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**Statement by elero GmbH regarding the use of “conflict minerals” in our products, with reference to “Section 1502 Dodd-Frank Act”**

Dear business partner,

Thank you for your enquiry and interest regarding the use of conflict minerals in our products.

We are pleased to inform you about this, taking into account a publication of the ZVEI for dealing with questions on this topic.

Since July 2010, US stock market-listed companies have been required to check their products with regard to the use of so-called conflict minerals and to disclose these results.

The term “conflict minerals” as defined by the “Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act” means the raw materials coltan, tin ore, gold and tungsten, if the mining and trading of these commodities contributes to the financing or any other kind of support of armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or its adjoining countries.

The objective of the scheme is to suppress the financing of these armed groups via the mining and trade of raw materials by avoiding the raw material procurement in these countries and thus to avoid possible risks for the reputations of the processing industries through the publication of an annual report.

elero GmbH is not subject to U.S. law and therefore also not subject to the reporting obligations of the Dodd-Frank Act. Furthermore, under current law no German company is obliged to answer questions about its own supply chain or whether the products are “conflict free”.

Naturally elero GmbH is aware of its social responsibilities with regard to the environment, safety, health and respect for human rights.

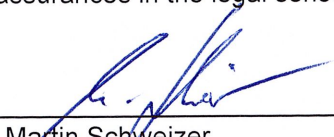
Therefore we always strive for the best possible traceability and transparency where our suppliers are concerned.

For this reason we wish to inform you that we use only electronic components in our products that originate from well-known manufacturers and distributors with whom we have long-standing and partnership-like business relationships. For their part they communicate corresponding statements with regard to the use and origin of raw materials in their supply chains.

In accordance with the German AWV (Foreign Trade Regulations) Article 7 “Boycott Declaration”, a fundamental statement that no conflict minerals are processed in our goods is not permissible.

We assume that this statement contains the desired information and ask for your understanding that we cannot process special questionnaires, lists or forms on the subject of “conflict minerals”.

No assurances in the legal sense may be derived from the above statements.

  
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