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# Statement on sourcing of minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas



Minerals and metals present in products from the electronic industry and other industries may originate from Conflict Affected and High-Risk Areas.<sup>1</sup>

As part of Ericsson's commitment to responsible sourcing, human rights and sustainability, it is our goal to ensure that the sourcing of such minerals and metals do not, directly or indirectly, finance or benefit armed groups, or cause or contribute to human rights violations. We are equally committed to continue supporting responsible mineral sourcing from Conflict Affected and High-Risk Areas.

The Ericsson Code of Conduct for Business Partners clearly confirms Ericsson's commitment in the areas of human rights, fair labor standards, environmental management and anti-corruption. Ericsson requires suppliers to comply with the rules of the Code of Conduct for Business Partners, which must be applied in the production, supply and support of Ericsson products and services worldwide.

Ericsson sources components and products containing small amounts of minerals and metals that may originate from Conflict Affected and High-Risk Areas but does not source minerals or metals directly. Therefore, we rely on support from our suppliers to provide information on the origin and sources of such minerals.

We require our suppliers to have or establish effective due diligence processes, in line with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas, when sourcing raw materials. This enables us to identify smelters and refiners in our supply chain, as well as reasonable countries of origins for the minerals used in our products. By doing so we are better equipped to verify that minerals did not originate from sources that indirectly or directly contribute to the finance of armed groups or otherwise cause or contribute to human rights violations. This is further specified in "[The Ericsson Lists of Banned and Restricted Substances](#)".

In support of this statement relating to our efforts around responsible sourcing of minerals, Ericsson will:

- Continue to actively support industry-wide efforts to find solutions to issues surrounding the extraction of minerals and improve their traceability.
- Actively continue to implement Ericsson's Code of Conduct for Business Partners and Sustainability Policy.
- Exercise due diligence in relation to relevant suppliers in conformance with the [OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas](#).

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<sup>1</sup> OECD definition of conflict-affected and high-risk areas: Conflict-affected and high-risk areas are identified by the presence of armed conflict, widespread violence or other risks of harm to people. Armed conflict may take a variety of forms, such as a conflict of international or non-international character, which may involve two or more states, or may consist of wars of liberation, or insurgencies, civil wars, etc. High-risk areas may include areas of political instability or repression, institutional weakness, insecurity, collapse of civil infrastructure and widespread violence. Such areas are often characterized by widespread human rights abuses and violations of national or international law.

For the purpose of this statement, all minerals from Conflict-Affected and High Risk-Areas are covered.