

To our customer's representatives for "conflict minerals"

## Statement on the use of conflict minerals in products

As of July 2010, listed companies in the US are obligated to check their products against the regulations stipulated in the Dodd-Frank Act, section 1502, for the use of conflict minerals and to subsequently disclose the information.

Conflict minerals, as defined by the Dodd-Frank Act, refer to raw minerals like tantalite, cassiterite, gold and wolframite being sourced and traded to finance and/or support armed groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo or in one of its neighboring countries; Angola, Burundi, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Zambia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and the Central African Republic.

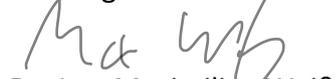
Because the Palas GmbH is not a listed US company, it is not subject to section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act.

Of course, we are well aware of our social responsibility with respect to the environment, security and health, as well as the observation of human rights. We aim to achieve the optimum procurement transparency to the best of our ability and in collaboration with our distributors.

As provider of particle measurement systems we neither manufacture own products for the market nor do we directly import the minerals in question.

Whenever possible, our products only include parts of well-known manufacturers and questionnaires. However, we are naturally committed to providing our customers with the optimum support and will regularly update information on this topic.

Kind regards



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