



Customer Information

„Conflict Metals“

FELDER GMBH takes its corporate responsibility very seriously and thus creates the conditions for sustainable corporate success. Transparency is decisive for trust and successful cooperation. FELDER GMBH demands of itself and its suppliers that all FELDER products are free of "conflict minerals" that are obtained from sources which directly or indirectly finance conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo or the surrounding states or which originate from mining activities in conflict or high risk areas. According to the EU Regulation 2017/821 of May 17th, 2017 on the containment of trade with conflict minerals, this includes areas where there is armed conflict or which are in a weakened post-conflict situation, as well as areas with weak or lacking governance and security structures. It also concerns states that systematically violate international law, including human rights violations.

The term "conflict minerals" refers to gold, tantalum, tin, tungsten (3TG) and all other minerals, which are defined in the valid regulations for the procurement of conflict minerals. At present FELDER GMBH uses only tin from these metals.

Furthermore, FELDER is oriented towards the worldwide requirements and directives for the procurement of conflict minerals according to the US Act on conflict minerals, article 1502 of Dodd-Frank Act.

Requirements

In order to support FELDER GMBH and its customers to comply with the valid regulations and provisions for the procurement of conflict minerals, we expect our suppliers to fulfil their duty of due diligence along the supply chain with regard to conflict minerals and to provide reports, documents and written confirmations on request. In detail the following supplier requirements apply:

- Compliance with the 5-Step Framework Programme of the OECD Corporate Due Diligence Guide
- Report on the presence and origin of materials using the RMI Conflict Minerals Reporting Template
- Use of melts which have been declared compliant by "Responsible Minerals Initiative" audit protocols or mutually recognised audit protocols. A list of RMI compliant melts can be found [here](#).

FELDER carries out a responsible pre-selection of suppliers. FELDER without exception expects feedback from the appropriately selected suppliers regarding the use of conflict metals. Failure by a supplier to respond can lead to further measures or even to the renounce of future cooperation.

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