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Conflict Minerals

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the obligations concerning the American bill H.R. 4173 "Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act" Section 1502 on "Conflict Minerals".

Our company is watching the American efforts to forbid and control exploitation and trade of conflict minerals originating in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the adjoining countries very closely. This is also true for the implementation provisions as of August 2012.

As a German company we do not directly fall under the scope of application of the law.

Nevertheless we pay very much attention to the national, European and international developments regarding ethical, social and environmental standards.

Therefore, we for the time being can assume that according to information available to us the material for our products does not contain any of the defined "conflict minerals" like coltan, niobium, tantalum, tin, gold or tungsten from the Democratic Republic of Congo or its adjoining countries.

Changes to our knowledge regarding this issue would surely be advised to you immediately."

Best regards
Erwin Halder KG



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