

## Conflict Materials Statement

There has been increased awareness of violence and human rights violations in the mining of certain minerals from a location described as the “Conflict Region”, which is situated in the eastern portion of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and surrounding countries.

In July of 2010, the United States Congress passed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Wall Street Reform Act), which includes legislation mandating supply chain due diligence and requiring corporations to report the use of “Conflict Minerals” in the manufacture of their products. The specific metals in question are: Gold, Tantalum, Niobium, Tin, Iron, Manganese, and Tungsten. The details of the legislation can be found in Section 1502 of HR 4173, signed into law on July 21, 2010.

HM International does not use any Conflict Minerals sourced from listed DRC countries. Suppliers must provide written evidence of due diligence documenting that raw materials used to produce gold, tin, tantalum and tungsten, supplied to or used in the manufacture of HM International products, do not originate from mining or smelting operations in the Conflict Region.

We will continue to proactively work with our suppliers to verify a conflict free supply chain.

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