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Regarding the Use of Conflict Minerals in Manufactured Products,

Southland Tube Incorporated, a Nucor Company, does not use "Conflict Minerals", as defined below in our manufacturing process. Additionally, Southland Tube is committed to ethical practices and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. To that purpose we require the following from our suppliers:

- To source materials from socially responsible sub-tier suppliers and manufactures,
- To assist us to comply with the SEC regulations related to conflict minerals by providing necessary declarations,
- To undertake reasonable due diligence within their supply chain to determine the origin of all sourced material and that they develop policies and management systems preventing the use of conflict material.

Additionally, a survey of our supplying steel mills indicates that they do not make additions to the in-process steel that would include "Conflict Minerals".

In 2010 legislation passed by Congress (H.R. 4173, the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Section 1502), manufacturing companies that file with the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) under Sections 13 (a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act will be required to disclose and report the use of "Conflict Minerals", as defined in this legislation, and the origin of those minerals.

The reported purpose of this legislation is to identify minerals extracted from the Democratic Republic of Congo and adjoining countries in an effort to reduce the flow of funds to the region that may be aiding human rights abuses in portions of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Adjoining Countries are defined by the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act as "...a country that shares an internationally recognized border with the Democratic Republic of Congo."

"Conflict Minerals" include Columbite-Tantalite, a.k.a. Coltan (Tantalum), Cassiterite (Tin), Gold and Wolframite (Tungsten).

If you have any questions or concern, please feel free to contact me.

Barney Hatten

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