Growing globalization and the changed international security situation have prompted the World Customs Organization (WCO) to create a "Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade" (SAFE) in the interests of ensuring modern and effective risk management in customs administrations. The aim is to ensure and safeguard a seamless international supply chain from the manufacturer of the goods right through to the end consumer.

The introduction of the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) status is an essential element of the EU security concept. Since January 1st 2008 the AEO status has been granted to companies domiciled in the European Union and involved in customs procedures. Entitlement thereto can be gained by reliable and accordingly certified economic operators. They play a major role in the EU security policy. Prerequisite for obtaining AEO status is, among other things, that the security-related standards required by the customs administration are observed and complied with by the enterprise in question. More information can be found at [http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/customs/policy_issues/customs_security/aeo/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/customs/policy_issues/customs_security/aeo/index_en.htm).

Holders of an AEO certificate are regarded as particularly reliable and trustworthy in terms of securing and safeguarding the supply chain, and have entitlement to certain privileges in customs clearance procedures.

thyssenkrupp rothe erde Germany GmbH achieved the status of AEO for customs simplifications, security and safety in September 2016. To maintain this status also for the future, thyssenkrupp rothe erde Germany GmbH must guarantee supply chain security. This means that all participants in the supply chain that are within thyssenkrupp rothe erde Germany GmbH 's immediate sphere of influence (e.g. suppliers, customers, carriers, external service providers) must be checked in order to verify the adequacy of their security measures.

To this end, it is necessary for your company to acknowledge and sign the attached security declaration.

Should you have any queries or require further information in this respect, please do not hesitate to contact the head of our Shipment Logistics in Lippstadt, Mr. Dirk Saager, tel. +49 2941-741-3202 or dirk.saager@thyssenkrupp.com.
Security Declaration
for certified AEO business enterprises

Name (Company)__________________________

Street__________________________

Postcode/City__________________________

Country__________________________

Telephone__________________________

Email__________________________

I hereby declare that: (Please check off as applicable)

☐ goods which are forwarded or stored by order of Authorized Economic Operators (AEO), which are delivered to AEO or which are taken for delivery from AEO
  ● are stored in secure business premises and loaded in secure loading and shipping areas,
  ● are protected against unauthorized interference during storage, loading and transport,
  ● reliable personnel\(^1\) are employed for the above-mentioned activities,
  ● and business partners who are acting on my behalf are informed that they must likewise take measures to ensure the supply chain security as mentioned above.

OR

☐ we already have AEO-S status (“Security and safety”) or AEO-C/S status (“Customs simplifications and security and safety”).

Authorization number AEO:___________________________________________

Name of authorized signatory\(^2\)___________________________________________  Company stamp

Position__________________________

Signature__________________________

Date of issue (dd/mm/yyyy)__________________________

This declaration has been issued for: thyssenkrupp rothe erde Germany GmbH
Tremoniastrasse 5-11
44137 Dortmund
Germany

\(^1\) Reliable personnel: screening on the basis of the lists of names specified in the applicable EU antiterrorism legislation

\(^2\) Authorized signatory as per commercial register excerpt