



Tin Technology & Refining

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Tin Technology and Refining recognizes that tin concentrates and minerals found within the global supply chain may originate from areas under conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and surrounding areas. Tin Tech also recognizes that these tin minerals and concentrates and their associated profits may be used irresponsibly and immorally to encourage human rights violations and further the conflict in these areas.

Tin Tech is committed to avoiding minerals that directly or indirectly finance or benefit illegal armed groups from conflict-affected regions.

This matter is addressed in the United States in Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act which directs the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) to require U.S. publicly traded companies to disclose in filings whether they manufacture products containing certain 'conflict minerals' defined as Tin, Tungsten, Tantalum and Gold. If yes, the company must publish a 'conflict minerals' report outlining the due diligence taken to ensure that the minerals did not originate from a 'conflict mine' from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

In response to this issue, Tin Tech has taken the following steps to ensure compliance to the law and maintaining a conflict-free supply chain:

- Tin Tech relies on the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI) Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP) Conflict Free Smelter program as our primary resource for smelter audits and related smelter approvals.
- Tin Tech performs its own material due diligence by requesting information related to origin source or generating process should material meet the definition of secondary material.
- Tin Tech collaborates closely with several industry groups to stay at the forefront of smelter changes, global tin sourcing, and legislation both globally and locally. Industry groups and organizations includes RMI, ITRI, and the ATTA.

Tin Tech has adopted the RMI conflict minerals reporting template (CMRT) and can be sent to customers upon request.

Please check the Tin Tech website, www.tintech.com, for additional information regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

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