



## Conflicted Materials

On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) issued the final conflict minerals rule under Section 1502 the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Conflict Minerals Rule”). The Conflict Minerals Rule requires publicly traded companies to report annually the presence of conflict minerals (tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold, or “3TG”) originating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or adjoining countries (“Covered Countries”). As a result, many companies are now focusing on whether and to what extent their products contain Conflict Minerals and whether such Conflict Minerals come from the Democratic Republic of Congo and the adjoining countries named in the Act. The goal of the SEC rule is to help end civil conflict and human rights abuses in the DRC Region committed by armed militant groups by denying revenue to those groups that derive their funding from control of mines in the DRC Region that produce Conflict Minerals.

Metal-Core Technologies supports the goal of ending violence, human rights violations and environmental devastation in the Covered Countries. We are committed to complying with any requirements applicable to our Company under the Conflict Minerals Rule. Metal-Core Technologies will assist our customers in implementing their conflict minerals programs. We strive to work cooperatively with our customers and supply chain partners in implementing conflict minerals compliance programs. Metal-Core Technologies requires all of our suppliers to provide us with completed conflict minerals declarations using the EICC/GeSI Conflict Minerals Reporting Template. We may reconsider our willingness to partner with suppliers that fail to comply with this Policy. Our objective is to have a conflict-free supply chain.

The process of tracing Conflict Minerals through a global supply chain is complicated and time-consuming, and some component suppliers or sub-suppliers may lack the resources to trace minerals all the way back to their source. Metal-Core Technologies will endeavor in good faith to have its suppliers exercise reasonable due diligence to evaluate their respective supply chains for the information called for by the Conflict Minerals rule. We will continue to evaluate our policies to ensure compliance with the SEC's Conflict Minerals Rule and make adjustments when necessary.

Metal-Core Technologies requires its suppliers to:

- perform sufficient due diligence into their respective supply chains to determine whether products sold to us contain tin, tantalum, tungsten or gold, and, if so, whether and to what extent those metals are sourced from conflict-free smelters;
- report to Metal-Core Technologies the results of such due diligence to enable Metal-Core Technologies to comply with its legal obligations and policy goals; and
- commit to being or becoming "conflict-free," so that any such metals are sourced only from conflict-free smelters.

Please direct general questions, inquiries or requests regarding Metal-Core Technologies conflict minerals program to [purchasing@metal-core.com](mailto:purchasing@metal-core.com).