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US Battery Conflict Minerals Policy Statement

Conflict minerals are minerals mined in conditions of armed conflict and human rights abuses, mostly in the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The current definition of “conflict minerals” refers to gold, tin, tantalum, and tungsten, the derivatives of cassiterite, columbite-tantalite, and wolframite, regardless of where they are sourced, processed or sold. The U.S. Secretary of State may also designate other minerals in the future. US Battery supports these requirements to further the humanitarian goal of ending violent conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and in surrounding countries, which has been partially financed by the exploitation and trade of “conflict minerals”.

US Battery Policy:

1. Support the aims and objectives of the U.S. legislation on the supply of “conflict minerals”.
2. Do not knowingly procure specified metals that originate from facilities in the “Conflict Region” that are not certified as “conflict free”.
3. Ensure compliance with these requirements, and ask our suppliers to undertake reasonable due diligence with their supply chains to assure that specified metals are being sourced only from:
 - Mines and smelters outside the “Conflict Region” or
 - Mines and smelters which have been certified by an independent third party as “conflict free” if sourced within the “Conflict Region”.

This due diligence includes having our suppliers provide written evidence documenting that raw materials used to produce gold, tin, tantalum and tungsten, used in the materials to manufacture components and products supplied to US Battery, originate from outside the “Conflict Region” or if they originate from within the “Conflict Region”, that the mines or smelters be certified as “conflict free” by an independent third party. The aim is to ensure that only “conflict free” materials and components are used in products that we procure.

If we discover the use of these minerals produced in facilities that are considered to be “non-conflict free”, in any material, parts or components we procure, we will take appropriate actions to transition product to be “conflict free”.

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