

# Supplier Declaration

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## Metals from "Conflict minerals" in stainless steels

This supplier declaration applies to the following products of ThyssenKrupp Nirosta:

- hot and cold rolled strip and sheet of corrosion and heat resisting steels under the trade names NIROSTA® and THERMAX®,
- clear coated cold rolled strip and sheet of corrosion resisting steels under the trade name NIROSTA® Silver Ice® UV.

The US American *Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act*<sup>1</sup> imposes reporting requirements upon manufacturers if their products contain metals derived from minerals therein defined as "Conflict Minerals".

Such metals can be contained in all of the stainless steel grades produced by ThyssenKrupp Nirosta. They come from recycled stainless steel scrap and exist in very low percent composition (as so-called tramp elements). An exception is the metal niobium when used as an alloying element for certain stainless steel grades (acc. EN 10088-2/ASTM A240), e. g. 1.4509/S 43940 (≈ Type 441), 1.4521/Type 444, 1.4550/ S 34700). Here, niobium is added to the melt in the form of ferroniobium, an iron niobium alloy which is made from columbite-tantalite (coltan).

The ferroniobium purchased by ThyssenKrupp Nirosta for alloying applications originates from Brazil and Canada. Herewith is confirmed that the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has not in the past ever been origin of the ferroniobium supplied to ThyssenKrupp Nirosta, and will not be in the future.

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<sup>1</sup> Pub.L. 111-203, H.R. 4173