Statement about the use of conflict resources



On 22 August 2012, the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) implemented the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) of 2010 and issued regulations on reporting and disclosing the use of so-called conflict minerals based on title 15 (section 1502).

Conflict minerals, as defined in the Dodd-Frank Act, include natural resources that play a very important role in the electronics industry: cassiterite (tin), wolframite (tungsten), coltan (tantalum), gold and derivatives of these minerals that originate from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DCR) or a neighbouring country - Angola, Burundi, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Zambia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and the Central African Republic - and help fund armed conflicts in such countries.

The purpose of these regulations is to curb trade in minerals from areas of conflict and to ensure a high level of protection for people and the environment.

BECOM Electronics GmbH is aware of its social responsibility with respect to the environment, safety, health and human rights and recognises that its conduct in business transactions impacts on society and the environment.

As BECOM Electronics GmbH is not listed on the US stock exchange, it is not subject to section 1502 of the DFA.

We source our products solely from reputable manufacturers. However, as a provider of electronics services, we do not have any direct influence over the origin of minerals used by our suppliers.

We do not directly import any minerals ourselves; hence, we do not import any so-called "conflict minerals", for example cassiterite (tin ore), columbite-tantalite (coltan, tantalum ore), gold or wolframite (wolfram ore). However, our products do contain chemical elements such as tin, tantalum and gold.

We urge our suppliers to ensure product traceability and transparency.

Many manufacturers publish information on their websites about the properties and origin of their materials.

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