



“Conflict Minerals” Statement

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Introduction & Definitions

“Conflict Minerals” are defined as those mined in areas of armed conflict and human rights abuses, and which are sold or traded by armed groups. The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and adjoining countries were identified as conflict areas of particular concern. In August 2012, the **United States Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)** issued a **Final Rule** in relation to **Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform & Consumer Protection Act**. This rule placed new disclosure and reporting obligations for companies listed on the SEC in relation to “Conflict Minerals”. In order to meet these obligations, SEC-listed companies require the co-operation of their supply chain partners. “Conflict Minerals” and the adjoining “Covered Countries” i.e. those sharing an internationally recognised border with the DRC (previously referred to as “DRC Countries”) are defined in the Act as follows:

Mineral	Description	Covered Countries
Cassiterite	Ore from which Tin is extracted	Democratic Republic of Congo
Columbite-tantalite	Ore from which Tantalum is extracted	Angola Burundi
Gold	Rare metal found in a native pure form and obtained as a by-product of other mining operations	Central African Republic The Republic of the Congo Rwanda
Wolframite	Ore from which Tungsten is extracted	South Sudan Tanzania Uganda Zambia

Products containing “Conflict Minerals” derived from recycled or scrap sources are considered to be “DRC Conflict Free” under the Act.

Products Supplied by Brown McFarlane

To the best of our knowledge and belief, products supplied by Brown McFarlane are “DRC Conflict Free” under the terms of the Final Rule of Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform & Consumer Protection Act, dated 22.08.12

Further Information

United States Securities & Exchange Commission

Final Rule, Section 1502, Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform & Consumer Protection Act 22.08.12

<http://www.sec.gov/rules/final/2012/34-67716.pdf>

UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office

Guidance, Conflict Minerals, 19.06.13

<https://www.gov.uk/conflict-minerals>

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