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Subject: RoHS Substance Review

Dear Sirs or Madams,

Please accept this letter as input to your current review of RoHS substances. Aavid Thermalloy, LLC is a manufacturer of products for cooling of electrical and electronic equipment with an active customer base in the European Union. Although a number of substances on the current list of 46 may concern our products, regulation or restriction of two of the substances would have a direct and substantial economic impact on our business in the EU.

We sell thermally conductive epoxy adhesives based on bisphenol A epoxy resins to our EU customers. Alternatives to bisphenol A resins are generally more costly and using them might prevent use in certain applications where curing the adhesive at high temperatures would damage electronic components. It is unclear from the listing, but if residual bisphenol A in reacted epoxy resin is restricted, our products that are assembled using epoxy resins would also be affected, with far greater economic impact.

We also sell beryllium oxide (BeO) insulators for electronic applications in the EU. The insulating, dielectric and thermal properties of BeO are necessary to our customers' applications. While the health effects of BeO dusts or powders are widely documented, we sell BeO in solid form, for which there are no special health risks.

We respectfully ask you to consider these factors in your review in order to minimize the collateral economic effects of any restrictions on these substances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vernon W. Rieck". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Vernon W. Rieck
RoHS Compliance