NGK Metals Corporation

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Re: Declaration of Conflict Free Metals

Dear Valued Customer,

Please be advised that alloys supplied by NGK Metals Corporation do not contain conflict minerals (gold, tantalum, tin, tungsten). NGK is committed to operating in an environmentally and socially responsible manner and will take necessary steps to assure compliance with the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Consumer Protection Act.

Sincerely,

Lynne Woodside

Manager Environment & Safety

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