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## Statement on Conflict Minerals

Heraeus Materials Technology (HMT) is a business group within Heraeus involved in the processing worldwide of precious and platinum groups metals as well as a comprehensive range of special metals. As a social responsible company, we have a concern for the well-being of people and communities. We conduct our business fairly and ethically, respect human rights, comply with laws and regulations, and adhere to a rigorous Code of Conduct.

## **Conflict Minerals/Regulations**

Columbite-tantalite (i.e., Tantalum), cassiterite (i.e., Tin), wolframite (i.e., Tungsten) and Gold, or their derivatives, (also referred to as "3TGs") are considered to be Conflict Minerals (3TGs) as they may directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) or adjoining countries. Regardless of where they are sourced, processed or sold - the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has adopted rules to implement reporting and disclosure requirements related to conflict minerals, as directed by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010.

We support and share the goals and objectives of the SEC final rule for Section 1502 and we recognize that our direct and indirect customers are mandated to undertake due diligence across their global supply chains - on the other hand HMT does not file reports with the SEC and therefore we have no legislative obligations to comply with these requirements.

## Affirmation

Based on our shared set of values and principles we shun from purchasing any materials containing conflict minerals which directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the DRC or adjoining countries.

To this effect we have implemented a strong management system and executed reasonable due diligence compliant with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) as defined in its "Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas". We identify and assess risks and implement strategies to manage minerals and determine origin. We have established compliance requirements for direct suppliers with regard to implement controls, undertaking of appropriate sourcing efforts and releasing of data for information and reporting purposes. In addition, we conduct an annual global third party audit and publish the results in the yearly compliance Report available on our website.

HMT continues to work closely with its partners and supports them in fulfilling their reporting obligations. Furthermore, we align our efforts to those practices and requirements established by industry peers.

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