

ELPRO Conflict Minerals Statement

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The mining of certain minerals in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the adjoining countries partially contributes to significant human rights abuses and to the financing of violent conflicts in this region. In 2010, U.S. Congress passed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act). Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act and the final rules adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) require companies who file 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. The Dodd-Frank Act and the SEC define "conflict minerals" as tantalum, tin, tungsten (and the ores from which they originate) and gold, regardless of where they are sourced, processed or sold.

ELPRO AG (including all its affiliates) does not file reports with the SEC and therefore has no legislative obligations to comply with the conflict minerals requirements covered in Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act. Furthermore, ELPRO only uses minimal quantities of the mentioned materials for the production of our final products.

At the same time we recognize the SEC final rule for Section 1502 mandates our direct and indirect customers to undertake due diligence across their global supply chains and we will provide an appropriate level of support to help them in their reporting obligations.

Statement

ELPRO endeavors to not purchase any material that contains "conflict minerals" which directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the DRC or an adjoining country. We are implementing reasonable due diligence processes to understand where "conflict minerals" are being used in our products and to determine the source and the origin within our supply chain. These actions are based on established frameworks of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and from other private sector initiatives. Due to the number of products we provide to our customers and the high complexity of the corresponding supply chains this will be a challenging and ongoing process. We are informing our direct suppliers to increase the transparency of the materials they provide to ELPRO. We will continue to work closely with customers, suppliers and other stakeholders regarding good practices and feasible solutions.



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