

Statement on conflict minerals

The recent adoption of the U.S. Congress bill, HR 4173, specifically with regard to § 1502-Conflict Minerals, origin of so-called conflict minerals (Dodd-Frank Act 1502) is concerned with serious issues and concerns within the supply chain of the relevant raw materials promoted from the democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and adjoining areas. It is to be minimizing the financing of Congolese militias and to contribute to the curbing of conflicts in the region.

Specifically, this bill deals with the handling of conflict minerals, such as columbite-tantalite (coltan), cassiterite (tin ore), gold, wolframite and their derivatives further defined in Section 1502 part E number 1 and 4. Therefore affected listed companies have to report to the SEC each year whether the above-mentioned minerals are necessary for the function or the manufacturing of their respective products.

In all soldering processes tin, as basic material, is used. Gold is a contact material of reed switches and connector pins. Furthermore tantalum is primarily used for capacitors.

Because we also only purchase these materials as traces in finished sub-components for our products we cannot give information and details about the detailed origin.

We are aware of the obligations of our customers regarding this law and are observing the related, ongoing developments with the SEC. Therefore elobau is equally committed to support its customers in all reporting requirements and possibly substitutions which are to be introduced. Information provided by suppliers and manufacturers are available in very varying degrees. We are fully dependant our suppliers here, because we only appear as a „user“ and not as „manufacturer“ in the supply chain.

The processes in the context of this reporting can be lengthy and, as mentioned, are only partly under our control.

In this context, we have passed notification to our suppliers via our terms and conditions and text content in the order and hereby agree with the reasoning of the ZVEI.

Due to the given situation we ask you for your understanding that we are not willing or able to give specific answers to questions or portal entries in relation to conflict minerals.

elobau continues its serious efforts to facilitate the timely flow of information, and to support our customers in framework possible to us.

In case of any questions don't hesitate to contact us. Your contact person is:

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