

## Conflict Minerals – Position Statement

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“**Conflict minerals**” describes the complex of problems, that mining and trading in certain raw materials can help finance armed groups in **conflict areas** that are associated with serious violations of human rights, **child labour and environmental pollution**. The term is used mostly for the five raw materials **tin, tantalum, tungsten, gold** (“3TG” for short) and **cobalt**.

Tin and gold are used in the **circuit board industry** for the surface and cobalt (in small proportions) for connector gold / electroplated hard gold.

Important regulatory requirements for conflict minerals are currently:

- **OECD guidelines** on due diligence in the supply chain  
global scope, initial focus on 3TG
- **US Dodd Frank Act**, Section 1502 for companies listed on US stock exchanges  
"Conflict free" for 3TG with geographical limitation
- **EU regulation (EU) 2017/821** on due diligence  
global application for EU importers of affected raw materials (above quantity threshold)

**Multi Circuit Boards is not directly affected by the mentioned regulations.**

However, these and other initiatives are **still important to us**. We carefully check our suppliers and also carry out regular examinations and updates. The reporting templates of the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RM) serve as the basis.

**Multi CB does not knowingly use metals from conflict regions** based on the information provided to us by our suppliers.

## Multi Circuit Boards Ltd.