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## Statement on Conflict Minerals

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### Regulation (EU) 2017/821 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 & US Law 'Dodd-Frank-Act'

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The regulation (EU) 2017/821 regulates the compliance of due diligence obligations in supply chain for Union importers of zinn, tantalum, tungsten, their ores and gold from conflict and high-risk areas.

In the United States of America, the 'Dodd-Frank-Act' is valid for companies listed on the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The law was developed with the aim of regulating the procurement of zinn, tantalum, tungsten and gold throughout the supply chain. Due to the civil war, the metals and minerals mentioned should not be sourced from the Democratic Republic Congo and its surrounding states.

We are not a Union importer, and we are not affected by Dodd-Frank-Act. Since we are aware of our responsibility to people and the environment, we check the origin of the metals and minerals mentioned with reasonable effort.

After consulting our suppliers, we currently have no reason to believe that the metals and minerals (zinn, tantalum, tungsten, gold) contained in our products come from the Democratic Republic Congo and its surrounding states. Based on our current knowledge, the smelters we identified comply with the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP).

Best regards

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