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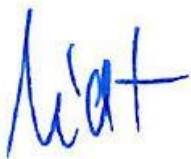
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Statement on the Use of Conflict Minerals under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act section 1502

The "Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act" includes, among other things, disclosure and reporting requirements for US stock exchange oriented companies regarding the use of certain conflict minerals (including tantalum, tin, gold, tungsten and their derivatives) originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo or its neighbouring states (conflict countries).

Carl Cloos Schweisstechnik supports the demands for sustainability and transparency formulated within the framework of the "Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act". We confirm that we do not import such conflict minerals from conflict countries. We also have no information that our suppliers source conflict minerals from conflict countries. In the event that such information becomes available, we will inform our customers in a timely manner.

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