

Notice on conflict minerals

In the US there was published Dodd-Frank Act (US Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act H.R. 4173, Act 1502), known as Conflict Minerals Law, which aims at avoiding the usage of minerals originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and neighboring countries.

This relates to the following conflict minerals:

- Niobium
- Tantalum
- Tin
- Gold
- Tungsten

US Congress linked the extraction and trade of conflict minerals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in neighboring countries with violation of human rights.

The aim of the Dodd-Frank Act is to trace the origin of the conflict minerals throughout the supply chain to ensure the absence of conflict minerals in the final products.

Dodd-Frank Act requires companies, trading on the US stock exchanges, to keep the accounting documentation on the origin of the conflict minerals.

Proton-Electrotex JSC is not subject to control by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). However, Proton-Electrotex JSC is the supplier of many companies whose activities are regulated by the SEC.

We support the terms of Dodd-Frank Act about the transparency of conflict minerals sources. Therefore, we are ready to keep track of the corresponding minerals in our products and fulfill our obligations to our clients on disclosure of information.

Proton-Electrotex JSC will work with suppliers to bring their attention to these issues. Our Notice on conflict minerals will be available to suppliers.

In our turn, we expect that they will take the same principles with regard to their suppliers. Suppliers of Proton-Electrotex JSC should work with subcontractors and supervise the origin of the conflict minerals to the level of the metallurgical enterprises.

We recommend our suppliers to purchase the materials through non-conflict sources and approved by metallurgical enterprises listed in the form of CFSI (EICC).

Currently, we are collecting data on the origin of conflict minerals from our suppliers.

We recommend suppliers to use a standard reporting procedure for the products which are delivered to our address (form CFSI (EICC)) and be ready for our request to provide the updated and accurate information.

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