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VAT Conflict Mineral Statement

Dear Customer and Partner

VAT Group and its subsidiaries ("VAT") are committed to sourcing components and materials from companies that share our values regarding respect for human rights, integrity and environmental responsibility. VAT is committed to promoting honest and ethical business conduct by all its employees and in compliance with the laws that govern the conduct of business worldwide.

VAT is committed to complying with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas, as well as Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act, which seeks to prevent the use of minerals that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or in adjoining countries ("Conflict Minerals").

VAT is committed to ensuring sustainable sourcing of all raw materials in its supply chain. VAT's suppliers are required to only source smelters and refiners ("Smelters") in VAT's supply chain that source from a safe and responsible source and/or if the Smelter is classified "conflict-free" by an independent, third-party organization such as the Responsible Business Alliance Conflict Mineral Initiative.

Each VAT supplier is required to submit completed Responsible Minerals Initiative Conflict and Extended Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT/EMRT) statements demonstrating such supplier's commitment to the above and documenting countries of origin of tin, tantalum, tungsten, gold and other extended Conflict Minerals, such as cobalt and MICA that the supplier sources.

This VAT Conflict Minerals Statement is valid until September 20, 2024.

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Michael J. Allison
CEO

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Ulrich Horstmann
Head of Supply Chain