

Conflict Minerals Statement **(Tin, Tantalum, Gold, Tungsten, Cobalt and Mica)**

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Statement of Veritas AG on the use of conflict minerals in the products with reference to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act).

The Dodd-Frank Act specifically relates to tin, tantalum, tungsten, gold and their derivatives mined in conflict-affected areas such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo and neighboring countries. Furthermore, it aims, among other things, to restrict or prevent the trade in these substances, which originate from these conflict areas.

Although Veritas AG is not subject to the reporting requirements of the Dodd Frank Act, we recognize the importance and importance of this regulation. We take our social responsibilities in relation to the environment, safety, health and human rights seriously and understand that our conduct in business has an impact on society and the environment.

Veritas AG does not purchase conflict minerals itself or their derivatives directly from metal smelters or other sources in the conflict region. However, due to their properties, these metals are widely used in manufacturing and are also found in the components and parts we use to manufacture our products.

As far as we can, we work together with our suppliers to create the necessary transparency in the supply chains, which allows us to be able to provide customers with reliable information.

Through our Supplier Code of Conduct, we encourage our direct suppliers to act responsibly and not source their minerals from regions that directly or indirectly fund armed groups and human rights abuses.

In addition to the currently defined conflict minerals tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold, we regularly consider other focus minerals and raw materials such as cobalt and mica with regard to due diligence requirements in the supply chain.

At the present time, we have no information that conflict minerals are used in our supply chains that directly or indirectly finance violent conflicts and human rights violations.

If, in the course of our investigations, we find indications of the presence of conflict minerals in supplier parts, we undertake to take appropriate action.

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