

## **CONFLICT MINERALS STATEMENT**

As a part of the U.S. Government's Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act, signed into law in July 2010, Section 1502 requires American companies to ensure the raw materials they use to make their products are not tied to the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and adjoining countries.

The Dodd-Frank Act provision requires companies to trace and audit their supply chains to ensure their products are not financing atrocities in the DRC and adjoining conflict areas. Through this legislation, the U.S. Government will lead the way to making due diligence in minerals supply chains mandatory.

The current legislation applies only to products manufactured in the USA or exported to it. However, the EU is currently investigating the introduction of similar rules for Europe. Whilst this is at the consultation phase currently, it seems highly likely that legislation will be introduced in the EU at some point in the future.

Conflict Minerals are considered to be Tin, Tantalum, Tungsten and Gold (3T&G)

MPE Electronics do not purchase raw ores or virgin metals. MPE Electronics purchase materials for manufacturer through its global supply chain, all of which have been processed in some cases through multiple tiers of the global supply chain.

MPE Electronics do not knowingly use any conflict minerals, however, MPE Electronics does not, within its organisation, possess the capability to trace, with certainty, the origins of the raw ores or virgin metals which are incorporated in its products.

### **MPE Electronics Ltd.'s Commitment:**

- Not knowingly procure or supply products or materials that contain 3T&G that fund conflict in the DRC region.
- Require our supply base to perform due diligence to see that they are using only those sources of 3T&G that are certified as "Conflict Free".
- Require our supply base to provide written evidence documenting that the materials used in products or materials supplied to us are "Conflict Free".

### **MPE Electronics Ltd.'s Expectations of Our Suppliers:**

- Supply "Conflict Free" material, which means either: 1) any 3T&G necessary to the functionality or production of supplied materials must not directly or indirectly fund armed groups in the DRC or adjoining countries, or 2) any 3T&G in supplied materials must be from recycled or scrap sources.
- Adopt conflict minerals policies. Suppliers must adopt a policy regarding conflict minerals that facilitates compliance with MPE Electronics Ltd.'s policies, implement management systems to support compliance with these policies and require their suppliers to take the same steps.
- Collect information from their suppliers regarding the source and chain of custody of any 3T&G in supplied materials and cooperate with MPE Electronics Ltd.'s and MPE Electronics Ltd.'s customer inquiries regarding conflict minerals in supplied materials. Suppliers must pass down conflict minerals inquiries through the levels of the supply chain to the smelter level.

If it is discovered that one or more of our suppliers are providing non-conflict free material, MPE Electronics Ltd.'s will take appropriate actions to transition the product to be "Conflict Free".



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