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**RE: H.R. 4173/Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act, concerning Conflict Minerals**

To our valued customer:

For over sixty years, Steel Warehouse Company LLC has been a distributor of high quality carbon and alloy steels produced by a number of steel mills worldwide. We sell these products in coil, sheet, plate, and tailored blank form. However, since we process purchased steel and do not produce steel, we have relied on the statements of our steel vendors to help formulate our response to your inquiry.

On August 22, 2012, the SEC adopted the final rules mandated by the Dodd-Frank Act. The final rule defines, "conflict minerals" as cassiterite, columbite-tantalite, gold, wolframite, and their derivatives, which are limited to tantalum, tin, and tungsten, that are mined in the Democratic Republic of Congo ("DRC") or adjoining countries, which may be aiding human rights abuses in this region.

After due inquiry and review of the responses of our steel vendors, Steel Warehouse hereby represents that as of the date hereof, to the best of its knowledge, it does not produce, use or supply material or product, either directly or as a processor, that contains "Conflict Minerals" as defined in the SEC final rules.

Very truly yours,

Steel Warehouse Company LLC

*By Gail E. Lunn, V. President*