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## **Rockford Statement on Conflict Minerals**

Rockford as a global supplier of Electronic, Electro-Mechanical, Electrical Harness assemblies and Logistic support, recognise that as our products enter the supply chain they could be supplied to companies that do have reporting obligations to the SEC under Section 1502 of the Dodd Frank Reform act<sup>1</sup>.

Rockford purchases specific parts / components, sub-assemblies or assemblies to manufacture our customer's products, many of our suppliers are also multiple tiers above the mineral suppliers making it difficult to track the precise mineral source.

Rockford fully supports this ruling but does not have direct reporting obligations under this rule. However, as these minerals are an essential part in the manufacture and performance of today's electronics, we at Rockford do recognise that we have a social responsibility to use components containing only "Conflict Free" minerals as certified by independent third parties from this region. To this aim, Rockford requires our complete supply chain to adhere to this code of conduct and support us in exercising due diligence and ensuring that all materials, parts or assemblies they supply, containing any of the listed "Conflict Minerals" are supplied only from a certified "Conflict Free" source.

The definition of "Conflict Minerals " refers to, Gold, Tin, Tantalum, Tungsten the derivatives of Cassiterite, Columbite-Tantalite & Wolframite or any other mineral or its derivatives determined by the US Secretary of State in the future originating from the DRC and adjoining countries, the proceeds of which help fund the war and human rights atrocities in this region.

<sup>1</sup> The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act became law in July 2010 the SEC issued final rules to this act in August 2012, Section 1502 of the act aims at deterring through increased transparency of companies practices- the human rights violations arising from the exploitation and trade of certain minerals from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and neighbouring countries.

<sup>1</sup>Conflict Region includes Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, Burundi, The Central African Republic, The Republic of Congo, Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Zambia.









