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To Our Valued Customer:

Yarde Metals, Inc. is aware that some of its customers are required to make disclosures, or certifications to their respective customers regarding, whether “conflict minerals” necessary to the functionality or production of their products originated in the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”) or adjoining countries, pursuant to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Act”) and the Conflict Minerals rules recently adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). These “conflict minerals” initially consist of specified minerals and derivatives thereof, namely, **tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold.**

Certain products we supply to you may be produced with conflict minerals. We have informed our suppliers of these products that we will purchase only material that is “DRC conflict free” (as defined by the applicable SEC rules) and we are committed to supporting your compliance with the Conflict Minerals rules and your DRC conflict free policy, as applicable. Based on a reasonable inquiry of our suppliers, we have determined that, as of January 31, 2013, the products we supply to you do not contain conflict minerals from the DRC. Accordingly, we hereby certify to you that any material we supply to you, from and after January 31, 2013, is “DRC conflict free.”

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (860) 406-6337.

Sincerely,

George D'Addario

Quality Director – Yarde Metals, Inc.