



International Gas Detectors

## Conflict Minerals Policy

**‘As a supplier, you commit to find new sources for any minerals contained in your products, where these are identified as coming from recognised areas of conflict.’**

- Conflict minerals are minerals mined in conditions of armed conflict and human rights abuses, and which are sold or traded by armed groups. For some years, this has been a particular problem in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)<sup>1</sup>.
- It’s estimated that the DRC contains between 65-80% of the world’s columbite-tantalite (coltan) reserves, 49% of its cobalt reserves, and 3% of its copper reserves<sup>1</sup>.
- In 2013, rebel groups generated \$1bn from the sale of minerals extracted in conflict zones.
- In 2015, European Parliament voted on a draft law to require EU importers using 3TG minerals (tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold) in their products to be certified to make sure they don’t fuel conflict and human rights abuses. This law is similar to the Dodd-Frank Act already in force in the USA.
- These 4 minerals are primarily found in electronics.
- As part of our commitment to responsible sourcing and the respect of human rights, it’s the aim of IGD to not support the use of minerals that have fuelled conflict in the DRC or other recognised areas of conflict.
- We expect our suppliers to support our efforts to identify the origin of any 3TG minerals in our products. You’re therefore expected to source these minerals in a responsible and informed manner, and where your sources are found to be in conflict zones, to find acceptable new sources for your products.
- It’s therefore important that you undertake due diligence to identify use of any of these minerals in your products, to source them responsibly, and to not knowingly supply us with products containing minerals that fuel conflict and human rights abuses.

<sup>1</sup>Source: UK Government Guidance on Conflict Minerals

### Links

EU Press Release [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/MEMO\\_14\\_157](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/MEMO_14_157)  
UK Government guidance <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/conflict-minerals> (now withdrawn)  
Global Witness guidance <https://www.globalwitness.org/en/campaigns/conflict-minerals/?gclid=COuxi82E1MkCFQgFwwodppYImw>

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