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## PFAS – Statement

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you are aware, that the European Competent Authorities have initiated a Restriction process aiming at restricting the use of all PFAS unless they are used for critical applications and no alternatives are available.

This scope includes Fluoropolymers containing at least one fully fluorinated methyl (CF<sub>3</sub>) or methylene (CF<sub>2</sub>) carbon atom and include more than 10.000 different substances. They can be detected in our environment and bodies. Those substances may cause health problems, as traces have been detected all over the world.

According to the published proposal from ECHA, on March 23,2023, our products containing fluoropolymers or fluorine-based additives would also be affected by a ban. Due to OECD criteria Fluoropolymers were classified as harmless polymers, also finding their application in the food industry.

ZL Engineering Plastics and our parent company Zell-Metall are reviewing and monitoring the process of PFAS regulation continuously and if significant changes will occur, all necessary steps will be set to fulfill the legislation regarding this topic.

Based to our present knowledge, we herewith can confirm that our stock shapes do not contain/exceed the limits of the following group of substances. We do not intentionally add any substance as raw material or additive.

### **“PerFluoroAlkyl Sulphonate” PFAS**

#### **Exceptions:**

ZL Engineering Plastics and Zell-Metall are producing a wide variety of technical stock-shapes including modified materials.

Some of our engineering plastics such as ZL® 1400T are modified with lubricants (PTFE). PTFE is defined as Fluoropolymer and belongs to the group of PFAS acc. to the definition above.

This confirmation is valid for 12 months after the date of issue or if any change occurs sooner.

Please observe the validity and request in an appropriate time for a statement.

Best regards,

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