	5%	488.40
1/2" Regular Gypsum Board	10080.18	1008.018	10%	916.38
Galvanized Studs	85.2408	8.52408	1%	8.44
Oriented Strand Board	18868.9638	1886.89638	5%	1,797.04
Softwood Plywood	2061.9578	206.19578	5%	196.38

Table 6 10% Increase of Concrete 30 MPa (flyash av)

Impact Category	Units	Overall	Difference	% Difference
Primary Energy Consumption	MJ	60,825,214.73	1,448,315.67	2.44%
Weighted Resource Use	kg	36,223,785.00	1,627,262.03	4.70%
Global Warming Potential	(kg CO ₂ eq / kg)	5,990,502.85	219,652.79	3.81%
Acidification Potential	(moles of H ⁺ eq / kg)	2,420,773.41	72,001.02	3.07%
HH Respiratory Effects Potential	(kg PM _{2.5} eq / kg)	19,657.73	560.22	2.93%
Eutrophication Potential	(kg N eq / kg)	1,666.07	24.17	1.47%
Ozone Depletion Potential	(kg CFC-11 eq / kg)	0.03	0.00	2.65%
Smog Potential	(kg NO _x eq / kg)	20,473.17	534.63	2.68%

Table 7 10 % Increase of 1/2" Regular Gypsum Board

Impact Category	Units	Overall	Difference	% Difference
Primary Energy Consumption	MJ	59,453,031.26	76,132.20	0.13%
Weighted Resource Use	kg	34,610,511.74	13,988.76	0.04%
Global Warming Potential	(kg CO ₂ eq / kg)	5,775,420.98	4,570.92	0.08%
Acidification Potential	(moles of H ⁺ eq / kg)	2,350,651.13	1,878.74	0.08%
HH Respiratory Effects Potential	(kg PM _{2.5} eq / kg)	19,111.67	14.16	0.07%
Eutrophication Potential	(kg N eq / kg)	1,642.18	0.29	0.02%
Ozone Depletion Potential	(kg CFC-11 eq / kg)	0.03	0.00	0.00%
Smog Potential	(kg NO _x eq / kg)	19,943.13	4.59	0.02%

Table 8 10% Increase of Galvanized Studs

Impact Category	Units	Overall	Difference	% Difference
Primary Energy Consumption	MJ	59,587,296.47	210,397.41	0.35%
Weighted Resource Use	kg	34,627,724.74	31,201.77	0.09%
Global Warming Potential	(kg CO ₂ eq / kg)	5,787,930.53	17,080.47	0.30%
Acidification Potential	(moles of H ⁺ eq / kg)	2,352,809.88	4,037.49	0.17%
HH Respiratory Effects Potential	(kg PM _{2.5} eq / kg)	19,114.00	16.48	0.09%
Eutrophication Potential	(kg N eq / kg)	1,645.68	3.78	0.23%
Ozone Depletion Potential	(kg CFC-11 eq / kg)	0.03	0.00	0.00%
Smog Potential	(kg NO _x eq / kg)	19,973.94	35.40	0.18%

Table 9 10% Increase of Oriented Strand Board

Impact Category	Units	Overall	Difference	% Difference
Primary Energy Consumption	MJ	59,565,068.43	188,169.38	0.32%
Weighted Resource Use	kg	34,655,277.79	58,754.82	0.17%
Global Warming Potential	(kg CO ₂ eq / kg)	5,777,105.35	6,255.30	0.11%
Acidification Potential	(moles of H ⁺ eq / kg)	2,369,398.85	20,626.46	0.88%
HH Respiratory Effects Potential	(kg PM _{2.5} eq / kg)	19,151.50	53.98	0.28%
Eutrophication Potential	(kg N eq / kg)	1,667.13	25.23	1.54%
Ozone Depletion Potential	(kg CFC-11 eq / kg)	0.03	0.00	3.50%
Smog Potential	(kg NO _x eq / kg)	20,418.31	479.77	2.41%

Table 10 10% Increase of Softwood Plywood

Impact Category	Units	Overall	Difference	% Difference
Primary Energy Consumption	MJ	59,387,606.45	10,707.39	0.02%
Weighted Resource Use	kg	34,601,267.47	4,744.50	0.01%
Global Warming Potential	(kg CO2 eq / kg)	5,771,142.67	292.61	0.01%
Acidification Potential	(moles of H+ eq / kg)	2,348,888.48	116.09	0.00%
HH Respiratory Effects Potential	(kg PM2.5 eq / kg)	19,098.46	0.95	0.00%
Eutrophication Potential	(kg N eq / kg)	1,642.19	0.29	0.02%
Ozone Depletion Potential	(kg CFC-11 eq / kg)	0.03	0.00	0.25%
Smog Potential	(kg NOx eq / kg)	19,939.39	0.85	0.00%

From above tables, concrete has most significant changes with 10 percentage increment, followed by oriented strand board, galvanized studs, ½” regular gypsum board, and softwood plywood. Above results could be used for future renovation reference.

8. Building Performance

Examining the building performance would be beneficial to long term operating cost over building’s life span. In this project, to improve the building performance, R values for windows, roofs, and walls are assigned to a higher value so that the building would lose less energy during its operation. The following figure is showing the difference between the original building and improved insulation one.

