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Dear Madam/Sir,

We thank you for your inquiry concerning RoHS and WEEE Directives. We would like to inform you of the following:

Environmental Management System ISO 14001:1996

EAO has achieved a certified environment management system since 2001 in accordance with ISO 14001:1996. Our site in Olten fulfils all legal demands without conditions. Through continuous optimizing of material and energy flows of our production processes, we are able to provide steady improvement of our environmental performance.

Principles for the material choice:

- EAO uses for new development, materials and processes in accordance with the latest state of the art.
- EAO manages existing products and processes to the latest state of the art.
- EAO strives for improving and continuous fulfilment of the requirements of environmental compatibility of the products and processes.
- At present, for the needs of their customers, EAO applies the following three selection criteria for the raw material selection: Economic efficiency, functionality and environmental compatibility
- EAO actively observes the technical development of materials and processes as well as the relevant legislation and standardization
- EAO products are free from CFCs and are produced without using any CFC.

EAO Action plan 2004 to improve the environmental performance

- Maintaining an internal material balance: continuously within the scope of ISO 14001
- Implementation of the following EC directives:
2002/95/EC Directive on the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
and 2002/96/EC Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

In the EAO Project we work with the limit values from Orgalime which are:
0,1 % by weight for Pb, Cr6, Hg, PBB, PBDE
0,01 % by weight for Cd

The analysis has shown that:

EAO-products without PCB inside meet RoHS requirements.

We have met all requirements with one exception. For our PCB-production we use lead content alloys. For this reason the project RoHS was started as follows:

- Road map Project RoHS
1st 6 month 2004: Plan: Define procedures, solder and flux
2nd 6 month 2004: Process development and validation / request for investments
2005: Implementation: Introduction "lead-free soldering production and logistics"
as of 1.1.2006: Lead free production of all EAO products

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

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