

As a result of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the rules adopted by the U.S Securities and Exchange Commission relating to Conflict Minerals in August 2012, many manufacturing companies are required to make disclosures regarding whether such minerals are contained in products in their supply chain.

Under the Dodd-Frank Act, the following minerals and their derivatives are defined as conflict minerals:

1. Columbite-tantalite (Coltan) refined into tantalum (Ta),
2. Cassiterite refined into Tin (Sn),
3. Wolframite refined into Tungsten (W)
4. Gold (Au)

Specifically, the Act requires that manufacturing companies report annually to the SEC on whether they use Conflict Minerals that are necessary to the functionality or production of a product that they manufacture or contract to have manufactured, and which originate from the Democratic Republic of Congo (the "DRC") or any of the adjoining countries namely; Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Congo Republic, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

In response to this act, the position of SVF Flow Controls is that none of the above listed conflict minerals, to the best of our knowledge, are known to be used in any of our products or supply chain. For verification SVF has polled its suppliers and contract manufacturers for information regarding the presence of Conflict Minerals and their derivatives in any of the products that they supply. Based on the accuracy and completeness of the information provided by our suppliers, SVF can confirm and certify that none of the products that we buy from them contain Conflict Minerals even in trace amounts.

Please contact the SVF Flow Controls Engineering Department for any further questions on this matter.

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