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Dodd-Frank Act Regarding Conflict Minerals

SOWESCO Customers

Re.: Dodd-Frank Act regarding Conflict Minerals

To whom it may concern,

While the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, signed into federal law in July 2010 by President Barack Obama, mainly focuses on financial regulation, it also imposes regulations on "Conflict Minerals" from the Democratic Republic of the Congo or adjoining countries and the Central/East African Republic (Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Angola, Tanzania, and Zambia). The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) adopted Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act requiring domestic and some foreign companies to publicly report the use of coltan, tantalum, tin, tungsten, gold, or their derivatives originating from the conflict area. This legislation serves as an effort to protect lives by minimalizing key funding for the armed groups in the area.

Per the request of several SOWESCO customers regarding conflict minerals, an extensive check of all affiliate producers has been performed.

I appreciate these requests as it prompted SOWESCO to additional due diligence of our suppliers. I am pleased to know that not only do our suppliers produce quality products, but also adhere to U.S. commercial and legislative considerations.

Understanding the importance of this regulation to help alleviate social issues in the conflict area, SOWESCO will continue to attain documented due diligence from our suppliers in order to assure our products remain in compliance with the Dodd-Frank Act.

Please contact myself or a SOWESCO representative if you require support documentation.

Best Regards,

Paul F. Lehnhoff
President
SOWESCO