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RE: Department of Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS) 252.225-7003; 252.225-7008;
and 252.225-7009

Dear Valued Supplier:

In providing products to its customers, Bell Helicopter is committed to complying with all applicable laws, regulations, and contractual requirements. As our supplier, it is expected that your organization adhere to these same requirements.

In an effort to support our customers, the intent of this letter is to re-emphasize the importance of compliance with *Restriction on Acquisition of Certain Articles Containing Specialty Metals* (DFARS) 252.225-7009 requirements defined in the Department of Defense FAR Supplement. This clause incorporates domestic source requirements for certain specialty metals when the US Government is the end customer. Please ensure that your Quality Assurance and Procurement personnel are completely knowledgeable of these requirements and can display that your policies and procedures reflect current regulations.

In addition, you are required to immediately notify us, in writing, if you determine, now or in the future, that your organization is non-compliant with this or any other regulation.

DFARS 252.225-7008 and 252.225-7009 Restrictions and Exceptions

These DFARS clauses identify the metals and metal alloys covered by the Specialty Metals Clause restrictions. They are:

- a. Steel and steel alloyed with various percentages of manganese, silicon, copper, aluminum, chromium, cobalt, molybdenum, nickel, niobium (columbium), titanium, tungsten, or vanadium;
- b. Metal alloys consisting of nickel, iron-nickel containing a total of alloying metals other than nickel and iron more than 10%; and cobalt base alloys containing a total of alloying metals other than cobalt and iron more than 10 %;
- c. Titanium and titanium alloys; and
- d. Zirconium and zirconium alloys

Any specialty metals incorporated in items delivered to the US Government shall be melted or produced in the United States, its outlying areas, or a qualifying country. This restriction does not apply to:

- (1) Electronic components;
- (2) Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) items, other than;
 - (i) Specialty metal mill products: bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet that have not been incorporated into COTS and end items, subsystems, assemblies, or components;
 - (ii) Forgings or castings of specialty metals, unless the forgings or casting are incorporated into the COTS end items, subsystems, or assemblies;
 - (iii) Commercially available high-performance magnets that contain specialty metal, unless such high-performance magnets are incorporated into COTS end items or subsystems;
 - (iv) COTS fasteners, unless incorporated into COTS end items, subsystems, assemblies, or components
- (3) Fasteners that are commercial items; if the manufacturer certifies it will purchased domestically melted or produced specialty metal in the required form and not less than 50% of the total amount of the specialty metal that it will purchase to carry out the production of fasteners for all customers
- (4) Items manufactured in a qualifying country;
- (5) Specialty metals for which the Government has determined cannot be acquired in accordance with DFARS 225.7003-3 when needed in—
 - (i) A satisfactory quality;
 - (ii) A sufficient quantity; and
 - (iii) The required form; and
- (6) End items containing a minimal amount of otherwise noncompliant specialty metals.

A Qualifying Country, as specified in exception (4) includes the following countries, as identified in DFARS 252.225-7012:

- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Egypt
- Estonia
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Israel
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey

Thank you for your cooperation and immediate attention. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact your regular Supplier Management point of contact.

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