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**Manufacturer's declaration on Conflict Minerals****Conflict Minerals**

Partially, the extraction of specific minerals in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the adjoining countries contributes significant violation of human rights. Partially, violent conflicts are financed by extraction in this region. In 2010, the US congress adopted the „Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act“ (Dodd-Frank Act). Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act and the corresponding regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) define specific requirements to companies, which are under supervision of SEC. These companies have to submit a report, if their products, produced by themselves or in their commission, contain “conflict materials” which are required for the functionality or the production of the product. „Conflict minerals“ according to the Dodd-Frank Act and SEC are tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold. This definition is independent of the place of extraction or the further handling.

The company Insta GmbH is not under supervision of SEC. There is no legal commitment for the company, to implement the requirements regarding conflict minerals of Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act. Nevertheless, we respect, that the regulations of SEC, referring to Section 1502, is mandatory for our direct or indirect customers, to execute careful investigations in their specific supply chains. Insta will support their customers in a reasonable way.

**Statement**

It is the intention of Insta GmbH, to purchase material, which is free of any “conflict mineral” which supports any kind of armed groups in a direct or indirect way in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the adjoining countries. Insta implements appropriate processes to localize “conflict materials” in the products and to identify the source in the supply chain. The activities of Insta based on well-established frameworks of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and other industry initiatives. Due to the great number of products and the complexity of the corresponding supply chains it will be a challenging and continuous process.

Insta is in close contact with all direct suppliers to increase the transparency according to the delivered products. Today, there are neither concrete information nor any assumption, that conflict minerals from the regions, named above, are part of our products.

We will continue the close cooperation with customers, suppliers and other stakeholders to enhance good approaches and to find feasible solutions.

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