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### Statement on Kobe Steel Material Deviation

B+B Smartworx Inc. is aware of the reports of material deviation in Kobe Steel products. At the date of this notice, B+B Smartworx has not found any evidence that affected Kobe Steel materials have been used in its products or shipped to its customers. B+B Smartworx can further state that no items or materials have been purchased from Kobe Steel subsidiaries published in media reports as possibly involved in this material deviation. Those subsidiaries include:

Takasago Works  
Shinko Metal Products  
Kobelco & Materials Copper Tube  
Shinko Aluminum Wire  
Suzhou Kobe Copper Technology  
Jiangyin Sugita Fasten Spring Wire  
Kobelco Spring Wire  
Foshan Spring Wire  
Nippon Koshuha Steel  
Shinko Wire Stainless Company

B+B Smartworx will continue to assess the situation, and will contact customers should the findings change.

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