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To whom it may concern

Statement Concerning the Absence of Conflict Minerals "Conflict Minerals", well described here: <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conflict_minerals</u>

Lewatit[®] Ion Exchange Resins

Dear Sir or Madam,

We confirm that conflict minerals, *columbite-tantalite* (*coltan, niobium, tantalum*), *cassiterite* (*tin*), *gold, wolframite* (*tungsten*) and their derivates are neither essential for the final production step nor constitutional part of the finished products of **Lewatit**[®] **Ion Exchange Resins** and they are not known to be present above technically unavoidable traces.

Although we have not analysed all mentioned substances, we are sure, that only traces may occur.

Lewatit[®] grades correspond with the technical data and recommendations given in the relevant Material Safety Data Sheet and **Lewatit[®]** Product Information.

If there is any question, please contact your local LANXESS Affiliate.

Yours sincerely, LANXESS Deutschland GmbH

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Our products to be delivered according to an order confirmation have been registered according to EC Regulation 1907/2006 (REACH Regulation), or are excluded from the REACH Regulation, or are exempted from registration according to the REACH Regulation.

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