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To: Rapco, Inc. Customers and Supply Chain Partners

Subject: Rapco, Inc. statement regarding the Kobe Steel Ltd. Quality Escape

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Discussion: In recent weeks the manufacturing world has learned of the issue unfolding with materials produced and falsely certified by Japan based, Kobe Steel Ltd. The internal investigation has identified the company knowingly engaged in falsification of material certifications for copper, aluminum, and steel products as early as April, 2007.

Rapco, Inc. has investigated its suppliers of raw materials and can state to the best of our knowledge and research, that no material produced by Kobe Steel Ltd. was used in our manufacturing processes.

For your reference, Kobe's report of nonconforming products can be found here:

http://www.kobelco.co.jp/english/releases/1197835_15581.html

Signed :



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