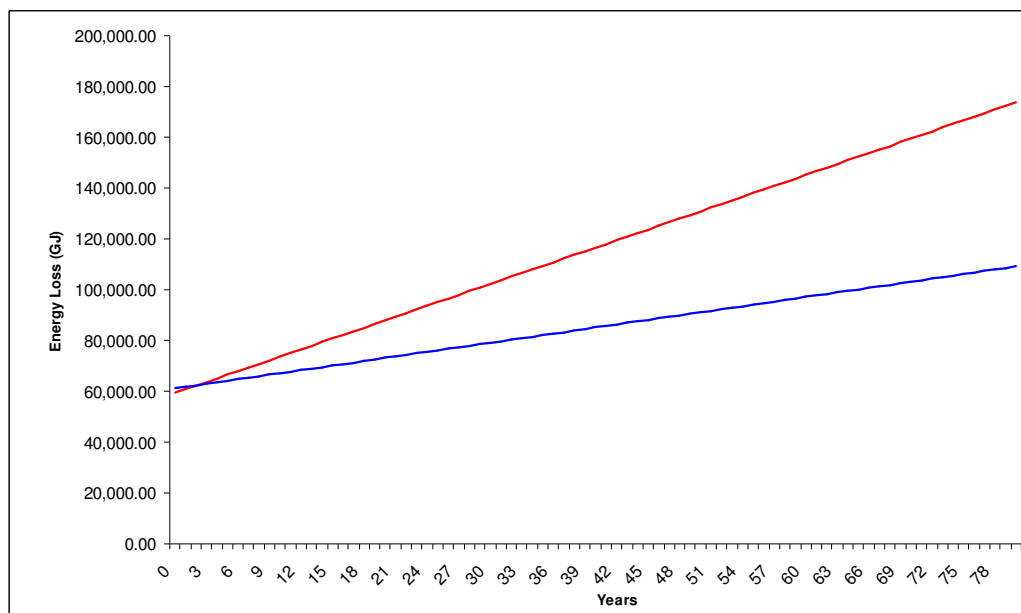


Figure 1 Building Performance

The red line in the figure indicates the original building performance, and the blue one indicates the improved one. Taking 30 years as the building life time, the difference of energy loss between the two mentioned above is about 20 GJ. In terms of energy efficiency, the improved one is significant better than the original one. However, the initial cost to build a better insulation building, with high R values, would have a longer payback period.

9. Conclusions

In this project, the environmental impacts of the FSC are assessed applying LCA. The project scope is defined as cradle-to-gate. In particular, OnScreen and IE are the software used to perform the takeoff and quantify the environmental impacts. To get a better understanding of the value of this project, along with its final results accuracy, uncertainties analysis are carried out to discuss the major methodologies and tools in LCA, which would contribute the most to the uncertainties of the final products. Later, five construction materials are examined applying sensitivity analysis. Then building performance would give an overall idea of the impacts caused by the different architectural design in terms of consumption of the energy.

In conclusion, concrete would contribute significantly more in terms of environmental impacts than other materials. Also, the architectural design is a major part to determine the energy consumption of the building other than building material. Note that the FSC contains several traditionally environmental friendly structural, such as: skylight roof and parallam column. To perform the LCA, solid evidence, such as: numbers, figures and tables, would be provided regarding to global warming, energy consumption and Eutrophication potential.

As a matter of fact, including, but not limited to, the future renovation and similar building design and construction could benefit from the final products of this project. In particular, to improve the building performance while aiming at lower the environmental impacts, building should construct with less sensitive materials in terms of overall contribution to the environmental impact.

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Appendix A
FSC Input Document

Assembly Group	Assembly Type	Assembly Name	Input Fields	Input Values	
				Known / Measured	EIE Inputs
1 Foundation					
1.1 Concrete Slab-on-Grade					
1.1.1 SOG_150mm					
			Length (m)	80.6	80.6
			Width (m)	80.6	80.6
			Thickness (mm)	150.0	100.0
			Concrete (MPa)	20.0	20.0
			Concrete flyash %	-	average
1.2 Footing					
1.2.1 Footing_F01_Basement					
			Length (m)	1.4	1.4
			Width (m)	1.0	1.0
			Thickness (mm)	200.0	200.0
			Concrete (MPa)	25.0	30.0
			Concrete flyash %	-	average
			Rebar	#10	#10
1.2.2 Footing_F02_Basement					
			Length (m)	1.5	1.5
			Width (m)	1.5	1.5
			Thickness (mm)	350.0	350.0
			Concrete (MPa)	25.0	30.0
			Concrete flyash %	-	average
			Rebar	#15	#15
1.2.3 Footing_F03_Basement					
			Length (m)	2.4	2.4
			Width (m)	2.4	2.4
			Thickness (mm)	450.0	450.0
			Concrete (MPa)	20.0	20.0
			Concrete flyash %	-	average
			Rebar	#20	#20
1.2.4 Footing_F04_Basement					
			Length (m)	2.0	2.0
			Width (m)	2.0	2.0
			Thickness (mm)	400.0	400.0
			Concrete (MPa)	20.0	20.0
			Concrete flyash %	-	average
			Rebar	#20	#20
1.2.5 Footing_F05_Basement					
			Length (m)	2.2	2.2
			Width (m)	2.2	2.2
			Thickness (mm)	450.0	450.0
			Concrete (MPa)	25.0	30.0
			Concrete flyash %	-	average
			Rebar	#20	#20

1.2.6 Footing_F06_Basement			
	Length (m)	1.7	1.7
	Width (m)	1.7	1.7
	Thickness (mm)	300.0	300.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	30.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	#20	#20
1.2.7 Footing_F07_Basement			
	Length (m)	1.8	1.8
	Width (m)	1.8	1.8
	Thickness (mm)	400.0	400.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	30.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	#20	#20
1.2.8 Footing_F08_Basement			
	Length (m)	2.8	2.8
	Width (m)	2.8	3.1
	Thickness (mm)	550.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	#30	#20
1.2.9 Footing_F09_Basement			
	Length (m)	1.8	1.8
	Width (m)	1.6	1.76
	Thickness (mm)	550.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	30.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	#35	#20
1.2.10 Footing_F10_Basement			
	Length (m)	1.8	1.8
	Width (m)	1.8	1.8
	Thickness (mm)	350.0	350.0
	Concrete (MPa)	20.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	#25	#20
1.2.11 Footing_F11_Basement			
	Length (m)	1.5	1.5
	Width (m)	1.5	1.8
	Thickness (mm)	600.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	20.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	#25	#20
1.2.12 Footing_F12_Basement			
	Length (m)	2.1	2.1
	Width (m)	1.2	1.2
	Thickness (mm)	250.0	250.0

