



Dear Valued Customer,

As you are likely aware, recent reports of falsified data by Kobe Steel have surfaced in the media. Preliminary reporting, including an initial announcement on Oct 8th, 2017, states that materials from certain lots and locations are noncompliant to specification requirements. Kobe Steel (and various subsidiaries) has acknowledged that certificates dating back as far as 2007 were altered to match customer/industry specifications.

At this time, the scope has been limited to:

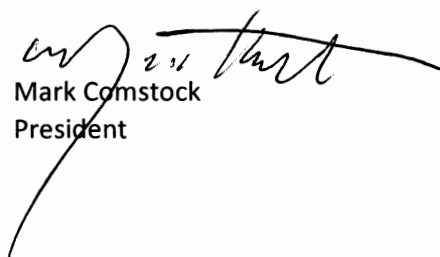
Aluminum, Copper, Steel Powder, Sputtering Target Materials, Steel Wires, Spring Wire, Special Steel and Stainless-Steel Wire.

The products may have been shipped under company names including the following:
Kobe Steel, Kobelco, 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

To the best of our knowledge, HQA Wire Products has never shipped material from any of these companies to you. We have not been involved in any Falsification of Documents on any material delivered to you, regardless of origin.

If you have any doubts or concerns on any material in your inventory delivered by HQA Wire Products please contact us immediately.

Thank you so much,


Mark Comstock
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