

## **Conflict Minerals Statement**

Westermo has a great concern for the issue of 'Conflict Minerals', which involves the trade of minerals (and associated refined metals) originating in the region of the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and surrounding regions where armed conflict results in human rights violations and environmental damage. This issue is addressed by the Dodd- Frank Wall Street Reform and Customer Protection Act passed by the US Congress in July 2010.

Westermo use Tantalum, Tin and Gold in our products. Each of these metals has specific electrical properties which are necessary for the function of our products and cannot be replaced to provide the high level of functionality and quality demanded by our customers.

Westermo is committed to a socially responsible supply chain that, among other requirements, is Conflict Free. Westermo does not purchase directly from smelters or mines, however electronic components that we use do contain these metals. We are therefore working with our direct suppliers to understand their supply chain, determine the origin of these metals within those components and demand responsible purchasing activities from these suppliers.

We continue to work along with the electronics industry, as a whole, towards responsible purchasing practices and support appropriate regulations today and in the future.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

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