



## Statement on the use of “Conflict Minerals”

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission adopted a new form and rule pursuant to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Act) relating to the use of conflict minerals. This law requires electronic companies to disclose their use of conflict minerals that include tantalum, tin, tungsten, or gold (3T+G) if those minerals are necessary to the functionality or production of a product. Section 1502 of the Act was enacted because of concerns that the exploitation and trade of conflict minerals by armed groups is helping to finance conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo DRC region and is contributing to an emergency humanitarian crisis.

HARTING sets a high value on social responsibility, referring to the main economic, ecologic and social aspects. Therefore HARTING has got a certified CSR management system that is in line with **ISO 26000**. **Furthermore HARTING is certified par example by ISO 14001, EMAS and OHSAS 18001.**

HARTING welcomes section 1502 of Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act as the abusive exhaustion of certain minerals yielding 3T+G used to finance armed rebel groups in the DRC is unacceptable in environmental but even more in humanitarian consideration. For this reason, HARTING does not allow any of his suppliers to deliver any raw material, semi-finished product, or trading good that contains conflict minerals, which helped to finance armed rebel groups or were mined under inhumane conditions in DRC or adjoining countries.

Our suppliers confirmed and acknowledged that their products and goods are free of conflict minerals that originated in DRC or adjoining countries and financed armed rebel groups or were mined under inhumane conditions in the meaning of Section 1502 of the Act by filling out a supplier statement on conflict minerals (see <http://www.harting.com/en/service/supplier-information/>).

**HARTING has no reason to believe that the minerals used for production or functionality of HARTING products may have originated in the covered countries and financed armed rebel groups or were mined under inhumane conditions.**

HARTING thanks all suppliers for their help in complying with the above mentioned rules.