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Statement on Conflict Minerals

Dodd-Frank Act

On December 15, 2010, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued proposed regulations implementing section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act or Act), which requires reporting companies (also known as issuers) to make certain disclosures about the source of minerals that are necessary to the functionality or production of their manufactured products.

EU Regulation (EU) 2017/821

According to the European Union Regulation 2017/821, which refers to the Dodd-Frank Act, KNAUER is not subject to reporting due to Annex No. 1, which outlines the quantity restrictions. Nevertheless, we aim to exclude sources of tantalum, tin, tungsten, or gold that finance armed conflicts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or other countries. We therefore attach great importance to the Code of Conduct for our suppliers and carry out queries within our supply chain.

Conflict Minerals Survey

Conflict Mineral Reporting Template (CMRT) is used to survey the current status of conflict mineral use and information about smelters. This survey is conducted to confirm information, such as that materials are either procured from a smelter identified by the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP) or, if not identified by the RMAP, from a smelter that is not complicit with armed conflicts. If a smelter is judged inappropriate, we ask that the relevant suppliers cooperate in removing the inappropriate minerals from the supply chain for the applicable products, parts, and materials.

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Yours faithfully

Signed for and on behalf of

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