

### 1. Preamble

The intent of this document is to inform you of U.S. legislation impacting the semiconductor industries to which you may supply products and materials, and to kindly request your full cooperation in addressing this important matter.

### 2. Dodd Frank Act

Section 1502 of the Dodd Frank Act [ U.S. Act to reform the financial regulatory environment so as to increase accountability and transparency] imposes requirements on manufacturers if their products contain “Conflict Minerals”, which include tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold. The legislation requires all manufacturing companies publicly traded in the U.S. to report annually to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) if they use tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold that **originates from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) or one of its neighboring countries**. Companies are required to conduct due diligence inquiries in their supply chains. This will necessitate supplier cooperation to determine if products contain conflict minerals from the DRC or an adjacent country. VAT has established a due diligence process for identifying and managing the sourcing of tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold based on the OECD guidance. We recommend our suppliers to follow these guidelines as well.

We require all our suppliers to share all relevant information on this subject, regardless of whether individual suppliers are subject to the SEC requirements or not. This is why your company is receiving this document as well. We want to do everything that is in our reasonable power to ensure that the products and components in our supply chain do not contain metals which have contributed to the conflict in the DRC.

### 3. Implementation

We ask you to undertake the following actions:

- Create a list of all your products/components that contain tin, tungsten, tantalum and/or gold.
- Identify all the smelters in your supply chain that supply the tin, tantalum, tungsten and/or gold. If you don't source directly from smelters, please pass on this request to your suppliers (and they may have to pass it on to their suppliers) and ask them to inform you of the smelters in your supply chain
- Download and complete the [EICC-GeSI Reporting Template](http://www.conflictreesourcing.org/conflict-minerals-reporting-template) (http://www.conflictreesourcing.org/conflict-minerals-reporting-template) and send it completed and duly signed to VAT.

We recognize that it may be difficult for your company to identify the country or mine of origin for the metals that you use. Nevertheless we request you to begin investigations now and to report back to VAT on your progress using the EICC-GeSI Reporting Template.

Feel free to contact us should you have any further questions ([greenprocurement@vat.ch](mailto:greenprocurement@vat.ch)). We count on your full cooperation in this important matter.

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We, the undersigned, hereby confirm and declare in the name and on behalf of our company that

1. we have received the VAT document "Conflict Minerals";
2. by signing this declaration, we accept and commit to complying with all rules and requirements as laid out in the VAT document "Conflict Minerals";
3. we accept that this declaration shall be exclusively governed by the material laws of Switzerland, excluding the UN Law of Sales (CISG).

Place/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Post code/city \_\_\_\_\_

Name of authorized signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Please sing one (1) original copy of this document and complete and sign the template [EICC-GeSI Reporting Template](http://www.conflictreesourcing.org/conflict-minerals-reporting-template/) (<http://www.conflictreesourcing.org/conflict-minerals-reporting-template/>)**
2. *Please note that only duly authorized personnel of your company may sign this document.*
3. *Please send the duly signed documents by conventional mail to:  
VAT VAKUUMVENTILE AG, SEELISTRASSE 1, STRATEGISCHER EINKAUF; CH-9469 HAAG*

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