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CONFLICT MINERALS STATEMENT

Conflict Minerals refer to raw materials or minerals that come from a particular part of the world where conflict is occurring and affects the mining and trade of those materials and resources. The so called 3TGs are **tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold** which are mined in eastern Congo (DRC) or adjoining countries.

In the United States, under Section 1502 of the Dodd Frank Act —requires U.S. publicly-listed companies to check their supply chains for tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold, if they might originate in Congo or its neighbors, take steps to address any risks they find, and to report on their efforts every year to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

On January 1, 2021, a new EU regulation came into force around four minerals from conflict zones: gold, tungsten, tin and tantalum. The regulation requires EU importers of these metals and minerals to ensure that they use only responsible and conflict-free sources.

Kao Chemicals Europe, S.L.U (hereinafter KCE) is not a direct importer of these minerals and therefore has no obligations under the aforementioned regulation.

However, we believe that we have a responsibility to verify the origin of all our raw materials. Due to the nature of KCE business, exposure to Conflict Minerals is indirect and very limited. KCE may potentially be exposed to Conflict Minerals through the use of catalysts in the manufacturing process of some of its products. To this end, all suppliers are requested to provide information on the use of minerals from conflict zones through the CRC (Certificate of Regulatory Compliance) document, and when applicable, are required to present the CMRT Report evidence in the qualification process in accordance with established internal protocols. An updated CMRT Report is requested on an annual basis to ensure that all products supplied to KCE are free of conflict minerals.

To the best of our knowledge, none of the raw materials supplied to us come from any conflict-affected area.

Kao will not engage with any vendor whose activity do not fulfill with the requirements of the aforementioned regulation and the OCDE Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.

In such cases, we will suspend or discontinue engagement with suppliers.

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