

Jerri Morgan Empire Resources, Inc.

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Re: SEC Conflict Minerals Statement

In response to your confirmation request concerning our use of the "Conflict Minerals" under the new SEC rule regarding such minerals (the "Rule"), we understand that the "Conflict Minerals" are identified as columbite-tantalite (tantalum), cassiterite (tin), gold, and wolframite (tungsten) originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo or adjoining counties (the "DRC"). We further understand that disclosure is required if our use of these Conflict Minerals are "necessary to the functionality" or "necessary for the production" of the products we supply to you. We further understand that Conflict Minerals present in products as a contaminant or impurity do not cause those products to fall under the disclosure requirements of the Rule.

With this understanding and at this time, we are not aware of the inclusion of Conflict Minerals subject to the Rule in our products nor are any of the Conflict Minerals necessary for the functionality or production of the products we provide to you. The products we supply to your company are "DRC conflict free". We will continue working with our suppliers to assure that our products will remain DRC conflict free. Please rest assured that our company will continue to comply with the SEC's new reporting requirements for Conflict Minerals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments.

Hermann Brunthaler Quality Manager

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