

### Conflict Mineral Statement

VAF Instruments BV has a longstanding policy of working proactively to ensure that the actions we take to manufacture and distribute products do not violate the laws or customs of the regions we do business in or impose negatively on the rights of others. With respect to the issue of “conflict minerals” it is VAF Instruments BV policy to not knowingly purchase products, components, or materials that contain conflict minerals, and avoid contributing to conflict through sourcing practices. To provide reasonable assurance that this policy is complied with, VAF Instruments BV is taking steps to ensure that the use of tin ore, tungsten ore, tantalum ore, and gold, or their derivatives meets the EU – Conflict of Minerals Regulation and the United States enacted Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

We are taking due diligence measures and communicate our policy to our direct suppliers. We request that all of our suppliers be conflict-free and source from smelters validated as compliant to a CFS (Conflict-Free Smelter) protocol using the CFS Compliant Smelter List.

We ask our suppliers to cooperate with us in our efforts to ensure that we only procure non-conflict minerals. VAF Instruments BV encourages its suppliers to responsibly source non-conflict minerals and derivative metals.

#### VAF Instruments BV expects suppliers to:

- source materials from conflict-free resources.
- comply with the EU – Conflict of Minerals Regulation and Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and provide the “Conflict Mineral Reporting Template” and all necessary declarations.
- establish their own due diligence program to ensure conflict-free supply chains.
- ensure that all parts used to manufacture products supplied to VAF Instruments BV originated from certified conflict-free smelters validated as compliant to the EICC CFS protocol, using the CFS Compliant Smelter List.

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