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To VanGuard Manufacturing Customers and Potential Customers

RE: Compliance with RoHS, WEEE, and other hazardous substance product content legislation.

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding VanGuard Manufacturing, Inc's compliancy with RoHS, WEEE, and other applicable legislation.

Compliance with currently applicable legal requirements

To the best of our knowledge, all products currently manufactured and sold by VanGuard Manufacturing meets or exceeds all currently applicable legal requirements regarding the presence of hazardous substances in products. This includes the European Union (EU) ban on use of OctaBromo-Diphenyl Ether (OBDE) and Penta BromoDiphenyl Ether (PBDE), (1) the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Zone Layer, (2) California Proposition 65, (3) and other currently applicable laws and regulations.

Compliance with RoHS and WEEE

Regarding the Eu's Restrictions of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) (4) directive, effective on or after July 1, 2006, VanGuard Manufacturing is engaged in comprehensive company-wide effort to make available products that meet or exceed the RoHS limits on the presence of the substances banned or restricted by RoHS: Lead, Cadmium, Mercury, Hexavalent, Chromium, and certain Brominated flame retardants (PBB & PBDE). (Of course, many of VanGuard Manufacturing products do not contain some of these substances at present). We expect to be in full compliance with the RoHS directive before the effective date.

Concerning the Eu's Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment ("WEEE") (5) directive effective on August 13th, 2005, VanGuard Manufacturing is in full compliance and all available products applicable to the WEEE directive are appropriately identified and labeled.

Additional details regarding VanGuard Manufacturing's plans regarding product conversion, identification of compliant parts and related information is available on the Tyco Electronics "Lead Free" website and at VanGuard Manufacturing website at: <http://www.tycoelectronics.com/environment/leadfree/> and <http://www.vanguardmfg.com>.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact our Customer Service at the information provided above.

Regards,

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1) EU Directive 76/769/EEC (as amended by Directive 2003/11/EC dated 06 Feb 2003)
2) Montreal Protocol on Substances that Depleted the Ozone Layer (United Nations Environment Program)
3) Safe drinking water and toxic enforcement act of 1986 (California Proposition 65)
4) EU Directive 2002/95/EC (dated 27 Jan 03)
5) EU Directive 2002/96/EU (as amended by Directive 2003/108/EC dated 08 Dec 2003)