

Conflict Minerals Policy Responsible Global Supply Chain Management

Corporate responsibility, supports ending the violence and respect of human rights are essential for **Taiwan Semiconductor** (herein collectively referred to as “**TSC**”), in all our operations and our global supply chain. Thus, TSC takes seriously allegations that is committed the metals mined in conflict regions throughout the world, including, do not contribute to the ongoing conflict in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (herein collectively referred to as “**DRC**”), may be making their way into the supply chain and profits from this illegal mining may be fueling human rights atrocities.

Conflict Minerals are cassiterite, columbite-tantalite, gold, wolframite, or their derivatives, at the moment limited to tantalum, tin, tungsten, gold and cobalt. On 22 August 2012, the U.S. **Securities and Exchange Commission** (herein collectively referred to as “**SEC**”) adopted final rules to implement reporting and disclosure requirements related to “conflict minerals,” as directed by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. The rules require manufacturers who file certain reports with the “**SEC**” to disclose whether the products they manufacture or contract to manufacture contain “conflict minerals” that are “necessary to the functionality or production” of those products.

“**TSC**” expects our suppliers to comply with the Electronic Industry Code of Conduct and to only source materials from environmentally and socially responsible suppliers. In support of this, “**TSC**” expects our suppliers to continuously monitor both direct and indirect supply chains to avoid procurement of material from conflict regions, and to be forthright in sharing compliance information with “**TSC**”.

As part of this policy, “**TSC**” must:

1. Exercise due diligence as specified in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (herein collectively referred to as “**OECD**”) Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High Risk Areas (2nd Edition) (“**OECD Framework**”) and related 3TG supplements.
2. Support and participate in industry groups such as the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition and collaborations such as Conflict Free Sourcing Initiative that are focusing on industry-wide solutions.
3. Commit to transparency by providing necessary reports and information to customers.
4. Adopt sound human rights practices and treat workers fairly with dignity and respect.

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5. Provide a safe and healthy working environment for their workers.
6. Conduct business operations in a way that protects and sustains the environment.
7. Maintain management systems that measure, improve and communicate their company's labor, health & safety, environmental performance, and uphold the highest standards of ethics.

“TSC” expects its first tier suppliers of 3TG (“In-scope Suppliers”) to:

1. Comply with all national and other applicable laws and regulations, and require their suppliers do the same (including labor agencies).
2. Have conflict mineral policies in place to ensure material is sourced from socially responsible suppliers.
3. Exercise due diligence to determine the source of conflict minerals.
4. Not procure material from the “DRC” or adjoining countries that is not “DRC Conflict Free”.
5. Provide the necessary declarations in order to determine if the conflict minerals in the supply chain are “DRC Conflict Free”.

“TSC” expects its suppliers to have in place due diligence measures in accordance with “OECD” Guidance or any other nationally or internationally recognized supply chain due diligence standard of equivalent nature ensuring that direct materials, parts, components, sub-assemblies supplied to us are “DRC Conflict Free”. Based on the foregoing, “TSC” expects that suppliers can reasonably demonstrate that they have exercised due diligence on the source and chain of custody of Conflict Minerals and verify on an ongoing basis.

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