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Dear Valued Customer,

I am writing the following letter in direct response to many of our clients request to ascertain if Knight Strip Metals Ltd or Precision Metals EU has sourced material from Kobe Steel (including Kobe, Kobelco, Shinko, Toyotsu, Japan Aeroforge).

We can categorically state that neither Knight Strip Metals Ltd nor Precision Metals EU has purchased material directly from this organisation and the material identified by Kobe as affected, are not within our current portfolio of supply.

For those of you that are unaware of the current situation, I provide you the pre-text of the on-going situation with this organisation.

Kobe Steel Ltd, discovered that in its Aluminium & Copper Business, including group companies, a portion of the products traded with customers did not comply with the product specifications which were agreed between the Company and its customers.

Kobe Steel identified an issue that Data in inspection certificates has been manipulated to meet client specifications.

Although we do not purchase directly from Kobe Steel, it may be of benefit, for our customers to be aware of the affected products from Kobe Steel. These are as follows: Aluminium flat-rolled products, Aluminium extrusions, Copper strips, Copper tubes, and Aluminium castings and forgings.

Affected materials dispatched dates: 1st September 2016 – 31st August 2017

Aluminium Products (Flat Rolled, Extrusions)	19300 tons
Copper Products (Strip, Tubes)	2200 tons
Aluminium (Casting and Forgings)	19400 Units

It is understood, that Kobe Steels Ltd have identified whom Non-conforming materials have been sent.

We take seriously our responsibility of supplying all of our customers with the highest quality materials that conform to the specifications required. We hope that this statement reassures you of our commitment to you, our valued customers. If you have any further questions, please contact a member of our sales team.

We thank you for your ongoing custom and look forward to continuing to provide you with a reliable, high quality source for your material.

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