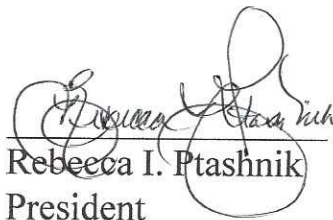


Conflict Minerals Policy Statement

BTI is committed to manufacturing electrical cable assemblies from components and materials made from suppliers that share our values around human rights, ethics and environmental responsibility.

On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) issued final conflict rule under Section 1502 the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “ Conflict Minerals Rule”) The Conflict Minerals Rule requires publicly traded companies to report annually the presence of conflict minerals (Tin, Tungsten, Tantalum and Gold, or “3TG”) originating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (“DRC”) or adjoining countries (“Covered Countries”)

BTI will assist our customers in implementing their conflict minerals programs. We expect our suppliers to adopt policies and establish their own due diligence programs to ensure conflict free supply chains and to provide us only with components and materials that are conflict free. If we become aware of a supplier whose supply chain includes minerals that are not conflict free, we will take appropriate steps to remedy the situation in a timely manner, including reassessment of the supplier relationship. We expect our suppliers to take similar measures with their suppliers.



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