

Declaration on conflict minerals as per the “Dodd-Frank Act”

US legislation known as the “Dodd-Frank Act”, adopted by Congress in 2010, requires US companies and certain foreign SEC (securities & exchange commissions) to track and publish the origin of four minerals (known as conflict minerals) if used in their products and production process. These minerals are **tin, tantalum, tungsten** and **gold** (as well as the ore from which they are extracted).

These minerals are mined in the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”) and adjoining countries (“Covered Countries”). Armed militias control the majority of mining in this region, using the income generated by it to finance their expenditure. These militias are known for their violent treatment of the local population. Together, the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) and the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) have set up the Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative (CFSI). A list of the smelters and refiners who are conformant with the Initiative’s standards can be found on the CFSI homepage.

MC Technologies strives not to purchase any materials containing “conflict minerals” which, in turn, finance or benefit armed groups in the DRC or neighbouring states either directly or indirectly. We are in contact with our direct suppliers to increase transparency regarding the products they supply. We confirm that to the best of our current knowledge we are not using any materials which were produced using raw materials from the DRC or its neighbouring states and that the materials we do use comply with Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative (“CFSI”) standards.

We have obtained statements from our suppliers to confirm this.

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