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Authorisation for Material-Compliance Reporting on **US Conflict Minerals, RoHS und REACH**

Dear valued Business Partner,

The regulation in the field of material compliance is constantly getting more complex and requires a reliable exchange of information in the supply chain. We take our responsibility on this topic very serious and have assigned a specialized service provider, ValueStream Europe GmbH to assist us with this task.

ValueStream Europe GmbH will therefore ask you to provide the required information on US Conflict Minerals, REACH SVHC and RoHS. Please provide the requested information as soon as possible.

Thanks for your support.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Jürgen Pack CEO / Rudolf Pack GmbH & Co. KG

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Background US Conflict Minerals

The Wall_Street_Reform Act "Dodd_Frank Act" (section 1502) from 2010 states that in the US listed companies must report to the stock exchange authorities every year about the use of so-called conflict minerals. Conflict minerals are ores for the production of tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold, which are derived from the conflict zone Democratic Republic of the Congo and the adjacent areas described in the law. By revealing the origin of conflict minerals, the financing of Congolese militia is to be minimized and conflicts and crimes against humanity are to be prevented. A similar EU conflict minerals regulation has already been adopted and will come into force in 2021.

Background REACH SVHC

REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals and entered into force as an EU Chemicals Ordinance on 1 June 2007. As an EU regulation, REACH is equally and directly applicable in all Member States. REACH will harmonize and simplify existing chemicals legislation. The list of SVHC substances is updated on a semiannual basis.

Background RoHS

Directive 2011/65 / EU (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment. On 22 July 2019 the extended directive 2015/863/EU (RoHS 3) came into force, which lists 10 instead of 6 hazardous substances with restrictions on their use. Each substance has its own limit values and in some applications exemptions are defined, whereby exceptions are limited in time and scope.

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