



Statement by Tata Steel Europe on Materials from Conflict Zones December 2020

Tata Steel has developed a Responsible Procurement Policy as part of its vision to be the world steel benchmark for value creation and corporate citizenship. This policy is in line with and nurtured by the Tata core values.


Tata Steel Europe (TSE) is also aware of the obligations under section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and consumer Protection Act 012010 (Dodd-Frank) placed upon companies having statutory reporting requirements to the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission.

In line with its Responsible Procurement Policy, TSE supports the overarching goal of Section 1502 to identify and ultimately discourage the use of minerals and their derivatives mined in conflict zones, especially the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and adjacent countries. These minerals include cassiterite and its derivatives, tin, as well as columbite-tantalite and its derivatives and wolframite and its derivatives.

Tata Steel Europe and its legal entities are not reporting entities under the scope of Dodd-Frank, Notwithstanding, TSE has followed closely the rulemaking process implementing this legislation as it pertains to Section 1502.

TSE's commitment in this area is evidenced by its membership of the OECD pilot that works on Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas and the Supplement on Tin, Tantalum, and Tungsten (the three metals are referred to as the 3Ts). We are also member of the iTSCi Programme developed by ITRI and its members which is a joint industry membership program designed to assist companies with traceability and audit requirements on purchases of minerals from high risk areas as recommended in the OECD Due Diligence Guidelines and UN recommendations. Through these memberships TSE seeks to further its understanding of the issues faced by its customers with disclosure obligations under Dodd-Frank to enable it to provide appropriate support to them.

Tata Steel Europe does not knowingly purchase minerals or their derivatives sourced from conflict mines in the Democratic Republic of Congo or adjacent countries. It continues to work with its suppliers to assure the highest level of confidence in the information it obtains in respect of its country of origin enquiries.

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