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RoHS & WEEE Position Statement

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Northern Technologies believes that we must always take responsible measures to protect our environment and promote health and safety. These elements are crucial to ensure the continuance of our quality of life for today's and future generations.

The RoHS Directive (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) adopted by the European Union restricts the use of certain substances currently used in or as part of the manufacturing process in certain electronic components and assemblies. Restricted substances are cadmium, hexavalent chromium, mercury, lead and certain brominated flame retardants (PBB and PBDE) [ref: European Directive 2002/95/EC].

Northern Technologies is reviewing certain products and components and actively researching alternatives for materials that will be banned as set out by the RoHS Directive deadline of July 01, 2006. To assist our customers in meeting the July 01, 2006 deadline, our target date to make alternative RoHS compliant products available is the fall of 2005. Our goal is to offer products and components, where possible, with negligible or no changes to performance or customer processes. Northern Technologies currently has many RoHS compliant components available. Please contact your Account Manager or local Representative for information regarding these components.

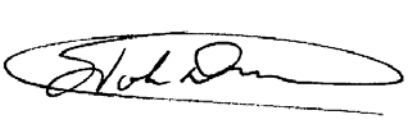
Products and components that meet RoHS compliance will contain an identifier within the part number [to be determined]. Lot numbers will continue to provide additional traceability.

The "WEEE" directive [ref: European Directive 2002/96/EC] defines the recovery of waste electrical and electronic equipment. Since we are a component supplier, this directive does not apply to Northern Technologies as compliance is dependent on the final article.

Northern Technologies will continue to monitor other legislations/ requirements and will address them as soon as they are finalized.

For further information regarding products and components affected, please refer to the "Information Regarding Specific Substances in Products & Components" document.

Sincerely,

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John DiPietro
Vice President