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To: Our Customers

Microchip joins many others with concern regarding the human tragedies occurring in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and adjoining countries. Microchip, its executive management and its manufacturing groups, take corporate governance and business ethics seriously. Microchip is aware of Section 1502 "Conflict Minerals" of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank) and will comply with all reporting requirements.

As part of our commitment to global social responsibility and in accordance with Section 1502 of Dodd-Frank, Microchip expects our suppliers to source materials from environmentally and socially responsible supply chains.

Microchip has joined the Electronic Industry Citizen's Coalition (EICC) Extractives Work Group and will be utilizing the EICC's survey form to retrieve "Conflict Minerals" or "3T&G" information from its supply chain, including the disclosure of smelters and their locations. Microchip is committed to communicating regularly our progress using the EICC format. Results will be posted on www.microchip.com to ensure transparency of our supply chain and in the products you purchase and use.

We have conducted a reasonable inquiry of our suppliers. Currently, none of our suppliers have reported to us sourcing from Africa. Our suppliers are reporting mineral/metal extractions from India, Asia (Japan & China), Australia, and North America. Microchip's primary supply chain results are currently posted for your review. We believe these results to be true and accurate, however, for each mineral/metal, and with the exception of the EICC's very preliminary audit program for tantalum, no reliable certification program is available nor is there the ability to conduct an analytical test to determine the point of extraction. In addition to watching industry efforts to implement a verifiable sourcing scheme, we are waiting for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to release their final rules and guidance to understand all reporting and auditing requirements under Dodd-Frank.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Lambert".

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