

Responsible Minerals Sourcing Policy

AACI suppliers are required to:

- Per AACI's relevant Contract agreement templates and U.S. purchase order terms & conditions; Supply materials to AACI that are "**Conflict-Free**," meaning minerals that are from recycled or scrap sources or that do not directly or indirectly finance armed groups through mining or mineral trading in countries as determined by regulatory bodies.
- We expect our suppliers to be transparent and responsibly source from the DRC, adjoining countries, and CAHRAs, in order to avoid de facto embargoes.
- Adopt policies and due diligence management systems consistent with OECD Guidance to identify, prevent, mitigate and, where appropriate, remediate risks associated with mineral as well as require their suppliers to adopt similar policies and practices. AACI expects suppliers to cooperate with AACI in evaluating compliance with these requirements.
- Provide AACI information on the presence of requested minerals in their products and data on the smelters and refiners in their respective supply chains, consistent with the industry standard for Supply Chain Transparency provided in the Conflict Mineral Reporting Template (CMRT).
- Procure, directly or indirectly, from smelters and refiners validated under other recognized third-party audit / validation programs.
- Suspend or discontinue engagement with up-stream suppliers after failed attempts at mitigation, remediation, or non-conformance with AACI's policy.
- Collaborate with others on cross-industry efforts to support responsible minerals sourcing, including on-going education and training.