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Declaration on the handling of conflict minerals

Dealing with Conflict Minerals is an essential part of Krekeler & Losch's Code of Conduct. In order to ensure that the use and sale of "Conflict Minerals" by suppliers does not contribute to the perpetuation of conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo (hereinafter "DRC") and its neighboring states, Krekeler & Losch establishes basic requirements for suppliers of direct (into products) materials with regard to their responsibility for conflict-free sourcing of these goods.

For the purpose of this statement, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

- "Conflict Minerals" means columbite-tantalite (coltan), cassiterite, gold, wolframite, and their derivatives, limited to tantalum, tin, and tungsten. To the extent that the Secretary of State of the United States of America determines that additional derivatives or additional minerals and their derivatives finance the conflict in the "Covered Countries," they shall also be considered Conflict Minerals.
- "Covered Countries" are the DRC and countries that share an internationally recognized border with the DRC. These are currently Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.
- "DRC Conflict Free" as a characteristic of goods means that these goods do not contain Conflict Minerals that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the Covered Countries.
- The "Final Rule" is the implementing rule issued by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission adopted on Aug. 22, 2012, pursuant to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act with respect to the use of Conflict Minerals.

Krekeler & Losch GmbH & Co KG hereby declares,

- to fully ensure that the use and sale of Conflict Minerals by it (whether alone or included in goods) does not contribute to the continuation of conflicts in Covered Countries.
- not to supply goods that are not DRC Conflict Free.
- Provide, upon request, all relevant data on the occurrence of Conflict Minerals in its goods.



- verify on an ongoing basis and to a sufficient extent that its goods are DRC Conflict Free.
- to provide written assurance that the goods are DRC Conflict Free at least once per calendar year and additionally within three (3) weeks after written request.
- immediately inform the Supplier in writing if there are any indications in the supply chain that may lead to the conclusion that the assurances pursuant to the preceding paragraph may not be complied with.
- to provide, upon request, certificates, declarations and other information that sufficiently support the assurance that its goods are DRC Conflict Free.
- Use its best efforts to require compliance with this statement from its suppliers.

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