



**Date: December 11, 2013**

**Attention: Valued Hoefner Corporation Supplier**

**Subject: Regulatory Alert – Requirements Related to “Conflict Minerals” Reporting**

Dear Supplier,

Hoefner Corporation supports taking responsible steps to ensure that the products received from our supply chain are responsibly sourced. Furthermore Hoefner Corporation supports efforts to increase transparency in the supply chain and regulations that ensure companies conduct business with integrity, respect and to the highest ethical standards.

In July 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, also known as the Dodd-Frank Act. Although the focus of the Act is financial market regulation reform, it also imposes new regulations regarding “Conflict Minerals”. On August 22, 2012, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), adopted final rules implementing the “conflict minerals” disclosure requirements in Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act, passed by Congress in 2010 (see the rules at: <http://www.sec.gov/rules/final/2012/34-67716.pdf>).

This rule requires public companies to acknowledge if any conflict minerals (defined as tantalum, tin, gold or tungsten) are in their products and if any of these minerals originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or surrounding countries.

Although Hoefner Corporation is not a public company, the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act still applies to the private companies as directed by our customers. Hoefner Corporation expects you as our supplier to perform a due diligence review effort to determine potential conflict mineral sources. We require that you do not knowingly supply product to Hoefner Corporation that contains conflict minerals from any of the excluded sources.

Meeting these requirements could be challenging. Your support and cooperation is essential to our being able to comply with this new requirement. Please see the resource information below in order to help you become more familiar with the requirements on conflict minerals.

Sincerely,

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Quality Manager  
Hoefner Corporation

**Resource and additional information:**

Aerospace Industries Association: [http://www.aia-aerospace.org/assets/AIA\\_Conflict\\_Minerals\\_FAQ.pdf](http://www.aia-aerospace.org/assets/AIA_Conflict_Minerals_FAQ.pdf)

Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition resources: <http://www.eicc.info/extractives.shtml>

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has developed a Due Diligence Guidance document that can be found at: <http://www.oecd.org/daf/inv/mne/GuidanceEdition2.pdf>