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Conflict Minerals Statement

To Whom It May Concern:

Optimus Steel, LLC recognizes the importance of complying with laws of the United States. This letter is specifically related to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Protection Act of 2010 as enforced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“Dodd-Frank”) regarding the use of certain so-called conflict minerals from the Democratic Republic of Congo and adjoining countries.

According to Dodd-Frank, metals derived from minerals defined as potential conflict minerals include: columbite-tantalite (coltan, niobium and tantalum), cassiterite (tin), gold and wolframite (tungsten) (to the extent such minerals originate from the Democratic Republic of Congo or adjoining countries, the “Conflict Minerals”). The purchasing group at Optimus has determined that it does not use any of the aforementioned minerals and that none of the minerals are necessary to the functionality or production of any product manufactured, or contracted to be manufactured, by Optimus.

Declaration:

No metals derived from Conflict Minerals from the Democratic Republic of Congo or adjoining countries are used in the production of steel at Optimus Steel, LLC. I certify that I have the authority and knowledge to make this declaration.

If you need any further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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