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BMK Group Conflict Minerals Policy

1. Introduction

The US Securities and Exchange Commission implemented the specifications of Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act from 2010) to the 22 August 2012. This regulates the dealing with so-called “conflict minerals”. Companies listed on the US stock exchange are obliged to report annually to the US Securities and Exchange Commission, whether their products include conflict minerals for its function or production. This is to reduce the trade with minerals, which come from mines of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and its neighboring countries and contribute to financing the local armed conflicts. Tin, Tungsten, Tantalum and Gold are currently affected. BMK is not listed on the US stock exchange and therefore not subject to the reporting and disclosure obligations. Nevertheless, BMK is aware of the customer's information interests.

2. Our role in the supply chain

On request of our customers, we determine the use of Conflict Minerals in our supply chain. We work closely with our direct suppliers to support us in carrying out these steps and to provide necessary data to us. Most manufacturers and suppliers are specified by our customers. Therefore, BMK has no influence on the selection of manufacturers and suppliers and is not able to influence the materials used or their origin.

3. Commitment

As a service provider, BMK does not manufacture own products. Our purchasing department conducts its businesses with a large number of distributors and only occasionally directly with manufacturers. So we are dependent on the statements of our suppliers concerning Conflict Minerals. Within our supplier selection and in line with the principles of non-discrimination, we do not encourage implementing a de facto embargo on the DRC and adjoining countries in the sourcing of Conflict Minerals. Nevertheless, within our supply chain it is our aim to avoid the use of Conflict Minerals that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the DRC region.

Kind regards

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