

# Sourcing of Conflict Minerals



STATEMENT



"Conflict minerals"<sup>i</sup> originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) are sometimes controlled by armed groups to finance the ongoing conflict in the DRC and adjoining countries. Some of these minerals end up in the supply chain of products including those in the electronics industry.

As part of Ericsson's commitment to responsible sourcing, human rights and sustainability, it is our goal that the tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold in our products should not, directly or indirectly, finance or benefit armed groups in the DRC or adjoining countries. At the same time, we aim to continue supporting responsible mineral sourcing in the region.

The Ericsson Code of Conduct 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, 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 tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold and does not source minerals or metals directly. Therefore, we rely on support from our suppliers to provide information on the origin and sources of conflict minerals.

We expect our suppliers to have due diligence processes in place that will enable us to reasonably verify that conflict minerals did not originate from sources that indirectly or directly contribute to the finance of armed groups in the DRC or adjoining countries. 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 conflict minerals, Ericsson will:

- Continue to actively support industry-wide efforts to find solutions to issues surrounding the extraction of metals.
- Actively continue to implement Ericsson's Code of Conduct and Sustainability Policy.
- Exercise due diligence on 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>i</sup> "Conflict minerals" is defined in section 1502 of the US Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) and the final rule adopted by the US Securities and Exchange Commission as columbite–tantalite (coltan), cassiterite, gold, wolframite or their derivatives, which are limited to tantalum, tin and tungsten, whether or not they actually finance or benefit armed groups.