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## **Certificate of Conformity Dodd. -Frank Act (Conflict Minerals Policy)**

### **Background**

In August 2012, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") issued its final rules regarding "Conflict Minerals" (known as '3TG' – Tantalum, Tin, Tungsten and Gold) as defined in and required by section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Act"). As a result, many companies are now focusing on whether and to what extent their products contain Conflict Minerals and whether such Conflict Minerals come from the Democratic Republic of Congo and the adjoining countries named in the Act.

We are committed to ensuring the health, safety and protection of people who come into contact with our products and business, and we require high social, environmental and human rights standards among our suppliers. Managing our obligations in relation to Conflict Minerals is a part of this corporate responsibility. As a manufacturer of mechanical parts and systems, we do not import such minerals directly, nor do we import so-called "conflict minerals".

### **Aartech's commitments**

We are working towards ensuring that our products do not contain Conflict Minerals that have been sourced from mines that support or fund conflict within the Democratic Republic of Congo or adjoining countries. Therefore, we are committed to:

- identifying which products are impacted and targeting our efforts accordingly
- not buying products and materials containing Conflict Minerals directly from Conflict Mines
- asking our suppliers to work towards ensuring that any Conflict Minerals contained in the products and materials supplied to us originate from Conflict Free sources

In this context, we have confronted our most important suppliers with the requirements and can confirm that in principle none of the metals listed above comes from any of the conflict countries on the list. However, we would like to point out that all smelters of metals may also use metals from recycled or scrap sources.

With kind regards

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