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Dear Knowles Electronics Supplier,

I am writing to you, to make sure that you are aware of the law that President Obama signed on July 21, 2010 titled "Dodd-Frank Act section 1502. This law primarily focuses on financial regulatory reform, as it pertains to "Conflict Materials" which are mined or smelted originating from the Democratic Republic of the Congo", and neighboring countries, together called DRC Countries.

These minerals are referred to as the 3TG's. **Tin** (Cassiterite) **Tantalum** (Columbite-tantalite – Coltan) **Tungsten** (Wolframite) and **Gold** (AU). The scope of my inquiry is not limited to the products we purchase from your company, but also applies to the raw materials you purchase/use, for use in Knowles products.

Here is what we require from your company:

1. Thoroughly investigate within your supplychain and determine whether or not the above mentioned materials are used in our products. If yes, we want to know if the minerals mentioned are purchased from, or originate, the DRC. This would include all due diligence such as audits, certification from your 3TG's suppliers as to the origin of the 3TG mineral, and audits of the mines or smelters producing the minerals.
2. Supply Knowles a list of products that we buy from your company and the conflict material contained within your product. One of the 3TG's.
3. If none, please say so.

The Act's intention is to try to curb violence and exploitation by exposing companies that use minerals derived from this region through disclosure and public pressure. This model tries to replicate the success in the apparel, forestry and diamond sectors.

Your help in addressing this matter is appreciated by Knowles. If you have any questions, please do hesitate to ask. 1-630-250-5940 Office

Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

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