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Statement on Conflict Minerals during Steel Production

Howco is aware of the obligations under section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank reform and Consumer Protection act of 2010 (Dodd-Frank) placed upon companies having statuary reporting requirements to the US Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC).

In response to this, Howco Group conducts regular assessments of its exposure to "Conflict Minerals" in its supply chain. The result of these assessments is that to the best of our knowledge, none of the material we supply containing these Minerals was sourced in any of the following countries:

DRC, Angola; Burundi; Central African Republic; Congo; Rwanda; Sudan; Uganda; United Republic of Tanzania; Zambia.

In addition, Howco Specifications for General Material Purchase Order Requirements contains the following instruction, "The mill supply chain controls shall take into account Dodd Frank Act requirements regarding conflict minerals.

Sincerely Gordon Dick

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