1. AIM AND PURPOSE OF INFORMATION

The following information should explain ept customers and further interested parties, how ept handles the so called „Conflict-Minerals“ along the supply chain.

2. ept CONFLICT-MINERAL POLICY

ept GmbH is committed to source components and materials from companies that share our values with regard to human rights, ethics, and environmental responsibility.

Section 1502 of “The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act” and related U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission rules require from companies, to disclose if or respectively in which extent, the products they manufacture or contract to manufacture, contain “Conflict Minerals”, sourced from mines in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or adjoining countries. Conflict Minerals include tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold (“3TG”).

Understanding that Cobalt and Mica are not covered metals (“3TG”) per Section 1502 of “The Dodd- Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”, ept GmbH has expanded its policy to include RMI reporting for Cobalt and Mica as materials of concern.

As far as ept GmbH processes products that contain Conflict-Minerals, ept GmbH does not and will not knowingly purchase those materials or products containing Conflict-Minerals, that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the DRC or adjoining countries. ept GmbH gathers information from its suppliers by own created questionnaires and use of the EICC Conflict Minerals Reporting Template and RMI / EMRT template for Cobalt and Mica.

ept GmbH evaluates the relationships with our suppliers on a regular base, to ensure continued compliance with this policy, and expects our suppliers to take similar measures with their suppliers. Suppliers who do not comply may be subject to corrective actions.

ept GmbH encourages all of its suppliers to support this initiative and provide information on the origin of materials and products easily accessible. ept GmbH also assists our customers in their Conflict-Minerals programs and responds to any requested declarations or reporting. Our objective is to implement a conflict free supply chain.

In case of requests regarding Conflict-Minerals please contact us via following e-mail address *conflict-mineral_admin@ept.de*!

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