

Conflict Minerals

Dear business partner

We are sporadically receiving requests for information concerning potential use of conflict minerals. The German Electronics Industry Association ZVEI has correctly stated that manufacturers of electronic products are not able to trace back the sources of the questionable minerals.

Nevertheless we are apprehensive about your request and therefore conducted the following analysis:

1. Our annual use of the minerals in question is:
 - Gold: < 1 kg
 - Tantalum: 10-15 kg
 - Tin: 240 - 250 kg
 - Tungsten: 0 g
2. The world market prices as of Feb. 2015 are:
 - Gold: 39.144 USD/kg
 - Tantalite ore: 178 USD/kg
 - Tin: 18.225 USD/t
3. The annual value of the questionable minerals included in our electronic components is
 - Gold: approx. 20.000 USD
 - Tantalite ore: 1.780-2.670 USD
 - Tin: 4.374-4.556 USD
4. The total annual value of the questionable minerals is approx. 26.000 USD.
5. It is assumed that the percentage of actual conflict materials is in the range of 0-5%. **So the total annual value of potentially conflicted materials included in components used by Bender is in the range of 0 USD to 1.300 USD.**

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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