

Conflict Minerals Statement

Conflict Minerals are those mined in countries where armed conflict and human rights abuses are a concern. These minerals include Cassiterite (tin), Wolframite (tungsten), Coltan (tantalum), and Gold, they have become known as 3TG. The mining and sale of 3TG in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and adjoining countries has contributed to the funding of conflicts and in creating a humanitarian crisis.

On July 21 2010 the Dodd-Frank Wall Street reform and Consumer Protection Act was signed into U.S law. Section 1502 of this Act is a disclosure requirement that calls up on companies to determine whether their products contain conflict minerals by carrying out supply chain due diligence and to report this to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Simpson Donald & Co. , as a distributor, does not directly purchase any minerals from any source. But in accordance with section 1502 of the Act - supply chain due diligence - we encourage our suppliers to adopt this policy regarding Conflict Minerals in order to help prevent the funding of violence and human right violations associated with the mining of 3TG. Simpson Donald & Co. fully understands the importance of this issue to its customers and is committed to its supply chain initiatives and overall corporate responsibility to work towards a conflict free supply chain and increased transparency within the market. In line with this we have made a copy of our latest Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT) v3.01 document available to view or download from our company website www.simpsondonald.co.uk

ECIA has created a resource so customers can come to one place to find the Conflict Minerals statements from many of the companies involved in the supply chain.

<https://www.ecianow.org/industry-issues/conflict-materials/member-company-information/>