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Customer Information on Conflict Minerals

Dear Customers and Sales-Partners,

Conflict minerals are tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold originating in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the following neighbouring states of Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo (which is a separate state from the Democratic Republic of Congo), Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

A regulation of the U.S. States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on the issue of conflict minerals took effect on 13th November, 2012. This regulation defines and enforces certain provisions under the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (also known as Section 1502 Dodd-Frank Act) referring to conflict minerals. The new SEC regulation requires companies which are subject to filing reports with the SEC to notify of any conflict minerals contained in their products. The first submission deadline is 31st May 2014 for calendar year 2013.

The regulation of the SEC aims at putting an end to human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the neighbouring regions. For this reason, the trade with and exploitation of commodities from this region are to be banned in order to deprive those persons and organizations of their economic basis who are responsible for human rights violations.

Although, as a leading manufacturer of electric measuring and test equipment, we are well aware of this issue, we have to rely on the declarations issued by our suppliers. GMC-I Messtechnik GmbH are trying to trace their purchased minerals back to their origin and to achieve transparency for the entire supply chain. Apart from this, we generally avoid the use of these conflict minerals as far as possible. Please be assured that we pursue the issue of conflict minerals with due diligence.

We kindly ask you for your understanding, especially in view of the steadily increasing number and variety of inquiries, that we are not able to complete any customer specific questionnaires after carefully weighing up the expenses and effort against our social responsibility.

However, we trust that this letter is conducive to clarifying our current corporate policy regarding this issue. We thank you for your trust and understanding and look forward to continuing our mutually fruitful and rewarding cooperation. Please feel free to contact us if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully,
GMC-I Messtechnik GmbH