

To whom it may concern

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Conflict Minerals and Metals Compliance

Conflict minerals and metals affect, among other, the electronics and communications industries, aerospace, jewellery, industrial products and automotive industries.

In efforts to combat unethical practices involving the sourcing and trading of, and to curtail opportunities for armed groups and security forces to trade in, conflict minerals and metals, both the United States and the European Union require compliance by companies within the scope of their respective laws with applicable due diligence obligations. Legislation was passed in the form of the U.S. Dodd-Frank Act, Section 1502 (July 21, 2010), and the EU Regulation 2017/821 (May 17, 2017).

Conflict minerals and the refined metals extracted from those minerals include cassiterite (tin), wolframite (tungsten), coltan (tantalum), and gold ore, collectively known as 3TG, and are sourced from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas (CAHRAs), such as the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Voluntary extended minerals reporting includes cobalt minerals, natural mica and refined metals extracted from those minerals. Cobalt is primarily used in lithium-ion batteries and is also a significant component in superalloy metals, magnetic materials, corrosion-resistant metals, whereas mica is used in refractory coatings and articles, paints, automobile and electronic parts, and cosmetic items.

Declaration

ASK Chemicals Group is committed to social and environmental responsibility in our activities as well as within our supply chain. The company complies with the obligations regarding conflict minerals and metals under United States and European Union law, as applicable. Materials are being sourced responsibly and sustainably in compliance with the applicable laws and pursuant to a reasonable country of origin inquiry that was performed in good faith. The completed Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT) and the Extended Minerals Reporting Template (EMRT) are available upon request.



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