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To our customers

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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 commitments under U.S. Law H.R. 4173 “Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act” Section 1502 on “Conflict Minerals”, valid since July 21, 2010. Our company very closely observes the US-American efforts to ban and control the quarrying for and trade with minerals originating from the Democratic Republic of Kongo and bordering states. This applies equally to the Dodd-Frank implementation regulations enacted in August 2012.

Although we do not directly fall into the scope of this law as a German company, we are subject to a duty of disclosure as suppliers to US market-listed companies.

As a manufacturer of mechanical and electronic distance and angle measurement systems we ourselves do not directly import minerals including so-called “conflict materials” such as cassiterite (tin ore), columbite-tantalite (coltan; tantalum ore), gold, wolframite (tungsten ore). We use such materials only in their processed form as aggregates in metals, in surface treatment or in electronic components.

We have obtained from our suppliers corresponding information and our suppliers do not use conflict materials originating from the countries named in the regulation as far as we know.

Please understand that we cannot complete special questionnaires due to the increasing number of inquiries. However, we hope that this letter contains your desired information and thank you for your trust and good cooperation.

Kind regards

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