



Statement on Conflict Minerals

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In July 2010, the United States enacted the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which includes section 1502, a section which regulates disclosure of the use of any “Conflict Minerals”. Conflict Minerals refers to minerals and other derivatives mined in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and in the adjoining countries, where revenues may be directly or indirectly financing armed groups engaged in civil war resulting in serious social and environmental abuses. The four minerals covered by the act are Gold (Au), Tantalum (Ta), Tin (Sn) and Tungsten (W) – collectively known as 3TG, all of which can be used in electronic components such as frequency control products.

IQD is committed to having a socially responsible supply chain and will not condone any abuse of human rights; but the supply chain of these minerals is long and complex. Tracing the ownership and origin of these minerals is challenging as the supply chain includes multiple actors, from small-scale producers to local consolidators as well as smelters and other processors. The smelting and refining of minerals often combines ore from many different sources, making it difficult to trace their origin after refining.

Smelters have been identified as the pinch-point in these supply chains and IQD support the development of the Conflict-Free Smelter (CFS) program developed by the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) and the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI). The CFS is a voluntary program that aims to enable responsible mineral sourcing through evaluating the source and conflict-free status of minerals that are processed by smelters.

However IQD do not purchase any of the Conflict Minerals directly from smelters, so we have taken measures to eliminate Conflict Minerals from our products by working with our suppliers to gain assurances that none of the 3TG minerals used in our products are derived the DRC Conflict Region. We have further requested our suppliers refuse to use Conflict Minerals from this region in all present and future materials, while also notifying their upstream suppliers of this requirement. Therefore based upon the information provided by our suppliers IQD’s components do not knowingly contain minerals derived from the DRC Conflict Region.

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