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RE: Conflict Minerals

To Our Valued Customers:

Following is Basic Carbide Corporation's official policy concerning the "Conflict Minerals" section of the *Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act* of 2010.

Basic Carbide Corporation does not purchase any "conflict minerals" that originate in the regions specified by the above-mentioned law. Of the four named "conflict minerals" (gold, tantalum, tin, and tungsten), only two, tungsten and tantalum, are contained in Basic Carbide's materials beyond trace amounts, and Basic Carbide does not purchase any of the others for use in any of our processes. Furthermore, we have taken the additional measure of surveying our suppliers as to their compliance with the law and have received their official policy statements on the matter assuring us that they do not supply us with any material containing or derived from "conflict minerals" originating in the "conflict regions."

Thank you for the opportunity to address your concerns on this matter, and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

John P. Goodrum
President
Basic Carbide Corporation