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Dear Ms Gross,

We are writing to raise Siltronic's concern as to the inclusion of antimony trioxide and antimony compounds in general to the list of high priority hazardous substances to be considered for inclusion in the EU RoHS Directive.

Siltronic uses antimony trioxide and antimony compounds to manufacture ultra-pure silicon wafers which form the heart of modern micro- and nanoelectronics for computers, mobile telephones, Internet, DVD players, flat-panel displays, navigation systems, airbags, computer tomography machines, aircraft control systems and many other applications.

Antimony trioxide has only recently been subject to an EU Risk Assessment. The conclusions from the final draft of the risk assessment report clearly indicate that it does not meet the criteria for high priority substances. Antimony compounds will be subject to further scrutiny under REACH, but as of now many antimony compounds are not even classified as hazardous.

We strongly support the response to the consultation from the International Antimony Association and would request that this be taken into account.

Yours,

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