

Statement Conflict Minerals

What are "conflict minerals" ?

The term "conflict minerals" covers four chemical elements: Tin, Tantalum, Tungsten and Gold.

They are often referred to as "3TG" after their English initials. But what makes these substances "conflict minerals"?

In short, if the revenues from trade in these minerals are used to fund the armed conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Angola, Burundi, the Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia (DRC region), they are considered "conflict minerals."

In order to prevent this, the **Dodd-Frank Act (§1502)** came into force in July 2010 as a US federal law, which, in addition to the usual financial market regulations, obliges companies to avoid minerals from conflict regions. This law regulates the import and use of conflict minerals from the above mentioned countries.

The "due diligence" and "traceability" measures required by Section 1502 are essential to breaking the link between conflict and mineral trade. They are an effective first step in the effort to build a conflict-free mining sector in the aforementioned countries and regions of the DRC that supports legitimate trade and stops extortion and violence.

Under the Dodd-Frank Act and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), companies listed on the U.S. stock exchange are required to disclose whether their products were created using such conflict minerals.

New guidelines on conflict minerals have also been introduced in the EU, recommending self-certification for importers of 3TG. Although this remains voluntary, growing pressure from consumers and stakeholders is forcing companies to take a more proactive approach to this issue as part of their corporate social responsibility.

Companies that fail to comply can quickly become the target of negative headlines.

What are our activities?

Mawick is not listed on the US stock exchange and therefore not subject to the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act.

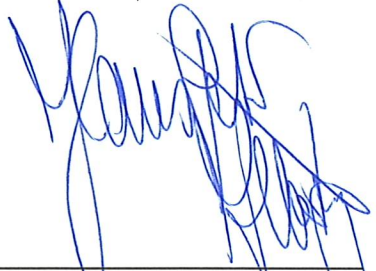
However, in line with our own vision and the increased demands and requests of our customers, we have extended the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act to our company and also to our supply chain.

Mawick is in regular contact with suppliers to verify and ensure through the supply chain that the products we purchase do not contain metals or conflict minerals.

Furthermore, our general terms and conditions of purchase contain the clear requirement for our contractual partners to supply us exclusively with articles that comply with the relevant legal provisions and official regulations.

Based on the information and activities listed above, we can confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief that the products we supply comply with the currently applicable definition and its consolidations, as well as the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act and the European Directives, and do not contain metals derived from so-called conflict minerals.

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