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Conflict Minerals Declaration (CMD)



Statement on “The Dodd-Frank Act 2010 : Section 1502 Conflict Minerals”

Telecom Connections Limited is aware of the United States of America legislation known as **The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform & Consumer Protection Act 2010**, in particular **Section 1502 Conflict Minerals**.

As a business, Telecom Connections Limited support the ending of violence and human rights violations in the mining of certain minerals from the “Conflict Region”, which is situated in the eastern portion of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and its surrounding countries.

This document is to certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief, Telecom Connections Limited products (including our supply chain) do not contain the minerals; **Tin**, **Tantalum** (derived from Columbite Tantalite), **Tungsten** (derived from Cassiterite), **Gold** and / or finished materials originating, sourced, and / or smeltered from the Democratic Republic of Congo or Africa. This policy will remain in effect for the foreseeable future.

Telecom Connections Limited understands that the objectives of the legislation are to require that all global smelters and producers of items that contain the above minerals are to be audited, registered and approved to confirm that they do not use any products that are “Conflict Minerals from the Democratic Republic of Congo or Africa”.

We have carried out, investigations within our supply chain to ensure that the sources of minerals used during manufacture are not from the affected area, and will continue to monitor periodically through a due diligence based on the recognized **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development** (OECD) framework. This is an on-going process and relies on suppliers in the chain performing the necessary checks to ensure the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act are met. Telecom Connections Limited are committed to procuring components where the specified metal minerals do NOT originate from the conflict region.

Currently, this Dodd-Frank Act legislation does not relate to any UK or European directives and as such, is not applicable for goods supplied within the European Union. Products shipped to the USA may be subject to the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act, subject to the company being a US listed company. Telecom Connections Limited are NOT a US listed company.

We only source components direct from manufacturers or their authorized distributors, based on the bill of materials supplied by the customer. Telecom Connections are not a design house and work to specifications and drawings provided by the customer. Where products are made to customer requirements, Telecom Connections are only responsible for the purchase of components and materials used for the manufacture of that product. Telecom Connections are not responsible for ensuring the end product placed on the market meets applicable legislation requirements, which is the sole responsibility of the customer.

Please be aware that we cannot give any information about the products, we always rely on the data from the manufacturer / supplier. Telecom Connections are not in the position to give legally binding information, the information you receive from TCL is what the supplier has provided to us.

Since we are taking all efforts to gather the information on Conflict Minerals, we are not responsible for missing information. Therefore we will assume no liability for financial losses (indemnity, loss of profit) or civil penalties caused by official ruling.

Please keep checking our website for any updates.

If you have any questions on this directive, or need further details, please contact the Quality Manager.

Sincerely,

Colin Dixon
Managing Director

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