

Kirchzarten, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2020**Statement by FSM AG regarding the use of "conflict minerals" in its products**

Since July 2010, U.S. listed companies are required by Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank-Act) to test their products for the use of so-called conflict minerals and to publish these results.

The Dodd-Frank-Act applies in particular to the raw materials tin, tantalum, tungsten, columbite, gold and its derivatives mined in conflict areas, such as the Democratic Republic of Congo and neighbouring countries. The aim of this regulation is not to support armed groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo and neighbouring countries by trading these substances.

FSM AG is aware of its social responsibility with regard to the environment, security, health and human rights and understands that its conduct in business transactions has an influence on society and the environment. Therefore, we commit ourselves with reasonable care to ensure that the minerals in our products are not extracted from these conflict areas.

In order to achieve this goal, we annually check the compliance with the regulations for conflict minerals in materials and products that we purchase from our suppliers. This information is compiled in the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template CMRT of the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA), formerly the Electronics Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC).



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