	Concrete (MPa)	10.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	#25	#20
1.2.13 Footing_F13_Basement			
	Length (m)	1.2	1.2
	Width (m)	1.2	1.2
	Thickness (mm)	400.0	400.0
	Concrete (MPa)	15.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	#25	#20
1.2.14 Footing_F14_Basement			
	Length (m)	3.9	3.9
	Width (m)	1.8	1.8
	Thickness (mm)	400.0	400.0
	Concrete (MPa)	varied	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	varied	#20
1.2.15 Footing_F15_Basement			
	Length (m)	3.8	3.8
	Width (m)	2.0	2.8
	Thickness (mm)	700.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	varied	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	varied	#20
1.2.16 Footing_F16_Basement			
	Length (m)	3.1	5.0
	Width (m)	1.6	1.6
	Thickness (mm)	800.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	varied	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	varied	#20
1.2.17 Footing_F17_Basement (not used)			
	Length (m)	-	-
	Width (m)	-	-
	Thickness (mm)	-	-
	Concrete (MPa)	-	-
	Concrete flyash %	-	-
	Rebar	-	-
1.2.18 Footing_F18_Basement(not used)			
	Length (m)	-	-
	Width (m)	-	-
	Thickness (mm)	-	-
	Concrete (MPa)	-	-
	Concrete flyash %	-	-
	Rebar	-	-

1.2.19 Footing_F19_Basement (not used)			
	Length (m)	-	-
	Width (m)	-	-
	Thickness (mm)	-	-
	Concrete (MPa)	-	-
	Concrete flyash %	-	-
	Rebar	-	-
1.2.20 Footing_F20_Basement			
	Length (m)	9.0	9.0
	Width (m)	9.0	18.0
	Thickness (mm)	1000.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	-	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	#20	#20
1.2.21 Footing_F21_Basement			
	Length (m)	12.0	12.0
	Width (m)	12.0	24.0
	Thickness (mm)	1000.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	-	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	#20	#20
1.2.22 Footing_F22_Basement			
	Length (m)	7.0	7.0
	Width (m)	7.0	14.0
	Thickness (mm)	1000.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	#20
1.2.23 Footing_F23_Basement			
	Length (m)	6.0	6.0
	Width (m)	11.0	19.8
	Thickness (mm)	900.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	varied	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	varied	#20
1.2.24 Footing_F24_Basement			
	Length (m)	4.5	4.5
	Width (m)	22.0	44.0
	Thickness (mm)	1000.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	#20
1.2.25 Footing_F25_Basement			
	Length (m)	20.2	20.2
	Width (m)	20.2	40.4
	Thickness (mm)	1000.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	#20
1.2.26 Footing_F27_Basement			
	Length (m)	8.8	8.8
	Width (m)	8.8	17.6
	Thickness (mm)	1000.0	500.0

	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	#20
1.2.27 Footing_F28_Basement			
	Length (m)	13.0	13.0
	Width (m)	7.0	14.0
	Thickness (mm)	1000.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	#20
1.2.28 Footing_F29_Basement			
	Length (m)	4.0	4.0
	Width (m)	13.0	31.2
	Thickness (mm)	1200.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	varied	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	varied	#20
1.2.29 Footing_F30_Basement (not used)			
	Length (m)	-	-
	Width (m)	-	-
	Thickness (mm)	-	-
	Concrete (MPa)	-	-
	Concrete flyash %	-	-
	Rebar	-	-
1.2.30 Footing_F31_Basement			
	Length (m)	77.0	77.0
	Width (m)	3.0	6.0
	Thickness (mm)	1000.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	#20
1.2.31 Footing_F32_Basement			
	Length (m)	7.0	7.0
	Width (m)	7.0	14.0
	Thickness (mm)	1000.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	varied	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	varied	#20
1.2.32 Footing_F33_Basement			
	Length (m)	14.0	14.0
	Width (m)	4.0	8.0
	Thickness (mm)	1000.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	varied	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	varied	#20
1.2.33 Footing_F34_Basement			
	Length (m)	1.3	1.3
	Width (m)	0.6	0.6
	Thickness (mm)	300.0	300.0
	Concrete (MPa)	15.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	#20

1.2.34 Footing_Concrete CF1_Basement			
	Length (m)	2.4	2.4
	Width (m)	2.4	5.8
	Thickness (mm)	1200.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	20.0
1.2.35 Footing_Concrete CF2_Basement			
	Length (m)	1.8	1.8
	Width (m)	0.9	1.6
	Thickness (mm)	900.0	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	15.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	#20
1.2.36 Footing_Concrete strip F30_Basement			
	Length (m)	49.0	49.0
	Width (m)	2.0	2.0
	Thickness (mm)	-	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	20.0
1.2.37 Footing_Concrete Strip SF1_Basement			
	Length (m)	15.0	15.0
	Width (m)	1.1	1.1
	Thickness (mm)	300.0	300.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	20.0
1.2.38 Footing_Concrete Strip SF2_Basement			
	Length (m)	170.0	170.0
	Width (m)	3.3	3.3
	Thickness (mm)	300.0	300.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	#20
1.2.39 Footing_Concrete Strip SF3_Basement			
	Length (m)	10.0	10.0
	Width (m)	1.2	1.2
	Thickness (mm)	300.0	300.0
	Concrete (MPa)	25.0	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	#20
1.2.40 Footing_Concrete Wall CF1_Basement			
	Length (m)	8.0	8.0
	Width (m)	0.6	0.6
	Thickness (mm)	-	500.0
	Concrete (MPa)	-	20.0
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Rebar	-	20.0

