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Conflict Minerals Statement

In August 2012, in response to violations of human rights related to mining of certain minerals from the conflict region in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approved the Final Conflict Minerals Rule under the Dodd-Frank Act, to implement reporting and disclosure requirements related to conflict minerals. The SEC defines cassiterite, columbite-tantalite, gold, wolframite, or their derivatives as conflict minerals regardless of whether or not their production or trade has actually supported conflict.

In compliance with guidelines and instructions of OECD written down in the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict_Affected and High-Risk Areas«, in SIJ Metal Ravne checked the supply of raw materials and found that the supply of tungsten is relevant for us. We sent a Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT) to suppliers and received all replies. All suppliers, who confirmed that they do not obtain tungsten from the DRC region, are in our list of certified suppliers.

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