



Conflict Minerals Statement

Conflict Minerals are those mined in countries where armed conflict and human rights abuses are a concern. These minerals include Cassiterite (tin), Wolframite (tungsten), Coltan (tantalum), and Gold, have become known as 3TG. The mining and sale of 3TG in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and adjoining countries has contributed to the funding of conflicts and in creating a humanitarian crisis.

On 21 July 2010 the Dodd-Frank Wall Street reform and Consumer Protection Act was signed into U.S law. Section 1502 of this Act is a disclosure requirement that calls upon companies to determine whether their products contain conflict minerals – by carrying out supply chain due diligence – and to report this to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Astute Electronics Ltd., as a distributor, does not directly purchase any minerals from any source. But in accordance with Section 1502 of the Act - supply chain due diligence - we encourage our suppliers to adopt this policy regarding Conflict Minerals in order to help prevent the funding of violence and human rights violations associated with the mining of 3TG.

Astute Electronics fully understands the importance of this issue to its customers and is committed to its supply chain initiatives and overall corporate responsibility to work towards a conflict free supply chain and increased transparency within the market. In line with this we have made a copy of the current Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT) available to view or download from our company website www.astute.global

Important information on the use of 3TG in the technology supply chain is currently being compiled by the Electronics Components Industry Association and the Electronics Industry Citizenship Coalition; this information can be viewed at www.eciaonline.org

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