2 Walls	2.1 Cast In Place	2.1.1 Wall_CastInPlace_W01	
		Length (m)	83.0
		Height (m)	4.2
		Thickness (mm)	varied
		Concrete (Mpa)	25.0
		Concrete flyash %	-
		Reinforcement	-
	Opening	Number of Doors	13.0
		Door Type	-
	Envelope	Category	-
		Material	-
			Steel Interior Door
			Vapour Barrier
			Plyethylene 6 mil
		2.1.2 Wall_CastInPlace_W02	
		Length (m)	99.0
		Height (m)	6.5
		Thickness (mm)	Varied
		Concrete (Mpa)	25.0
		Reinforcement	-
		Concrete flyash %	-
	Opening	Number of Doors	15.0
		Door Type	-
	Envelope	Category	-
		Material	-
			Cladding
			Brick - Modular (metric)
		2.1.3 Wall_CastInPlace_W03	
		Length (m)	393.0
		Height (m)	4.2
		Thickness (mm)	Varied
		Concrete (Mpa)	25.0
		Reinforcement	-
		Concrete flyash %	-
	Opening	Number of Doors	3.0
		Door Type	-
	Envelope	Category	-
		Material	-
			Steel Interior Door
			Vapour Barrier
			Polyethylene 6 mil
		2.1.4 Wall_CastInPlace_W04	
		Length (m)	622.0
		Height (m)	4.2
		Thickness (mm)	Varied
		Concrete (Mpa)	25.0
		Reinforcement	-
		Concrete flyash %	-
	Wall_Steel	Sheathing Type	-
		Stud Weight	-
		Stud spacing	-
		Stud Thickness	-
			None
			Light (25Ga)
			600 o.c.
			39x92
	Opening	Number of Doors	23.0
		Door Type	-
			Steel Exterior Door

		Total Window Area	203.00	203.00	
		Fixed/Operable	Fixed	Fixed	
		Frame Type	Alumimum	Almimum	
	Envelope	Glazing Type	-	Standard Glazing	
		Category	-	Vapour Barrier	
		Material	-	Polyethylene 6 mil	
		Category	-	Insulation	
		Material	-	fiberglass Batt	
		Thickness (mm)	-	88.9	
		Category	-	Vapour Barrier	
		Material	-	Polyethylene 3 mil	
		Thickness (mm)	-	-	
		Category	-	Gypsum Board	
		Material	-	Gypsum Regular	
		Thickness (mm)	-	5/8"	
		Thickness (mm)	-	-	
2.2 Steel Stud	2.2.1 Wall	Cast-In-Place_SteelStud_W05			
	SteelStud_W05	Length (m)	362.0	362.0	
		Height (m)	4.2	4.2	
		Thickness (mm)	Varied	300.0	
		Concrete (Mpa)	25.0	30.0	
		Reinforcement	-	#15	
		Concrete flyash %	-	average	
		Sheathing Type	-	None	
		Stud Weight	-	Light (25Ga)	
		Stud spacing	-	600o.c.	
		Stud Thickness	-	39x92	
		Opening	Number of Doors	12.0	12.0
			Door Type	-	solid Wood door
		Envelope	Category	-	Insulation
			Material	-	fiberglass Batt
		Thickness (mm)	-	88.9	
		Category	-	Gypsum Board	
		Material	-	Gypsum Regular	
		Thickness (mm)	-	5/8"	
		Thickness (mm)	-	-	
		2.2.2 Wall_SteelStud_W06			
	SteelStud_W06	Length (m)	707.0	707.0	
		Height (m)	4.2	4.2	
		Sheathing Type	-	None	
		Stud Weight	-	Heavy (25Ga)	
		Stud spacing	-	600o.c.	
		Stud Thickness	-	39x152	
	SteelStud_	Sheathing Type	-	None	
		Stud Weight	-	Light (20Ga)	
		Stud spacing	-	400o.c.	
		Stud Thickness	-	39x92	

			Opening	Number of Windows	188	188
			Total Window Area	1,064.00	1,064.00	
			Fixed/Operable	Fixed	Fixed	
			Frame Type	Alumimum	Aluminum	
			Glazing Type	-	Standard Glazing	
			Envelope	Category	-	Vapour barrier
				Material	-	Polyethylene 3
				Thickness (mm)	-	mil
				Category	-	Cladding
				Material	-	Brick - Split
Type	-	Faced				
Thickness (mm)	-	-				
Category	-	Gypsum board				
Material	-	Gypsum Regular				
Thickness (mm)	-	5/8"				
Category	-	Gypsum board				
Material	-	Gypsum Regular				
Thickness (mm)	-	5/8"				
Category	-	Insulation				
Material	-	Fiberglass Batt				
Thickness (mm)	-	88.9				
2.2.3 Wall_SteelStud_W07						
SteelStud_W07			Length (m)	484.0	484.0	
			Height (m)	4.2	4.2	
			Sheathing Type	None	None	
			Stud Weight	Light (25Ga)	Light (25Ga)	
			Stud spacing	-	400 oc	
			Stud Thickness	32x92	32x92	
			Opening	Number of Doors	52.0	52.0
Door Type	-	solid Wood door				
Envelope	Category	-	Gypsum board			
	Material	-	Gypsum Regular			
	Thickness (mm)	-	5/8"			
Category	-	Insulation				
Material	-	Fiberglass Batt				
Thickness (mm)	-	88.9				
2.2.4 Wall_SteelStud_W08						
Wall_SteelStud_W08			Length (m)	3058.0	3058.0	
			Height (m)	4.2	4.2	
			Sheathing Type	None	None	
			Stud Weight	Light (25Ga)	Light (25Ga)	
			Stud spacing	400 o.c.	400 o.c.	
			Stud Thickness	39x92	39x92	
			Opening	Number of Doors	377.0	377.0
Door Type	-	solid Wood door				

