



## TOPEX - Conflict Minerals disclosure Statement

TOPEX shares the concern that profits from the sale of certain metals mined in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or adjoining countries has helped fuel war and human rights violations in the eastern Congo. Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Act) enacted in July 2010 imposes new supply chain reporting requirements on publicly traded companies to promote transparency and consumer awareness regarding the use of "conflict minerals" tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in that region.

As directed by the Act, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has adopted rules requiring publicly traded companies to disclose whether they use tantalum, tin, gold and tungsten that originated in the DRC and if so, to issue a report identifying their products that are not conflict free and their due diligence efforts to determine the source and chain of custody of the metals. Conflict free means the product does not contain tantalum, tin, gold and tungsten that directly or indirectly finances or benefits armed groups in the DRC or an adjoining country.

TOPEX, like many companies in the electronic industry, uses tantalum, tin, gold and tungsten to manufacture electronic assembly and device products. Each of these metals has specific electrical properties which are necessary for the function of its products. TOPEX products consist of ports that are fabricated using wire, cable, connectors, terminals and solder.

TOPEX suppliers of these components are fully aware of the Dodd-Frank Act provisions and have committed to full compliance. Global supply chains are complex, interwoven, and difficult to trace without constant due diligence and monitoring. TOPEX recognizes the need for continued monitoring and education of its supply-chain partners.

TOPEX expects suppliers whose products contain tantalum, tin, gold and tungsten make available to TOPEX the standardized EICC/6eSI Conflict Minerals Reporting Template that traces the metals back through the supply chain, publishes corporate policy or provides a declaration of conformity. TOPEX also supports industry initiatives such as the Conflict Free Smelter (CFS) program to validate responsible and sustainable sources. Our objective is to have a conflict-free supply chain.

If TOPEX becomes aware of a supplier whose supply chain includes metals from a conflict source, TOPEX will take the appropriate actions to remedy the situation including reassessment of the supplier relationship. TOPEX expects its suppliers to take similar measures with their suppliers to ensure alignment throughout the supply chain.

For further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact us.

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