

Conflict Minerals Statement Rev. 02



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The mining of certain raw materials in the Democratic Republic of Congo and its adjoining countries contributes partial considerable violations of human rights and financing of violent conflicts in this region. In 2010, the Congress of the United States of America adopted the "Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act" (Dodd-Frank Act). Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act and the implementing regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) demand that companies subject to the SEC supervision must report if the products they manufacture or the products they have commissioned to be manufactured contain any "conflict minerals" necessary for the functionality or the production of these goods. The Dodd-Frank Act defines "conflict minerals" as tantalum, tin, tungsten (as well as ores they have been gained from) and gold which finance conflicts in the DR Congo or one of its adjoining countries.

Höcherl & Hackl is not legally bound to follow the requirements of the U.S. SEC published in 2012 which requires a conflict minerals report. As a globally acting company we nevertheless want to shoulder the responsibility and are anxious not to buy materials containing minerals which might serve the financing of the armed conflict in the DR Congo and its adjoining countries.

There are no conflict minerals knowingly used in our products. We are not able to give any guarantee but we act environmentally conscious and responsibly and maintain the compliance of high labor and social standards as well as the protection of human rights. Furthermore, our suppliers are requested to deliver only conflict-free goods.