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Sukano Statement on Conflict Minerals

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On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approved the final rule on the responsible sourcing of the minerals tin, tungsten, tantalum, and gold mandated by Section 1502 of U.S. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. These rules require companies to perform due diligence on the source and chain of custody of those conflict minerals that are necessary to the functionality or production of one or more of their products. The rules also set mandatory annual disclosure and reporting requirements for companies using conflict minerals originating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or an adjoining country.

On January 1, 2021, inspired by Section 1502 of U.S. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the European Regulation (EU) 2017/821, laying down supply chain due diligence obligations for Union importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores, and gold originating from conflict-affected and high-risk areas, was implemented. Soon after, on January 1, 2022, the Swiss Ordinance on Due Diligence and Transparency in relation to Minerals and Metals from Conflict-Affected Areas and Child Labour (DDTrO) entered into force.

As a responsible company committed to protecting individuals and groups against human rights violations and preventing all forms of modern slavery and child and forced labor across our supply chain, Sukano has, in line with our company's Business Ethics as well as the above-mentioned new directives and regulations that have come into force, made it mandatory for all suppliers to communicate about the presence or use of any conflict minerals in the raw materials they supply to Sukano globally through its "Raw material and Supplier Registration" form.

Based on currently available information as well as the results of our internal due diligence process, Sukano states herewith that the minerals tin and tungsten may be present in some of its raw materials, however, these are sourced from socially responsible suppliers. Tin and tungsten are intentionally added to these raw materials to serve as functional components.

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To fulfil its legal due diligence obligations on the one hand and to make a voluntary contribution to society on the other, for these materials, Sukano has drafted and received a signed and completed Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT) from the concerned suppliers showing that the mentioned minerals do not originate from conflict-affected and high-risk areas.

Sukano continues to actively seek, beyond the required regulatory minimum requirements, updates or additional information about the presence and, if so, the sourcing of conflict minerals in established raw materials. Sukano annually encourages all its suppliers using conflict minerals to actively conduct due diligence on the source and chain of custody of these minerals.

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