

July 9, 2013

Re: Conflict Minerals – RESPONSE REQUIRED

Dear Valued Supplier,

As a result of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the Conflict Minerals rules recently adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), many companies, including certain of our customers, are required to make disclosures regarding whether “conflict minerals” used to manufacture their products originated in the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”) or the adjoining countries (as defined on the attached Exhibit A) (collectively, together with the DRC, the “Covered Countries”). These “conflict minerals” consist of columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, **gold**, wolframite, or their derivatives, which are initially limited to **tantalum, tin, and tungsten** (collectively, the “Conflict Minerals”).

**Farwest Steel Corporation (including its subsidiaries, “Farwest”) will not purchase material that is that is not “DRC conflict free” (as defined by the applicable SEC rules), from you or any other supplier.** We require that all material you supply to Farwest be “DRC conflict free” and request your formal confirmation that all material supplied by your company is and will be “DRC conflict free.”

**To remain one of our suppliers, please countersign this letter and return it to me to confirm as indicated below that all material you supply is “DRC conflict free.” If you are not able to make such confirmation, please contact me immediately.**

Thank you in advance for your immediate response to this request. If you have any questions on this matter please feel free to call me at *541-681-7213*. We look forward to a continued relationship with your organization.

Sincerely yours,

Stewart McCondochie  
Purchasing Manager  
Farwest Steel Corporation  
Eugene, Or.


Attachment

**CONFIRMATION OF DRC CONFLICT FREE STATUS**

By countersigning below MAQUITH American Corp. [insert your company name]  
("Supplier") hereby certifies that all material it has supplied to Farwest Steel Corporation. (including its subsidiaries) is "DRC conflict free" as follows (check applicable option(s)):

- The materials supplied by Supplier do not contain or utilize **tantalum, tin and tungsten, and gold** (collectively, "Conflict Minerals").
- The materials supplied by Supplier to Farwest Steel Corporation (including its subsidiaries) that contain or utilize any Conflict Minerals do not originate from any of the Covered Countries (as defined above). Supplier has implemented procedures to identify and monitor the origin of materials (other than those from recycled or scrap sources) that are produced with Conflict Minerals.
- The materials supplied by Supplier to Farwest Steel Corporation. (including its subsidiaries) that contain or utilize any Conflict Minerals are from recycled or scrap sources.

SUPPLIER: MAQUITH American Corp.  
[insert your company name]

By:   
Name: Kuteha Ando  
Title: Quality control Manager  
Date: 7/10/2013

**EXHIBIT A  
COVERED COUNTRIES**

The “Covered Countries” are the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”) and the “adjoining countries.”

An “adjoining country” is a country that shares an internationally recognized border with the DRC, which presently includes Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, the Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.