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Conflict Minerals

Proof of origin of certain raw materials used

Dear Sir or Madam,

The mining and trade of tin, tantalum (coltan), tungsten and gold in Central Africa has attracted increasing political and media attention in recent years. In processed form, these raw materials are used in the electrical industry and in general mechanical engineering worldwide.

When these conflict minerals mentioned above are extracted in countries such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and adjacent areas, in many cases this is done in violation of human rights and, moreover, according to the U.S. government, is intended to fund illegal Congolese groups.

The Dodd-Frank Act, passed in 2010, sets reporting standards for U.S.-listed companies in Article 1502, which relates to conflict minerals. These standards require certain due diligence requirements that affect the respective suppliers along the global supply chain.

The di-soric Group is not subject to the reporting requirements for U.S. listed companies and therefore the Act does not apply to our companies.

Ultimately, the Dodd-Frank Act is intended to contribute to the containment of conflicts in the aforementioned crisis regions. In order to play a supporting role here, we would like to refer you to the position paper of the ZVEI - Zentralverband Elektrotechnik- und Elektronikindustrie e.V. (German Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association) (available at <https://www.zvei.org>).

In this paper, ZVEI indicates that it is working on a humanitarian solution that is viable for the industry, at the center of which is the registration and certification (traceability and origin of raw materials) of smelters.

We hope that this letter satisfies your documentation requirement.

With kind regards

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