

Conflict Mineral Declaration

Conflict Mineral Declaration Concerning the use of so-called "conflict minerals" as covered by Section 1502 of the "Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act" we, as Avantes BV, Apeldoorn, The Netherlands, herewith declare the following:

Avantes BV supports the humanitarian goal of ending the violence and human rights violation in the extraction of certain minerals from the Conflict Region as located in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and neighboring countries. The violence in this conflict region is partially funded by the exploitation and trade of so called "conflict minerals".

As manufacturer of electronic equipment we ourselves do not directly import minerals like tin, tantalum, tungsten or gold at all. However, these minerals could be used in processed form as additives in metals, in PCB surface coatings or in electronic components.

Therefore we purchase our PCB's and electronic parts exclusively from suppliers and distributors who published a 'conflict minerals' report, so we can ensure the minerals did not originate in a 'conflict mine' from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

We request our suppliers to comply with the latest conflict minerals regulations. By acceptance of a purchase order of Avantes BV, compliance to the conflict minerals regulations is declared. We encourage anyone to join us in keeping conflict minerals out of our supply chain.

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