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Statement regarding H.R. 4173 „Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act“ Section 1502 „Conflict Minerals“

Dear Sir or Madam,

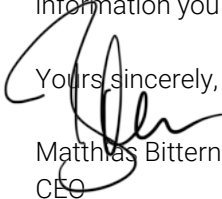
Thank you for your inquiry regarding the obligations under the US law H.R. 4173, the "Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act," Section 1502 concerning "Conflict Minerals," which has been in effect since July 21, 2010.

Our company closely monitors the US efforts to regulate the extraction and trade of minerals from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and adjacent states, as well as the corresponding implementation regulations of the Dodd-Frank legislation from August 2012. Although we, as a German company, do not directly fall under this law, we also have an obligation to provide information as suppliers to US-listed companies.

As a manufacturer of mechanical and electronic path and angle measurement systems, we do not directly import minerals, including so-called "conflict materials" such as cassiterite (tin ore), columbite-tantalite (coltan, tantalum ore), gold, and wolframite (tungsten ore). These materials are only used in processed form as additives in metals, surface coatings, or electronic components.

We have received relevant information from our suppliers, and to the best of our knowledge, they do not use conflict materials from the affected countries as per the regulation. Due to the increasing number of inquiries, we regret that we are unable to complete specific questionnaires. However, we hope that this letter provides the information you requested and we thank you for your trust and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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