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Conflict Minerals Sourcing Policy

"Conflict minerals" originating from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) are sometimes mined and sold "under the control of armed groups" to "finance conflict characterized by extreme levels of violence". Some of these minerals can make their way into the supply chains of the products used around the world, including those in the electronics industry. Intel's suppliers acquire and use conflict minerals from multiple sources worldwide. As part of Intel's commitment to corporate responsibility and respecting human rights in our own operations and in our global supply chain, it is Intel's goal to use tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold in our products that do not directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the DRC or adjoining countries while continuing to support responsible mineral sourcing in the region.

Intel expects our suppliers to have in place policies and due diligence measures that will enable us to reasonably assure that products and components supplied to us containing conflict minerals are conflict-free¹. Intel expects our suppliers to comply with the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) Code of Conduct and conduct their business in alignment with Intel's supply chain responsibility expectations.

In support of this policy, Intel will:

- Conduct due diligence with relevant suppliers consistent with the [OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas](#) and encourage our suppliers to do likewise with their suppliers.
- Provide, and expect our suppliers to cooperate in providing, due diligence information to confirm the tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold in our supply chain are conflict-free.
- Collaborate with our suppliers and others in industry-wide initiatives to ensure greater transparency in the implementation of this policy by making available reports on our progress to relevant stakeholders and the public.

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¹ Conflict mineral, as defined by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), is a mineral that makes its way into supply chains, regardless of whether those minerals come from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or adjoining countries.
² OECD, p. 16 (October 2012).
³ Conflict-free refers to tantalum, tin, tungsten, and gold where the location of the minerals is not known or cannot be confirmed as not being sourced from the Democratic Republic of the Congo or adjoining countries.

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Conflict minerals¹ originating from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) are sometimes mined and sold by armed groups to "finance conflict characterized by extreme levels of violence"². Some of these minerals and the metals created from them (such as tantalum, tin, tungsten, and gold) can make their way into the supply chains of the products used around ...

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² Dodd-Frank Act Section 1502

³ "Conflict-free" refers to products, suppliers, supply chains, smelters, and refiners that, based on our due diligence, do not contain or source tantalum, tin, tungsten or gold (referred to as "conflict minerals" by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission) that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or adjoining countries.

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