



# Conflict Minerals Technical Brief

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*Re: US Pub. L. 111-203 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of July 2010*

“Conflict Minerals” are defined as tantalum (Ta), tungsten (W), tin (Sn) and gold (Au), sourced from mines controlled by armed groups in conflict areas of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or adjoining countries. The minerals traded in these areas has a role in financing the ongoing conflict and the associated human rights abuses, as well as creating serious environmental issues.

In July 2010, the United States Congress signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Regulation and Consumer Protection Act containing a section that regulates such Conflict Minerals. This legislation requires companies listed on the U.S stock exchange to disclose annually to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) whether its products were produced with Conflict Minerals.

It is Mechanical Products’ policy to request that our suppliers use all commercially reasonable efforts to assure our supply chain is free from Conflict Minerals. To that end, we ask that our suppliers identify the sources of such materials (if any). Typically, our products use neither tantalum nor gold.

As of this writing, we know of no smelters of tin or tungsten that have been found compliant with the EICC/GeSI Conflict Free Smelters (CFS) Program protocols. Mechanical Products continues to monitor the CFS list as part of our on-going compliance activities.

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