SCHOTT AG Statement on “Conflict Minerals”

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the use of so-called “Conflict Minerals” by the SCHOTT AG.

SCHOTT is fully aware of the US efforts to forbid and control exploitation and trade of certain minerals originating in from the Democratic Republic of Congo and the adjoining countries. This is particularly true for the corresponding reporting obligations stipulated by Section 1502 of the “Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”.

Kindly be ensured that SCHOTT takes the subject “Conflict Minerals” very serious as well. Since the establishment of the company in 1884, SCHOTT has always pursued a sustainable corporate policy and has been committed to let its social responsibility for mankind and the environment guide its actions and the effects of those actions.

That is why SCHOTT has decided to procure the minerals tin, tungsten, tantalum or gold mentioned in the Dodd-Frank Act from sources that can be definitely ruled out to finance armed forces in the Democratic Republic of Congo for its smelting raw materials. After analysing our supply chain, we were able to obtain corresponding binding confirmations from our suppliers to back up this commitment.

Thus, we are pleased to confirm that in the course of manufacturing our products, all of the mentioned minerals used as smelting raw materials are “conflict free”.

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On your demand, the SCHOTT business units are happy to further confirm this on a product or material level by using the EICC-GeSi „Conflict Minerals Reporting Template“.

Please understand that both the names of our suppliers and the source of our raw materials are substantial know-how – especially for our melting processes – which we are not prepared to disclose any further.

Sincerely,

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