		Category	-	Vapour Barrier
		Material	-	Polyethylene 3 mil
		Thickness (mm)	-	-
		Category	-	Gypsum Board
		Material	-	Gypsum Regular 5/8"
		Thickness (mm)	-	-
		2.2.4 Wall_SteelStud_W12		
		Length (m)	415.0	415.0
		Height (m)	4.2	4.2
	Wall_SteelStud_W12	Sheathing Type	None	None
		Stud Weight	Light (25Ga)	Light (25Ga)
		Stud spacing	400 o.c.	400 o.c.
		Stud Thickness	39x92	39x92
	Opening	Number of Windows	105	105
		Total Window Area (m2)	291.00	291.00
		Fixed/Operable Frame Type	Fixed Aluminum	Fixed Aluminum
		Glazing Type	-	Standard Glazing
	Envelope	Category	-	Insulation
		Material	-	fiberglass Batt
		Thickness (mm)	-	88.9
		Category	-	Vapour Barrier
		Material	-	Polyethylene 3 mil
		Thickness (mm)	-	-
		Category	-	Gypsum Board
		Material	-	Gypsum Regular 5/8"
		Thickness (mm)	-	-
	2.3 Curtain Wall			
	2.3.1 Wall_Curtain Wall_W10			
	Door Opening	Length (m)	85	85
		Height (m)	4.2	4.2
		Percent Viewable Glazing	95	95
		Percent Spandrel Panel (%)	5	5
		Thickness of Insulation (m)	2.54	2.54
		Spandrel Panel Type	Metal	Metal
		Number of Doors	20	20
		Door Type	-	Aluminum Exterior Door, 80% glazing
	2.3.2 Wall_Curtain Wall - W11			
	Door Opening	Length (m)	98	98
		Height (m)	4.2	4.2
		Percent Viewable Glazing	95	95
		Percent Spandrel Panel (%)	5	5
		Thickness of Insulation (m)	2.54	2.54
		Spandrel Panel Type	Metal	Metal
		Number of Doors	7	7

		Door Type	-	Steel Interior Door
2.4 Roof	2.4.1 Roof_Curtain			
		Length (m)	79	79
		Height (m)	11	11
		Percent Viewable Gl	95	95
		Percent Spandrel Pa	5	5
		Thickness of Insulat	0	0
		Spandrel Panel Type	Metal	Metal
3.0 Mixed Column and Beams				
	3.1.1 Column_concrete_basement			
		Number of Beams	-	-
		Beam Type	-	-
		Number of Columns	45	45
		Column Type	Concrete	Concrete
		Floor to floor height	4.2	4.2
		Bay sizes (m)	9.81	9.81
		Supported span	9.81	9.81
		Live load (kPa)	4.8	4.8
	3.1.2 Column_Concrete_GroundFloor			
		Number of Beams	16	16
		Beam Type	-	Concrete
		Number of Columns	112	112
		Column Type	Concrete	concrete
		Floor to floor height	4.2	4.2
		Bay sizes (m)	5.89	5.89
		Supported span	5.89	5.89
		Live load (kPa)	2.4	2.4
	3.1.3 Column_Concrete_SecondFloor_North			
		Number of Beams	-	-
		Beam Type	-	-
		Number of Columns	76	76
		Column Type	Concrete	concrete
		Floor to floor height	4.2	4.2
		Bay sizes (m)	4.83	4.83
		Supported span	4.83	4.83
		Live load (kPa)	2.4	2.4
	3.1.4 Column_Concrete_SecondFloor_South			
		Number of Beams	-	-
		Beam Type	-	-
		Number of Columns	92	92
		Column Type	Concrete	Concrete
		Floor to floor height	4.20	4.20
		Bay sizes (m)	3.68	3.68
		Supported span	3.68	3.68
		Live load (kPa)	2.4	2.4
	3.1.5 Column_Concrete_ThirdFloor_North			
		Number of Beams	-	-
		Beam Type	-	-
		Number of Columns	64	64
		Column Type	Concrete	Concrete
		Floor to floor height	4.20	4.20
		Bay sizes (m)	5.27	5.27
		Supported span	5.27	5.27
		Live load (kPa)	2.4	2.4

	3.1.6 Column_Concrete_ThirdFloor_South		
	Number of Beams	-	-
	Beam Type	-	-
	Number of Columns	91	91
	Column Type	Concrete	Concrete
	Floor to floor height	4.20	4.20
	Bay sizes (m)	4.02	4.02
	Supported span	4.02	4.02
	Live load (kPa)	2.4	2.4
	3.1.7 Column_Concrete_FourthFloor_North		
	Number of Beams	-	-
	Beam Type	-	-
	Number of Columns	57	57
	Column Type	Concrete	Concrete
	Floor to floor height	4.20	4.20
	Bay sizes (m)	5.39	5.39
	Supported span	5.39	5.39
	Live load (kPa)	2.4	2.4
	3.1.8 Column_Concrete_FourthFloor_South		
	Number of Beams	-	-
	Beam Type	-	-
	Number of Columns	62	62
	Column Type	Concrete	Concrete
	Floor to floor height	4.20	4.20
	Bay sizes (m)	4.23	4.23
	Supported span	4.23	4.23
	Live load (kPa)	2.4	2.4
4.0 Floor	4.1.1 Floor		
	Floor Width (m)	1018.2	1018.2
	Span (m)	9.0	9.0
	Concrete	-	30 Mpa
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Live load (kPa)	-	3.6kPa
	Category	-	gypsum Board
	Type	-	Regular 1/2"
5.0 Roof	5.1.1 Roof_Concrete		
	Roof Width (m)	187.0	187.0
	Span (m)	9.0	9.0
	Concrete	-	20Mpa
	Concrete flyash %	-	average
	Live load (kPa)	-	2.4kPa
	Envelope	Category	Expanded Polystyrene
		Thickness (mm)	150.0
	5.1.2 Roof_Metal		
	Roof Width (m)	181.8	181.8
	Span (m)	9.0	9.0
	With or W/out Conc	-	Included
	Live load (kPa)	-	2.4kPa
	Category	-	Steel Roof system

