

AUSTIN POWDER COMPANY



CLEVELAND, OHIO 44122

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Department of the Treasury
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms
Boston, MA
Attn: Special Agent Vic Palaza

Dear Sir,

Austin Powder Company has marketed "Rockstar" MS electric detonators since 1985. Up until January, 1991, all our requirements were manufactured in Austria, shipped to our facility in McArthur, Ohio, and distributed from there.

In January of 1991 we began assembling these detonators at our plant in McArthur, Ohio, while continuing to import some of our requirements from Austria.

In March of 1992, we began assembling Rockstars at our new facilities in Brownsville, Texas and Matamoros, Mexico. Since that time, we have continued to assemble a limited quantity in McArthur as well as import some low volume items from Austria.

Since the introduction of the Rockstar line, all the detonators have come from one of these three sources.

If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Craig Bauman
Manager - Sales/Service

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