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To Our Valued Customers and Partners,

There has been much concern generated by recent news and public announcements from Kobe Steel (potentially d.b.a. KOBELCO) stating that suspect metal of various alloys has been introduced to the marketplace over the past 10 years. This letter is issued to our valued customers and partners to provide assurance that ABC Metals, Inc. is not affected by Kobe Steel and its affiliates in any way, nor have we used or introduced any of their products into our customer supply chain.

We have audited our supply chain partners and determined that ABC Metals has no past receipts and no inventory from Kobe Steel and its affiliates. ABC Metals does not have any orders or current distribution agreements for any Kobe Steel related products, or their affiliates.

A point of caution: As a result of this Kobe Steel announcement in the market place, there is a possibility that customers of Kobe Steel will change their buying behavior, shifting away from Kobe Steel affiliates to other mills. Thus, a small likelihood exists for new supply constraints to occur in an industry that is already quite extended on lead times. We anticipate that any such constraints will be short-lived, and likely to resolve within 90 days. It is unlikely that ABC Metals, Inc. or its customers will be affected by the potential constraint as our supply chain is limited by proximity served by Kobe Steel or its competitors.

We look forward to continuing to serve you with quality product and welcome any feedback or concerns with this announcement.

Regards,

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