Statement on Counterfeit Parts

Effective January 13, 2012, the United States Department of the Air Force suspended Hong Dark Electronic Trade Company (Hong Dark) (see list of aliases below) for supplying suspect counterfeit electronic parts to government contractors and subcontractors working under Department of Defense (DoD) contracts. In addition, the owner of another distributor, Vision Tech Components (VisionTech) of Clearwater, Florida, has been indicted for trafficking in counterfeit goods.

List of Hong Dark Aliases:
HONG DARK ELECTRONIC TRADE COMPANY
HONG DARK ELECTRONIC CO., LTD
HONG DARK ELECTRONICS CO., LTD
HONGDARK ELECTRONIC CO., LTD
HONGDARK ELECTRONICS CO., LTD
SHENZHEN HONGDARK ELECTRONICS CO., LTD
HONGDARK ELECTRONICS
HONDARK TECHNOLOGY CO., LIMITED
HONGDARK
HONG XING DA TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD

To protect the Department of Defense and our customer’s supply of materials from suspect counterfeit electronics, since the time of the suspension issued by the Department of the Air Force, Watlow has not used any of the suppliers on the suspended list. Watlow has also implemented processes to ensure that no materials will be acquired from any of the suppliers on the suspended list, and can assure our customers that no materials from any supplier on the suspended list are in Watlow’s supply chain.

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