

Vieira de Leiria, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**To our Valued Customers:**

Regulation (EU) 2017/821 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 lays down supply chain due diligence obligations for Union importers of minerals or metals containing or consisting of tin, tantalum, tungsten or gold originating from conflict-affected and high-risk areas, along the lines of the US law on conflict minerals, Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

The countries or areas considered to be conflict-affected or high-risk are those whose natural resources include minerals which are in high demand, either locally, regionally or globally and are either suffering from armed-conflict, such as civil war, a state of fragile post-conflict, or witnessing weak or non-existing governance and systematic violations of international law, including human rights abuses.

The regulation requires EU companies in the supply chain to ensure they import these minerals and metals from responsible and conflict-free sources only.

Although the metals supply chain is global and complex, Böllinghaus Steel Lda. is committed to institute procedures and reporting systems, and to conduct the necessary diligence to comply with Regulation (EU) 2017/821.

As far as we know any material supplied by Böllinghaus Steel Lda. that contains or use any Conflict Minerals is not originated from any of the conflict-affected and high-risk areas (as defined above).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries regarding this letter.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Reis', is centered on the page.

David Reis  
*Quality & HSE Manager*