Statement on H.R. 4173
"Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act"
Section 1502 "Conflict Minerals"

Dear Sirs,

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 ban and monitor exploitation and trade with 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 which for suppliers does not stipulate a special formal for declarations. 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 does not contain any of the defined "conflict minerals" like coltan, niobium, tantalum, tin, gold or tungsten from the Democratic Republik of Congo or its adjoining countries that in the meaning of the law are necessary to the functionality or production of the products manufactures by us. Changes to our knowledge regarding this issue would surely be advised to you immediately.

With our best regards,

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