

Business partners of  
VARTA Microbattery GmbH and its affiliated  
companies

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## Statement on Conflict Minerals

Directed by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued the final conflict minerals reporting rules on August 22, 2012. The intent of the provision is to stop and prevent violence and human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and neighboring countries funded by the exploitation and trade of certain minerals. Conflict minerals are primarily but not exclusively defined as gold, tantalum, tin and tungsten.

VARTA Microbattery GmbH and its affiliated companies undertake due diligence to assure that any raw materials or minerals used in our products are conflict-free. VARTA Microbattery GmbH and its affiliated companies do not buy any raw materials, semi-finished goods or finished products from the Democratic Republic of Congo or adjoining countries. In addition, the existing supplier base has been reviewed, and in particular supplier of materials that contain the above named minerals.

On this basis we can confirm that there is no indication that any products manufactured by VARTA Microbattery GmbH and its affiliated companies contain conflict minerals.



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