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To Whom It May Concern:

H. C. Starck is one of the largest producers of tantalum products worldwide. We are the world's largest supplier of mill products including: sheet, plate, tubing, rod and ingot.

H. C. Starck Inc. is totally focused in production to manufacture tantalum and niobium products for qualified fabricators. As a specialist in tantalum metal, H.C. Starck Inc. is the major source for metallurgical products for chemical process equipment. Equipment fabricators depend on H.C. Starck Inc. for a wide range of sheet, tubing and general mill products for the manufacture of heat exchangers, pressure vessels, tanks and GLSV repair parts.

We are currently supplying TITAN Metal Fabricators, Inc. with tantalum for use in heat exchangers designed for highly corrosive applications. Based on our experience, they have proven their ability and expertise to design and fabricate quality tantalum process equipment. TITAN's experience and understanding of fabricating tantalum, and the required quality procedures, establishes them as one of the premier fabricators of tantalum equipment.

Our relationship with the people of TITAN has been established for over 25 years. H.C. Starck recognizes the expertise of the individuals at TITAN and the manufacturing capabilities of the company, as a qualified designer and fabricator of tantalum or niobium process equipment. H.C. Starck is pleased to recommend TITAN Metal Fabricators, Inc. to anyone considering the use of tantalum or niobium products.

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