

EMRT guideline

(Opinion on conflict minerals)

Cobalt is mined all over the world, but the Democratic Republic of Congo, with its neighboring crisis areas, is the main producer. Unfortunately, cobalt sourcing is often linked to armed conflict and human rights violations. In small mines, mining techniques are often carried out manually, which leads to dangerous working conditions. The profits from cobalt mining are often used to finance armed groups and perpetuate the cycle of violence. Mica mining is also associated with labor abuse and unsafe working conditions, especially for women and children. As demand for mica continues to rise, production intensifies, leading to even less attention being paid to the welfare of workers. The intention is to restrict or stop the trade in these substances, which originate from these conflict areas.

KEM supports this initiative and recognizes the importance and relevance of the environment, security, health and human rights.

With this letter, we would like to inform you as a customer of KEM that we only use components from well-known manufacturers and long-standing suppliers in our products. However, we as a terminal manufacturer have no influence on the origin of minerals used by our suppliers. Thus, we can assume no responsibility in this regard.

We have obtained information from our suppliers and, to the best of our knowledge, no conflict minerals are used by our suppliers. Should we nevertheless hear about the use of these minerals, we will immediately take countermeasures, demand the immediate replacement of these conflict minerals, and ultimately end the business relationship with the supplier.

Please understand that we can not fill out any special questionnaires due to the huge increase in the number of inquiries. However, we hope that this letter contains the information you are looking for and we thank you for your trust and good cooperation.

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