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Argor-Heraeus (AHSA) firmly rejects the unjustified accusations made by the accuser with regard to the matter dating back nearly 10 years. The accusations are identical to those made in the years 2005-2007. They were completely invalidated even then: The investigations conducted by the UN, Seco and FINMA found that the accusations against AHSA are without foundation. Please find our position in the press release dated 4 November 2013:

[http://www.argor.ch/var/ezwebin\\_site/storage/original/application/5a3b6a19a80756c5877365cd7f31bbba.pdf](http://www.argor.ch/var/ezwebin_site/storage/original/application/5a3b6a19a80756c5877365cd7f31bbba.pdf)

The Federal Criminal Court dismissed a formal complaint against specific procedural steps by the Federal Prosecutor's Office, or rejected it.

We will, at all stages of the proceedings, avail ourselves of the rights of defence.

As previously, we are cooperating in complete transparency with the Federal Prosecutor's Office to settle this matter as quickly as possible. AHSA is convinced that the renewed investigation will, as it did in the past, prove that there is no foundation in these defamatory accusations.

AHSA will not provide information on questions of substance while the proceedings are ongoing.