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Statement on Dealing with Conflict Minerals

Franz Binder GmbH + Co., Elektrische Bauelemente KG strongly supports the efforts to eliminate the trade in conflict minerals. We refer to Section 1502 of the Dodd Frank Act. This attempts to ensure that minerals such as tin, tungsten, tantalum or gold do not originate from the conflict regions in and around the Democratic Republic of Congo. This is designed to eliminate the financial base that supports wars and conflicts in these regions.

We require our suppliers to observe this requirement at all times and to be able to trace their supply chain back to the mines where their minerals originate. We will also provide this information to the *Conflict-Free Smelter Program*. This program, under the supervision of the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) and the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI), supports companies efforts to identify conflict minerals and to avoid trading and production with them.

Best regards

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