

Dear Supplier,

The intent of this letter is to inform you of recent U.S. legislation impacting the electronics industries to which you may supply products and materials, and to kindly request your full cooperation in addressing this important matter.

In July 2010, President Obama signed into law the Dodd Frank Act. Section 1502 imposes requirements on manufacturers if their products contain "Conflict Minerals", which include tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold. The new legislation will require all manufacturing companies publicly traded in the U.S. to report annually to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) whether they use tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold that originated from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) or an adjoining country. Companies are required to conduct due diligence inquiries in their supply chains. This will necessitate supplier cooperation to determine whether products contain conflict minerals from the DRC or an adjoining country. Gefran has established a due diligence process for identifying and managing the sourcing of tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold based on the [OECD guidance](#). We recommend our suppliers to follow these guidelines as well.

You are receiving this letter because we require our suppliers to share information regardless of whether those suppliers are subject to the SEC requirements. It is our intention to do what we can to ensure that the products and components in our supply chain do not contain metals which have contributed to the conflict in the DRC.

**We ask you to undertake the following actions:**

- Determine which of your products / components contain tin, tungsten, tantalum and/or gold.
- Identify all the smelters in your supply chain that supply the tin, tantalum, tungsten and/or gold. If you don't source directly from smelters, please pass on this request to your suppliers (and they may have to pass it on to their suppliers) and ask them to inform you of the smelters in your supply chain.
- Download, complete and return the [EICC-GeSI Reporting Template](#) (registration required). Please find further instructions explained into our **Conflict Minerals Supplier Guideline**.

We recognize that it may be difficult for your company to identify the country or mine of origin for the metals that you use. Nevertheless we request you to begin investigations now and to report back to Gefran on your progress using the EICC-GeSI Reporting Template.

In order to learn more about the subject of conflict minerals and our request, please review the background information reported into our Conflict Minerals Supplier Guideline. More information can also be found on the [EICC-GeSI Extractives website](#).

Feel free to contact us should you have any further questions ( [cminerals@gefran.com](mailto:cminerals@gefran.com) ) .

We count on your full cooperation in this important matter.

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