

Dear Sir, Madam,

The Dodd-Frank Act requires firms listed on the US stock exchange to disclose the use of Conflict Minerals originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or in neighboring countries. The Federal Government of the United States has defined Dodd-Frank Act in Sect. 1502 the following raw materials as being Conflict Minerals:

Cassiterite (tin ore), Columbite-Tantalite (tantalum ore), gold, wolfram and all derivatives. The products we supply to you may contain these raw materials, especially tin, tantalum and gold.

We are aware of our responsibility to make sure by carefully monitoring and examining the supply chain that our products do not contain any Conflict Minerals originated in the conflict zone. We support the communication and information transfer within the supply chain and have also requested our suppliers to confirm the absence of Conflict Minerals with respect to the materials we use. According to present knowledge our products do not contain any Conflict Minerals from conflict regions.

We will continue to closely monitor our supply chain and the further development in this field and promptly react to any change.

Best regards,

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Managing Director