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Conflict Minerals Policy Kries-Energietechnik GmbH & Co. KG

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The ongoing conflict and extreme violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is fueled in part from trade of „conflict minerals“, which are defined as tantalum, tin, tungsten, and gold or any of their derivatives.

Kries-Energietechnik GmbH & Co. KG is a manufacturer of electronic measurement devices which are normally used for monitoring high-voltage energy distribution networks. The devices are therefore used e.g. by utility companies as end-customers.

Kries-Energietechnik will work with our supply chain partners to take responsible steps to assure conflict minerals are not sourced by Kries-Energietechnik or our supply chain partners in a way that would directly or indirectly benefit armed groups responsible for serious human rights abuses in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or adjoining countries. Kries-Energietechnik will not knowingly use metals derived from the conflict region in its products.

Kries-Energietechnik is also committed to working with stakeholders to avoid the unintended consequence of widespread exit of trade from the DRC region, which would cause severe hardship for the millions of Congolese workers who work in legitimate mines.

Kries-Energietechnik is committed to complying with the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Section 1502, which requires companies to inquire into the origin of conflict minerals in their supply chains and report on the reasonable inquiry or due diligence they conduct to determine whether their purchase supported armed groups in the DRC.

Kries-Energietechnik supports an industry-wide approach to addressing conflict minerals through the participation in e.g. Conflict Free Smelter Program. Kries-Energietechnik incorporated the principles of this policy into our supplier contracts and will work with suppliers to increase transparency in the supply chain.

Kries-Energietechnik expects that our suppliers will comply with our requests to provide statements and perform due diligence about the source of any conflict minerals in their products which are provided to us.

Kries-Energietechnik has defined what level of action they may take for companies who are not conflict free and/or does not comply with disclosure requests (reduce supply/remove supplier, increase education, etc)