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SUBJECT: Conflict Minerals

To Our Valued Business Partners,

On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) published Section 1502 of the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act governing Conflict Minerals. The Dodd Frank Act requires SEC registered companies to perform due diligence on the source and chain of custody of Conflict Minerals to determine whether Conflict Minerals from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or its adjoining countries are present in and are necessary to the functionality or production of our products.

The SEC defines Conflict Minerals as tin (Sn), tungsten (W), tantalum (Ta) and gold (Au). These four minerals are collectively referred to as 3TG.

**Carling Technologies is not an SEC registered company. We are not required to perform due diligence on the source and chain of custody of Conflict Minerals.**

However; Carling Technologies believes in Corporate Responsibility and Human Rights. We will require supply chain reporting and perform reasonable due diligence with respect to the sourcing of Conflict Minerals and the products in which they are contained.

Carling Technologies will provide our customers with the information we collect from our supply base enabling our customers to meet their SEC reporting requirements.