



## Conflict Minerals

The exploitation and trade of “conflict minerals” (i.e., columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, wolframite, and gold—which are refined into tantalum (Ta), tin (Sn), tungsten (W), and gold (Au), respectively) by armed groups is believed to be helping to finance conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (“DRC”) and its adjoining countries and contributing to an emergency humanitarian crisis. By enacting Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”), which creates new disclosure and reporting obligations for relevant SEC-reporting companies, Congress intended to further the humanitarian goal of ending the extremely violent conflict in the DRC.

Conflict minerals are common constituents in many different types of products, and are used in small quantities in electronics components, including those products manufactured or contracted to be manufactured by EchoStar.

EchoStar is following the guidelines provided by the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (“EICC”) to address the issue of conflict minerals, using the EICC’s Conflict Minerals Reporting Template to collect and track conflict minerals due diligence information from our suppliers. EchoStar will endeavor to improve, year-over-year, its ability to track conflict minerals in its supply chain and will comply with the requirements of Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act. EchoStar plans to use this supply chain due diligence process to drive accountability within the supply chain by encouraging suppliers to use smelters and refiners which have been validated as conflict-free by the EICC & GeSI Conflict Free Smelter Program.

EchoStar expects its suppliers to reasonably assure that the conflict minerals in the products they manufacture are conflict free. If EchoStar becomes aware of a supplier whose supply chain includes conflict minerals that are not conflict free, EchoStar will work with such suppliers to manage the risks raised by such sourcing. EchoStar expects our suppliers to take similar measure with their suppliers to ensure alignment throughout the supply chain.