6.0 Extra Basic materials	6.1 XBM_Wood_Beam		
	Glulam Beams (m^3)	92.8	92.8
	6.2 XBM_Stairs		
	Galvanized Decking (to	0.008	0.008

Appendix B
IE Input Assumption Document

Assembly Group	Assembly Type	Assembly Name	Specific Assumptions
1 Foundation			
1.1 Concrete Slab-on-Grade			
		1.1.1 SOG_150mm	<p>The area of this slab had to be adjusted so that the thickness fit into the 100mm thickness specified in the Impact Estimator. The following calculation was done in order to determine appropriate Length and Width inputs for this slab;</p> $= \sqrt{((\text{Measured Slab Area}) \times (\text{Actual Slab Thickness})) / (100/1000)}$ $= \sqrt{(4334 \times (150/1000)) / (100/1000)}$ $= 80.63 \text{ m}$
1.2 Footing			
		For concrete flyash %, "average" is taken as input in IE for all components.	
		1.2.1 Footing_F01_Basement	Due to there are only 20 Mpa and 30 Mpa for concrete, the ture value here is 25 Mpa. 20 Mpa is choose to be the input in IE.
		1.2.2 Footing_F02_Basement	Due to there are only 20 Mpa and 30 Mpa for concrete, the ture value here is 25 Mpa. 20 Mpa is choose to be the input in IE.
		1.2.5 Footing_F05_Basement	Due to there are only 20 Mpa and 30 Mpa for concrete, the ture value here is 25 Mpa. 20 Mpa is choose to be the input in IE.
		1.2.6 Footing_F06_Basement	Due to there are only 20 Mpa and 30 Mpa for concrete, the ture value here is 25 Mpa. 20 Mpa is choose to be the input in IE.
		1.2.7 Footing_F07_Basement	Due to there are only 20 Mpa and 30 Mpa for concrete, the ture value here is 25 Mpa. 20 Mpa is choose to be the input in IE.
		1.2.8 Footing_F08_Basement	1. Due to the limitation of IE, rebar #20 is selected instead of #25. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.

		$=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length}*0.5\text{m})=2.8*2.8*0.55/(2.8*0.5)=3.1\text{m}$
1.2.9	Footing_F09_Basement	<p>1. Due to the limitation of IE, rebar #20 is selected instead of #25. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length}*0.5\text{m})=1.6*1.8*0.55/(1.8*0.5)=1.76\text{m}$ <p>3. Due to there are only 20 Mpa and 30 Mpa for concrete, the ture value here is 25 Mpa. 20 Mpa is choose to be the input in IE.</p>
1.2.10	Footing_F10_Basement	Due to the limitation of IE, rebar #20 is selected instead of #25.
1.2.11	Footing_F11_Basement	<p>1. Due to the limitation of IE, rebar #20 is selected instead of #25. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length}*0.5\text{m})=1.5*1.5*0.55/(1.5*0.5)=1.8\text{m}$
1.2.12	Footing_F12_Basement	1. Due to the limitation of IE, Concrete strength #20 is selected instead of #10. 2. Rebar #20 is selected instead of #25.
1.2.13	Footing_F13_Basement	1. Due to the limitation of IE, Concrete strength #20 is selected instead of #15. 2. Rebar #20 is selected instead of #25.
1.2.14	Footing_F14_Basement	Since the Concrete Strength and rebar are varied for F14, 20Mpa and #20 are selected.
1.2.15	Footing_F15_Basement	<p>1.Since the concrete strength and rebar are varied for F15, 20Mpa and #20 are selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length}*0.5\text{m})=3.8*2*0.70/(3.8*0.5)=2.8\text{m}$
1.2.16	Footing_F16_Basement	<p>1.Since the concrete strength and rebar are varied for F16, 20Mpa and #20 are selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length}*0.5\text{m})=3.1*1*0.80/(1.6*0.5)=4.96\text{m}$

1.2.20 Footing_F20_Basement	<p>1. Since the concrete strength is unknown for F20, 20Mpa is selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length} \times 0.5\text{m}) = 9 \times 9 \times 1 / (9 \times 0.5) = 18 \text{ m}$
1.2.21 Footing_F21_Basement	<p>1. Since the concrete strength is unknown for F20, 20Mpa is selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length} \times 0.5\text{m}) = 12 \times 12 \times 1 / (12 \times 0.5) = 24 \text{ m}$
1.2.22 Footing_F22_Basement	<p>1. Since the rebar are varied for F22, #20 is selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length} \times 0.5\text{m}) = 7 \times 7 \times 1 / (7 \times 0.5) = 14 \text{ m}$
1.2.23 Footing_F23_Basement	<p>1. Since the concrete strength and rebar are varied for F23, 20Mpa and #20 are selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length} \times 0.5\text{m}) = 6 \times 11 \times 0.90 / (6 \times 0.5) = 19.8 \text{ m}$
1.2.24 Footing_F24_Basement	<p>1. Instead of 25 Mpa for concrete strength, 20 Mpa is selected. Also Rebar #20 is selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length} \times 0.5\text{m}) = 4.5 \times 22 \times 1 / (4.5 \times 0.5) = 44 \text{ m}$
1.2.25 Footing_F25_Basement	<p>1. Instead of 25 Mpa for concrete strength, 20 Mpa is selected. Also Rebar #20 is selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length} \times 0.5\text{m}) = 20.2 \times 20.2 \times 1 / (20.2 \times 0.5) = 40.4 \text{ m}$

