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To all commercial partners of  
Gusstechnik Schopfheim GmbH & Co. KG

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## Conflict minerals

Dear Sir or Madam,

In 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) came into force in the USA. Section 1502 of Title XV of the Dodd-Frank Act imposes reporting and disclosure requirements on certain companies which use "conflict minerals", intended to ensure that no raw materials are used to finance the armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country. Conflict minerals are specifically defined in the Dodd-Frank Act as the raw materials **tin, tantalum, gold and tungsten**.

Gusstechnik Schopfheim GmbH & Co. KG is not a company which is required to report and disclose under Section 1502 of Title XV of the Dodd-Frank Act. Nevertheless, in our own interests and in the interests of the objectives pursued by Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act, we take the obligations under the Dodd-Frank Act very seriously. We therefore impose a requirement on our raw material suppliers to disclose and confirm that the metals they supply do not originate from the conflict zone identified in Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act.

Should one of our suppliers, however, notify us accordingly and we consequently become aware that our products may in fact contain conflict minerals from the identified conflict zone, we will advise you immediately.

*As demand for cobalt has gone up due to its use in lithium-ion batteries, to keep pace with growing market expectations, manufacturers must ensure compliance with cobalt and mica due diligence. In principle, there are currently no legal regulations applying to cobalt and mica sourcing. However, many manufacturers are using the Extended Minerals Reporting Template (EMRT) on a voluntary basis to develop a sustainable programme for responsible sourcing of the minerals **cobalt and mica**.*

Here too, we encourage our raw material suppliers to ensure that the metals they supply do not originate from conflict zones and, if they do, that we are notified immediately so that we can pass this on.

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If you have any further questions about how Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act is applied in our company, we would be delighted to assist.

Kind regards,  
Gusstechnik Schopfheim GmbH & Co. KG

Issued by Wolfgang Bieber  
Chief Executive

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