

Samsung Electronics' Policy on Responsible Minerals Sourcing

We are committed to contributing to a more sustainable future for the public as well as our planet. We believe that establishing a responsible supply chain and encouraging the participation of our suppliers is critical to minimize human rights violations and environmental degradation.

Based on the OECD Due Diligence Guidance, we manage our supply chain on an ongoing basis for ethical and responsible sourcing and mandate our suppliers to adopt our Supplier Code of Conduct, based on international industry standards. We also actively engage other companies and the relevant industry stakeholders to promote responsible sourcing of minerals through initiatives such as RBA, RMI, and EPRM.

Conflict Minerals

We are aware that in some areas of the 10 African countries, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, standards to protect the environment and human rights do not adequately safeguard all rights. As a result, we have prohibited the use of conflict minerals such as tantalum, tin, tungsten, and gold that are mined illegally in conflict regions. To ensure that our suppliers are held to the highest standards, we conduct thorough reviews of the minerals used in our products as part of our supply chain management process.

To establish a system for sourcing of conflict-free minerals, we use a due diligence process for conflict minerals that is in line with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance. Additionally, we require that our suppliers work only with smelters that have received RMAP (Responsible Minerals Assurance Process) certifications, and we halt transactions that include any minerals provided by non RMAP-conformant smelters. By only using RMAP-certified smelters, we can ensure that the minerals we are sourcing have been mined ethically regardless of origin. However, we do not outright ban sourcing from any specific regions, including Africa, as this may undermine the progress that is being made to mine responsibly.

We also provide suppliers with clear guidelines, training and education support to raise their awareness of conflict minerals. We conduct regular inspections on the use of conflict minerals throughout our supply chain by reviewing the information submitted by suppliers and by carrying out on-site inspections as needed for additional verification.

Responsible Minerals

In addition to our commitment to conflict-free minerals, we also extensively manage our supply chain to monitor any mineral mining associated with human rights violations or environmental destruction. In particular, we ensure that the issue of underage workers in cobalt mines in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is managed in accordance with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance. We are also mindful of other potential issues in mining and continually conduct diligent monitoring of these matters as well as collaborating with global organizations to consider additionally required responses.

We work to ensure that mining in our supply chain is not used for funding conflicts and is carried out in ways that respect human rights and the environment, while being mindful of social responsibilities.
