

## WASHINGTON ALLOY CO.

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## **Conflict Minerals Disclosure**

In July 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, also known as the Dodd-Frank Act. Although the focus of the Act is financial market regulation reform, it also imposes new regulations regarding "Conflict Minerals". On August 22, 2012, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), adopted final rules implementing the "conflict minerals" disclosure requirements in Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act, passed by congress in 2010 (see the rules at: <a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/final/2012/34-67716.pdf">http://www.sec.gov/rules/final/2012/34-67716.pdf</a>)

This rule requires public companies to acknowledge if any conflict minerals (defined as tantalum, tin, gold or tungsten) are in their product and if any of these minerals originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or adjoining countries and the Central/East African Republic (Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Angola, Tanzania, Zambia).

Based on written assurance from major sources for Washington Alloy, we have no indication that Washington Alloy products contain minerals from conflict mines.

Washington Alloy fully understands the social importance of this issue and will continue to strive to align our supply chain in a manner that will allow us to remain free of "conflict minerals".

Sincerely,

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