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LONGi Statement on Forced Labor

“CBP will not tolerate modern slavery in U.S. commerce...We expect every U.S. importer to ensure that its supply chains are free of forced labor.” (Brenda Smith, Executive Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, October 2020)

LONGi applauds and supports the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) in its mission to identify and prevent products made by forced, indentured or convict labor from entering the United States.

Our outside trade counsel has informed us that CBP recently increased its enforcement of imports made with forced labor including issuing a finding of forced labor, the first conclusive evidence of forced labor since 1996, its first civil penalty and additional withhold release orders (“WRO”) on the importation of specific products. In 2020, CBP has already issued thirteen WROs, promulgated when CBP has reason to believe that the imported products are made with forced labor.

CBP’s authority stems from **19 USC §1307**: *“All goods, wares, articles, and merchandise mined, produced, or manufactured wholly or in part in any foreign country by convict labor or/and forced labor or/and indentured labor under penal sanctions shall not be entitled to entry at any of the ports of the United States, and the importation thereof is hereby prohibited.”* Such merchandise is subject to seizure, exclusion and criminal investigation of the importer. Section 1307 not only covers finished goods, but also “goods...in part” and therefore, covers inputs as well.

LONGi works very hard to protect the strong brand we have built over the past 20 years. We are very careful about the quality of our products and the integrity of our supply chain. We have been importing solar cells and modules to the U.S. for almost five years and we are very mindful of the issue of forced labor. We continue to spend tremendous effort to ensure the strength of our internal controls and oversight on our supply chain partners, covering all components sourced. We will continue to work hard with our partners and vendors to ensure that all imports are free of forced labor.

LONGi management is fully aware of two bills: **The Uyghur Force Labor Prevention Act** and **The Uyghur Forced Labor Disclosure Act**, currently in the U.S. Congress. Even though the date of enactment is still unclear, we are closely watching this legislative process which intends to eradicate forced labor. Our company will continue to conduct thorough due diligence across our supply chain in China to ensure the absence of forced labor and we will continue to abide by all applicable laws when carrying out our business here in the United States.

Truly yours,



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