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Dear Customer,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding whether products supplied to you by Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc. ("Ryerson") contain "Conflict Minerals". Ryerson fully supports the goals and objectives of Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Act"), which aims to prevent the use of "Conflict Minerals" ("the DRC") or adjoining countries (as defined in the Act). "Conflict Minerals" include: columbite-tantalite (coltan) (i.e., tantalum), cassiterite (i.e., tin), gold, wolframite (i.e., tungsten) or their derivatives.

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Ryerson is committed to avoiding the use of Conflict Minerals originating in the DRC or adjoining countries. To that end, Ryerson has requested (and will continue to request) that its suppliers declare that products supplied to Ryerson either:

1. Do not contain tantalum, tin, tungsten or gold that are necessary to their production or functionality, or,
2. If they contain any of these minerals, that such minerals originate from non-conflict areas or from recycled or scrap sources.

As such, Ryerson hereby certifies that, to the best of its knowledge based upon the reasonable inquiries it has performed of its suppliers, any Conflict Minerals contained in products supplied by Ryerson to you on or after January 31, 2013 (i) do not originate from the DRC or adjoining countries, (ii) were derived from recycled or scrap resources, or (iii) were not necessary to the production or functionality of the product.

Sincerely,



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