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Conflict Minerals for suppliers

Dear Sirs,

on 22th of August 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission („SEC“) have adopted final rules to implement reporting and disclosure requirements to “conflict minerals”, as directed by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010.

The rules require manufacturers who file certain reports with the SEC to disclose whether the products they manufacture or contract to manufacture contain “conflict minerals” that are “necessary to the functionality or production” of those products and if the origin of those conflict minerals are the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) or surrounding countries.

“Conflict minerals” refers to gold, tin, tantalum and tungsten, the derivatives of cassiterite, columbite-tantalite and wolframite, regardless of where they are sourced, processed or sold. The intent of these requirements is to further the humanitarian goal of ending violent conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and in surrounding countries, which has been partially financed by the exploitation and trade of conflict minerals.

To ensure compliance with these requirements, Autronic Steuer- und Regeltechnik GmbH requires that each supplier in our supply chain provide information regarding the use of conflict mineral from their suppliers, who, in turn, must solicit that information from the next tier of suppliers.

For more information or additional reference material, please visit the following websites:
german: <http://www.dihk.de/themenfelder/innovation-und-umwelt/news?m=2013-11-06-merkblatt-dodd-frankact>
english: www.ipc.org/conflict-minerals-resources

With kind regards

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