

Conflict Mineral Declaration Policy

Companies can, knowingly or unknowingly, be affected by the risk of supply chain contamination with conflict minerals. This can occur at a number of stages, whether mining or trading in the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo - DRC, in an adjoining country, or further along the chain.

What are ‘conflict minerals’?

Conflict minerals are minerals mined in conditions of armed conflict and human rights abuses, and which are sold or traded by armed groups. This has for some years been a particular problem in the Democratic Republic of Congo - DRC. The DRC’s mineral wealth is enormous. It is estimated that the country contains between 65-80% of the world’s columbite-tantalite (coltan) reserves, 49% of its cobalt reserves, and 3% of its copper reserves. Gold and diamond deposits remain under explored. Industrial Diamond reserves are estimated at 25% of world reserves.

Conflict minerals in the eastern DRC are generally defined (including in US legislation and the OECD due diligence guidance for responsible mineral supply chains) as cassiterite (tin), coltan (tantalum), wolframite (tungsten) and gold, or derivatives of these minerals. Sometimes these minerals are referred to as the ‘three Ts’ - tin, tantalum and tungsten (and gold).

Mineral	Description	Major uses
Cassiterite	Ore from which tin is extracted	Plating and solders for joining pipes and electronic circuits
Columbite- tantalite	Ore from which tantalum is extracted	Electrical components (including those used in mobile phones, computers, videogame consoles), aircraft and surgical components
Gold	Rare metal found in a native (pure) form and obtained as a by-product of other mining operations	Jewelry, electronics, communications and aerospace equipment
Wolframite	Ore from which tungsten is extracted	Metal wires, electrodes and contacts in lighting, electronic, electrical, heating and welding applications

Riello UPS Limited so far as stated by our raw material suppliers and our knowledge/expertise, that the products supplied by our company DO NOT CONTAIN “CONFLICT MINERALS”, that is metals resulting from Casserite (tin), Columbite-tantalite (coltan, niobium and tantalum), Wolframite (tungsten) and Gold coming from the u.m. Countries: Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo Ruanda Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

Policy Review

This Policy has been authorised and will be regularly reviewed and updated as required by the Managing Director.