1.2.26 Footing_F27_Basement	<p>1. Instead of 25 Mpa for concrete strength, 20 Mpa is selected. Also Rebar #20 is selected.</p> <p>2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length} \times 0.5\text{m}) = 8.8 \times 8.8 \times 1 / (8.8 \times 0.5) = 17.6\text{m}$
1.2.27 Footing_F28_Basement	<p>1. Instead of 25 Mpa for concrete strength, 20 Mpa is selected. Also Rebar #20 is selected.</p> <p>2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length} \times 0.5\text{m}) = 13 \times 7 \times 1 / (13 \times 0.5) = 14\text{m}$
1.2.28 Footing_F29_Basement	<p>1. Since the concrete strength and rebar are varied for F29, 20Mpa and #20 are selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length} \times 0.5\text{m}) = 4 \times 13 \times 1.20 / (4 \times 0.5) = 31.2\text{m}$
1.2.30 Footing_F31_Basement	<p>1. Instead of 25 Mpa for concrete strength, 20 Mpa is selected. Also Rebar #20 is selected.</p> <p>2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length} \times 0.5\text{m}) = 77 \times 3 \times 1 / (77 \times 0.5) = 6\text{m}$
1.2.31 Footing_F32_Basement	<p>1. Since the concrete strength and rebar are varied for F32, 20Mpa and #20 are selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length} \times 0.5\text{m}) = 3.1 \times 1 \times 0.80 / (3.1 \times 0.5) = 1.6\text{m}$
1.2.32 Footing_F33_Basement	<p>1. Since the rebar are varied for F33, #20 is selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width.</p> $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length} \times 0.5\text{m}) = 14 \times 4 \times 1 / (14 \times 0.5) = 8\text{m}$
1.2.33 Footing_F34_Basement	<p>1. Due to the limitation of IE, Concrete strength #20 is selected instead of #25. 2. Rebar #20 is selected..</p>

		1.2.34 Footing_Concrete CF1_Basement	1.Since the concrete strength and rebar are varied for CF1, 20Mpa and #20 are selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width. $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length}*0.5\text{m})=2.4*2.4*1.20/(2.4*0.5)=5.8\text{m}$
		1.2.35 Footing_Concrete CF2_Basement	1.Since the rebar are varied for F35, #20 is selected. 2. The maximum thickness is 500mm, thus following calculation is carried out to get the proper width. $=(\text{Volumn})/(\text{length}*0.5\text{m})=1.8*0.9*0.9/(1.8*0.5)=1.6\text{m}$ 3. For concrete strength 20Mpa is selected instead of 15Mpa
		1.2.36 Footing_Concrete strip F30_Basement	1.Instead of 25 Mpa for concrete strength, 20 Mpa is selected. Also Rebar #20 is selected.
		1.2.37 Footing_Concrete Strip SF1_Basement	1.Instead of 25 Mpa for concrete strength, 20 Mpa is selected. Also Rebar #20 is selected.
		1.2.38 Footing_Concrete Strip SF2_Basement	1.Instead of 25 Mpa for concrete strength, 20 Mpa is selected. Also Rebar #20 is selected.
		1.2.39 Footing_Concrete Strip SF3_Basement	1.Instead of 25 Mpa for concrete strength, 20 Mpa is selected. Also Rebar #20 is selected.
		1.2.40 Footing_Concrete Wall CF1_Basement	1.Instead of 25 Mpa for concrete strength, 20 Mpa is selected. Also Rebar #20 is selected.
2.0 Walls			
	2.1 Cast in Place	2.1.1 Wall_CastInPlace_W01	1. The concrete strength is 25Mpa, due to the limitation of IE input selection, 30Mpa is taken as input. 2. Type of the door is assumed as steel interior door.3. Envelope is assumed as vapour barrier and the material is plyethylene 6 mil.
		2.1.2 Wall_CastInPlace_W02	1. The concrete strength is 25Mpa, due to the limitation of IE input selection, 30Mpa is taken as input. 2. Type of the door is assumed as steel interior door.3. Envelope is assumed as Brick-modular of Cladding. 4.The thickness is varied for this wall, thus 200 mm is taken.
		2.1.3 Wall_CastInPlace_W03	1. The concrete strength is 25Mpa, due to the limitation of IE input selection, 30Mpa is taken as input. 2. Type of the door is assumed as steel interior door.3. Envelope is assumed as Plyethylene 6 mil of Vapour Barrier. 4.The thickness is varied for this wall, thus 300 mm is taken.

