

EpiWorks Statement on Conflict Minerals

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Background

In recent years, the United States Congress and lawmakers around the world have increasingly focused on regulation of the mining and trade of minerals originating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and adjoining countries (collectively, the “DRC Countries”). It is believed that the illicit mining and trade of these “conflict minerals” are helping to finance extreme levels of violence, particularly sexual- and gender-based violence, in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo and are contributing to an emergency humanitarian situation in the region. “Conflict Minerals” are defined as cassiterite (ore used to produce tin), columbite-tantalite (ore from which tantalum is extracted), gold, wolframite (ore used to produce tungsten), or their derivatives, or any other minerals or their derivatives determined by the U.S. Secretary of State to be financing conflict in the DRC Countries. Section 1502 (the “Conflict Minerals Provision”) of The Dodd- Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which was adopted on July 21, 2010, requires new annual disclosures from any company for which the use of Conflict Minerals is necessary to the functionality or production of a product manufactured by that company.

See the following link for additional details: <http://www.sec.gov/rules/final/2012/34-67716.pdf>.

EpiWorks and Conflict Minerals

EpiWorks supports the goal of ensuring that all minerals used in EpiWorks products are DRC conflict free. As a private company, EpiWorks will provide disclosure regarding the source of its Conflict Minerals in accordance with the U.S. State Department’s guidance and the SEC’s rules. EpiWorks shares in the growing concerns of human rights abuses in the DRC Countries and is actively working with its supply chain to certify that metals found in EpiWorks products are DRC conflict free. Specifically, EpiWorks is using the EICC/GeSI Conflict Minerals reporting template to collect data from its upstream suppliers with respect to the geographic sources of Conflict Minerals in use and the associated smelters involved in its extended supply chain. This information will be collected, consolidated, and made available to EpiWorks’ customers, at a Company Level and on an annual basis, in order to assist them with their own supply chain diligence programs. This effort is ongoing, and EpiWorks will continue to work with its supply chain to update this information and implement other appropriate due diligence procedures as necessary to verify the source of its Conflict Minerals, as required.