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STATEMENT ON PFAS AND OTHER RELATED SUBSTANCES

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), a large class of thousands of synthetic chemicals that includes the subgroups perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluoro octane sulfonic acid (PFOS), as well as related substances and derivatives, are used in numerous applications due to their unique properties, such as heat, flame, and chemical resistance, water, oil, and stain repellency, lubricity, low outgassing, etc. Since PFAS are very persistent and accumulate in the environment, the ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) published a proposal on its website on February 7, 2023, to restrict the use of PFAS under REACH, which was submitted by the authorities of Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden. The European Union (EU) has consequently restricted the use of certain PFAS under its REACH (EC 1907/2006), POP (EU 2019/1021), and EU 2017/1000 regulations, while further restrictions are in the works.

Awareness of persistence and, consequently, the accumulation of PFAS in the environment has sparked socio-political and regulatory discussions not only within the EU. In various countries and regions, legislative proposals are being prepared with the aim of both preventing further accumulation in the ecosphere and in organisms and contributing to the degradation of existing burdens.

As a supplier of printed circuit boards and a manufacturer of HMI systems & solutions, we are committed to product safety, regulatory compliance, and emission reduction throughout the entire value chain. We are aware of our responsibility regarding environmental and health issues and take the problems associated with the use of PFAS very seriously. We aim to avoid, substitute, or strictly control the use and emissions of PFAS wherever this is technically and economically feasible.

We assure you that we will fulfill our duty of care and disclosure obligations without delay as soon as regulatory clarity regarding PFAS, their subgroups, and derivatives is attained. However, we would like to point out that the situation regarding PFAS is neither fully clarified nor have the specific uses, limit values, and prohibited substances been conclusively determined.

Given that many manufacturers are currently in the early stages of their product analysis regarding PFAS, it is not yet possible to make a precise statement about which products are affected by these substances and to what extent.

Of course, we are in close contact with our suppliers and manufacturers to closely monitor developments in this area and to be able to provide our customers with the latest and most relevant information.

We welcome the European Union's efforts to regulate the use of PFAS and affirm that our company is prepared to play a constructive role in this process and to proactively contribute to a sustainable and responsible industry.

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Owner & CEO

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