	2.1.4 Wall_CastInPlace_W04	1. The concrete strength is 25Mpa, due to the limitation of IE input selection, 30Mpa is taken as input. 2. Type of the door is assumed as steel exterior door. 3. Envelope is assumed as Plyethylene 6 mil of Vapour Barrier, 88.9mm fiberglass batt of insulation, polyethylene 3mil of vapour barrier, 5/8" regular gypsum board. 4. The thickness is varied for this wall, thus 200 mm is taken.
2.2 Steel Stud	2.2.1 Wall_Cast-In-Place_SteelStud_W05	1. The concrete strength is 25Mpa, due to the limitation of IE input selection, 30Mpa is taken as input. 2. Type of the door is assumed as solid wood door. 3. Envelope is assumed as Plyethylene 6 mil of Vapour Barrier, 88.9mm fiberglass batt of insulation and 5/8" regular gypsum board. 4. The thickness is varied for this wall, thus 300 mm is taken. 5. sheathing type is None, stud weight is light, stud spacing is 600 o.c. and the thickness is 39x92
	2.2.2 Wall_SteelStud_W06	1. In this wall, two layers of steel stud are applied. One is Heavy, 600oc, with 29x152 thickness, and the other one is light, 400 oc with 39x152 of thickness. 2. Envelope is assumed as Plyethylene 3 mil of Vapour Barrier, 88.9mm fiberglass batt of insulation, two layers of 5/8" regular gypsum board, and brick-split faced of cladding.
	2.2.3 Wall_SteelStud_W07	Envelope is assumed as 88.9mm fiberglass batt of insulation and 5/8" regular gypsum board.
	2.2.4 Wall_SteelStud_W08	1. Door is assumed as solid wood door. 2. Envelope is assumed as Plyethylene 3 mil of Vapour Barrier, 88.9mm fiberglass batt of insulation, and 5/8" regular gypsum board.
2.3 Curtain Wall	2.3.1 Wall_Curtain Wall_W10	1. door type is aluminum Exterior door with 80% glazing
	2.3.2 Wall_Curtain Wall - W11	1. door type is Steel interior door
2.4 Roof	2.4.1 Roof_Curtain	1. Linear condition is used here.
3 Columns and Beams		
	3.1 Concrete Column	

	3.1.1 Column_concrete_basement	<p>Because of the variability of bay and span sizes, they were calculated using the following calculation;</p> $= \sqrt{(\text{Measured SOG of basement}) / (\text{Counted Number of Columns})}$ $= \sqrt{(4334 \text{ m}^2) / (45)}$ $= 9.81 \text{ m}$
	3.1.2 Column_Concrete_GroundFloor	<p>Because of the variability of bay and span sizes, they were calculated using the following calculation;</p> $= \sqrt{(\text{Measured Supported Floor Area}) / (\text{Counted Number of Columns})}$ $= \sqrt{(3887 \text{ m}^2) / (112)}$ $= 5.89 \text{ m}$
	3.1.3 Column_Concrete_SecondFloor_North	<p>Because of the variability of bay and span sizes, they were calculated using the following calculation;</p> $= \sqrt{(\text{Measured Supported Floor Area}) / (\text{Counted Number of Columns})}$ $= \sqrt{(1770 \text{ m}^2) / (9+3+64)}$ $= 4.83 \text{ m}$
	3.1.4 Column_Concrete_SecondFloor_South	<p>Because of the variability of bay and span sizes, they were calculated using the following calculation;</p> $= \sqrt{(\text{Measured Supported Floor Area}) / (\text{Counted Number of Columns})}$ $= \sqrt{(1385 \text{ m}^2) / (43+59)}$ $= 3.68 \text{ m}$

<p>3.1.5 Column_Concrete_ThirdFloor_North</p>	<p>Because of the variability of bay and span sizes, they were calculated using the following calculation;</p> $= \sqrt{(\text{Measured Supported Floor Area}) / (\text{Counted Number of Columns})}$ $= \sqrt{(1779 \text{ m}^2) / (64)}$ $= 5.27 \text{ m}$
<p>3.1.6 Column_Concrete_ThirdFloor_South</p>	<p>Because of the variability of bay and span sizes, they were calculated using the following calculation;</p> $= \sqrt{(\text{Measured Supported Floor Area}) / (\text{Counted Number of Columns})}$ $= \sqrt{(1472 \text{ m}^2) / (91)}$ $= 4.02 \text{ m}$
<p>3.1.7 Column_Concrete_fourthFloor_North</p>	<p>Because of the variability of bay and span sizes, they were calculated using the following calculation;</p> $= \sqrt{(\text{Measured Supported Floor Area}) / (\text{Counted Number of Columns})}$ $= \sqrt{(1653 \text{ m}^2) / (57)}$ $= 5.39 \text{ m}$
<p>3.1.8 Column_Concrete_FourthFloor_South</p>	<p>Because of the variability of bay and span sizes, they were calculated using the following calculation;</p> $= \sqrt{(\text{Measured Supported Floor Area}) / (\text{Counted Number of Columns})}$ $= \sqrt{(1108 \text{ m}^2) / (62)}$ $= 4.23 \text{ m}$

		3.1.9 Column_Parralam_GroundFloor	1.Total Support area is roof area: 880+1683+1636=4199 m ² ; 2. Total column length: 4.2*4=16.8 m; 3.Because of the variability of bay and span sizes, they were calculated using the following calculation; = sqrt[(Measured Supported Floor Area) / (Counted Number of Columns)] = sqrt[(4199 m ²) / (32)] = 11.45 m												
4.0 Floor		4.1.1 Floor	1. Total Floor aera: 1653 + 1108+1770+1385+1779+1472 = 9164 m ² ; 2. Due to the limitation of the IE, that the maximum span could not exceed 9.75 m, we use 9 m as span. The following calculation is used to get the width of the floor. = 9164/9= 1018.2 m												
5.0 Roof	Due to the limitation of IE, the maximum Span can not exceed 9.75m, in this section, 9 m is taken as span. Except for Roof, the span is 5 m														
		5.1.1 Roof_Concrete	The calculation is used to get the Roof width. = Measured Roof Area / span = 1683 m ² / 9m=187 m												
		5.1.2 Roof_Metal	The calculation is used to get the Roof width. = Measured Roof Area / span = 1636 m ² / 9m=181.78 m												
6.0 Extra_Materials	XBM_Wood_Beam & XBM_Stairs		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Measured Length (m)</th> <th>Volumn (m³)</th> <th>Tone</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Wood</td> <td>368.0</td> <td>92.8</td> <td>46.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steel</td> <td>169.0</td> <td>1.0</td> <td>0.0079599</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Measured Length (m)	Volumn (m ³)	Tone	Wood	368.0	92.8	46.4	Steel	169.0	1.0	0.0079599
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Wood	368.0	92.8	46.4												
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