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Conflict Minerals Policy

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). 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 of 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 due to take effect from 1st January 2021 and is similar to the Dodd-Frank Act already in force in the USA. These 4 minerals are primarily found in electronics and products such as mobile phones and laptops, solder wire and bar, cutting tools, lighting and bronze fittings, but can also be used elsewhere.

In preparation for this new legislation and as part of our commitment to responsible sourcing and the respect of human rights, it is the aim of T.I. Midwood & Co Ltd to avoid completely the use of minerals that have fuelled conflict in the DRC or other recognised areas of conflict.

We demand that all suppliers exercise due diligence to identify use of any of these minerals in their products, to source them responsibly, and to not knowingly supply us with products containing minerals that fuel conflict and human rights abuses.

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