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RE: The Dodd – Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; Public Law 111-203 (124 STAT.2213-2218)(H.R. 4173), §1502 – Conflict Minerals; Section 13(p) Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. §78).

Dear Sir or Madame:

Your company inquired pursuant to the provisions of the above-captioned law whether North American Stainless (“NAS”) uses minerals that fall within the definition of “Conflict Minerals” as currently defined therein.

NAS has investigated the type and source of raw materials supplies used by NAS and its suppliers, and by this letter certifies that it uses no “Conflict Minerals” from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (“DRC”) or adjoining countries whatsoever as that term is currently defined. NAS understands that its certification will be relied upon for the reporting purposes described in the above-captioned law, specifically found at Public Law 111-203 §1502(b), 124 STAT.2214 amending Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 at §13(p)(1)(B).

Please note that this certification covers only those minerals specifically defined as “Conflict Minerals” within Public Law 111-203, Section 1502(e)(4)(A), 124 STAT. 2218 of the above-captioned law without reference to any other mineral or its derivatives subsequently determined to be “Conflict Minerals” by the methods specified in Section 1502(e)(4)(B) of the cited statute.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact Ms. Missy Bilz here at NAS.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anil Yadav".

Anil Yadav
Vice President – Manufacturing Operations