



Conflict Minerals Sourcing Policy

The United States Conflict Minerals Rule requires companies to report to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on the due diligence processes in place to determine conflict mineral sources. Companies must also disclose the chain of custody used to avoid obtaining four specific minerals from countries adjacent to and including the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) that are known to finance or benefit armed groups (Legal Reference Dodd-Frank Act).

The U.S. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act concerning “conflict minerals” originating from the DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo) and adjoining countries was passed in 2010. Final rules were published by the SEC regarding the disclosure of the source of conflict minerals by U.S. publically traded companies (<http://www.oecd.org/daf/inv/mne/GuidanceEdition2.pdf>). These rules reference the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas and guides suppliers to establish policies, management systems, and due-diligence frameworks. See more about the Responsible Minerals Initiative at <http://www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org>.

As part of SSI Cable Corporation’s due diligence efforts, we survey our direct supply chain to disclose whether their products contain conflict minerals, regardless of where they are sourced from. SSI requires our suppliers to be DRC conflict-free.

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