



Conflict Minerals Policy Statement

The trade of minerals mined in the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) may be fueling human rights atrocities in the region. The minerals from this region, called conflict metals, are tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold.

On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approved the final rule regarding the sourcing of conflict minerals under Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Under this rule, publicly traded companies must report to the SEC the presence of conflict minerals originating in the DRC or adjoining countries in the products they manufacture or contract to manufacture.

MPP Commitment:

1. MPP will comply with the US legislation.
2. MPP will require our suppliers to be DRC conflict-free.
3. MPP will require our suppliers to source from smelters validated as compliant to a Conflict-Free Smelter (CFS) protocol and using the CFS Compliant Smelter List.
4. MPP will exercise due diligence to comply with this commitment.
5. MPP will require our suppliers of the designated minerals to provide written evidence of the sourcing smelter(s). The only potential conflict metal used by MPP is tin, so documentation will be required for all tin or metals containing tin, purchased by MPP.
6. MPP will take corrective action as needed to use only conflict-free metal.