

Patton LLC's Statement on "Conflict Minerals"

REF: Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act Section 1502

The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, aka Dodd-Frank, was signed into law on July 21, 2010, and became effective on January 1, 2012. The law requires publicly traded companies to report on specific minerals imported from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Gold, tungsten, tin, and tantalum which are referenced in the legislation and are all commonly used in the production of electronic components.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) disclosure rule on conflict minerals broadly requires that certain publicly traded companies submit a disclosure that describes their efforts to determine the source of their conflict minerals—tin, tungsten, tantalum, and gold. Patton LLC is not required to report directly to the SEC as it is not a publicly traded company. However, it is the policy of Patton to assist its customers with their reporting requirements.

Most Patton products do contain gold, tungsten, tin or tantalum which are necessary for electronic components, but Patton does not source the specified minerals directly. Patton purchases electronic components from large suppliers. Accordingly, Patton asks for assurances and information as it becomes available from its suppliers who are closer to the sources of manufacture of components and who are more appropriately able to provide the information that reporting companies may require. Additional updates will be provided to active customers, upon request, for items purchased and as information becomes available.



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