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Government

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Attention: Nathan Graetz

Dear Sir

Subject: Approval, certification of wristwatches

Thank you for your query regarding approval or certification of your wristwatches to be worn underground in Queensland coal mines.

The Backbone range, comprising Bolter, Ruse, Squire and Barsby wristwatches do not require approval or certification.

The testing, certification and approval process is necessary for equipment that may generate an electrical spark under normal operating or fault conditions. As the products listed above have a mechanical action and do not contain a battery or electronic circuitry there is no restriction on their use in a mine that may contain a flammable gaseous atmosphere.

This letter is provided to give assurance to prospective purchasers and mine management that there is no restriction on the use of the wristwatch range in a Queensland underground coal mine.

Yours faithfully

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