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North American Stainless certifies that the stainless steel at the Ghent facility has been manufactured using materials that have been successfully passed through NAS' radiation control system consisting of multiple stages of radiation screening. The results of this control system indicate that no material above background levels of radiation were detected, therefore the NAS stainless steel is certified to be free of radiation levels above background.

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Maria Eichelberger
Environmental Dept., Manager



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March 11, 2009

Dear Customer:

North American Stainless (NAS) is committed to not only providing our customers the best stainless steel at the fairest market price, but is also committed to the safety and well being of our workers, the general public, and the environment. To achieve this commitment, multiple programs are in place at NAS to maintain control over the processes and protect against preventable mishaps and lost time.

Clearly, one of the largest challenges any steel manufacturer is faced with is the unwanted introduction of radiological material into the final product via the raw (scrap) material supply stream. Any introduction of radiological material to the steel making process can cause unnecessary exposures and possible injury to workers, the public and the environment. The cleanup procedures associated with such an event pretty much guarantee a lengthy shut-down and remediation costs ranging into the tens of millions of dollars. As part of the NAS commitment to both quality and safety, NAS implemented and maintains a comprehensive and multi-layered Radiological Protection Plan to identify, isolate and control radiological material before any unwanted material is accepted or processed. This plan is run by an onsite Radiation Safety Officer who is dedicated to the success of the program.

The multi-layered Radiological Protection Program starts with a contractual agreement between NAS and their approved raw material supplier. Each approved supplier must make a commitment to providing NAS only high-grade feed materials free of radiological contaminants and must demonstrate that they have the ability, at *their* site, to identify and segregate radiological materials if encountered. Second, installed at each delivery gate are state of the art radiological detection devices. NAS has gone above and beyond its competitors by investing in the best that technology has to offer, and continues to stay focused on the latest developments of efficient and accurate detectors. However, NAS doesn't stop monitoring at the gate. Third, on-site raw material handling and delivery equipment such as grapples are outfitted with radiological detectors to actively monitor all material for radiological sources as the material is loaded for further processing. Fourth, the electric arc furnaces are outfitted with the best detectors available to identify any radiological contaminants before the melt process begins. Fifth, all furnace exhaust systems are equipped with in-situ monitors to scan by-product materials as they are generated during the steel melting process. Sixth, NAS maintains several portable survey and contamination instruments that have sensitivities well below ambient background concentrations. These instruments are used for performing spot-checks and on an as-needed basis. All detectors and instruments within the program are calibrated on a routine basis and tested frequently

with small quantities of sealed radiological sources or pulse checks. Testing of most detectors occurs several times a day.

To assure all products leaving the facility are free of radiological contaminants, NAS is committed to the multi-layered Radiological Protection Program as outlined above. Through this program, NAS is actively committed to the quality of its products and the safety of its workers, the general public, and the environment.

If you have questions concerning the radiation safety program, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 503-347-6534.

Sincerely,

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Maria Eichelberger
Radiation Safety Officer &
Environmental Manager



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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past several months, there has been concern regarding the possible contamination of certain stainless products manufactured in India (in particular, stainless steel fasteners). These concerns have arisen due to the discovery of some contaminated parts that made their way into the European market place.

However, the source and lineage of these parts appear to be isolated to a very small and controlled group of manufacturers in India. Ta Chen has never purchased any products nor does Ta Chen have any direct contact, association or affiliation with any of the named participants. Furthermore, Ta Chen has been in contact with all of our Indian suppliers and each of our suppliers has provided written assurance to TCI that they have systems in place to guarantee that there is no possibility that any contaminated material has shipped or can be shipped to Ta Chen. These written assurances from TCI's Indian suppliers can be provided upon request.

We will continue to monitor this situation carefully and make every effort to ensure the quality and safety of the products that we provide to the marketplace.

Best regards,

JOHN CHIAFOLO

VP-NATIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGER

February 17, 2009

M/s. TACHEN INTERNATIONAL, INC.
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U.S.A.

Kind Attn: Mr. Bill Gall,

Dear Sir,

Subject: Cobalt contaminated steel

This is with reference to the above subject. We have a system and procedure to check all our incoming and out going material for radioactive contamination. The procedure in brief is mentioned below:

In our process all our material that enters our factory, first pass through weighbridge. In this weighbridge is attached the RADCOMM radiation detection system which scans the full load for radioactivity sign. Hence we are sure that there is no radioactive material processed in our Plant. Also as soon as the melt is casted the billets are also checked for radioactivity with our hand held RADCOMM radiation detection system Model RC-2 and Microanalyst BICRON equipment. Hence we are sure that no radioactivity material passes. We have been conducting this test on our materials for more than 12 months.

Hope this information will help you to understand that our material is free from radioactive contamination. If you have any queries feel free to ask.

Thanks & best wishes

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Sushil Suvarna
Head QAD
Viraj Profiles Ltd



To whom it may concern

Radioactivity security system of TISCO's stainless products

Taiyuan iron & steel (group) Co., Ltd. has already set up ISO9000, ISO14000 and OHSAS18000 system, on which a complete management regulation to safeguard the security of product is upbuilt.

Considering raw material may bring radioactive substance into production of stainless steel and the product may be contaminated by radioactivity, TISCO has dedicated detective measures and security systems for raw material entry and product ex-factory to ensure that the radioactive material will not enter production chain, as well as to avoid operators and end-users not being threatened by radioactivity.

The main security measures we have taken are as following:

1. As stipulated in TISCO's raw material purchasing requirement all raw materials must be radioactive contamination free.

2. Before stainless scrap enters TISCO, special trained TISCO personnel will perform multi-spot inspection on scrap with high sensitive instruments. Once the radioactivity exceeding criteria in scrap is detected, it will be reported to environmental protection department and sealed in case of entering production chain.

3. Before products leave TISCO, each of them will be inspected by stockman with special high sensitive instrument. If the radioactivity of product exceeds criteria, the source of radioactivity will be traced and the contaminated product will be sealed and treated by relevant authority, and it is strictly prohibited from flowing into the market.

We believe that the radioactive security system is certainly effective to prevent our production chain and end user from being threatened by any radioactivity. Here we guarantee to all customers: the stainless products provided by TISCO are free from all radioactive contamination and can be used safely in any occasion.

Energy & Environmental Protection Department TISCO



February 12, 2009

**CONTROL OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION AT OUTOKUMPU
PRODUCTION SITES**

Outokumpu has implemented strict control of radioactive contamination at all its steel making plants.

All incoming scrap and raw materials are being screened for radioactivity via a radiation detection system. Samples are also taken in the production process and tested for radioactivity. These procedures are detailed in the management systems we operate (ISO 9001 and ISO 14001) and ensure that the levels of radioactivity are below the IAEA recommended levels to protect human health.

The products that we sell are free from radioactive contamination

Outokumpu Group



Camilla Kaplin
Manager Product Stewardship