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## Background

In 2010, Congress enacted the Conflict Minerals provisions of the Dodd-Frank Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act with the goals of eliminating the illegal trade in gold, tin, tantalum and tungsten (Conflict Minerals) and cutting the funding of armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and its neighboring countries (Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, The Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia) that are engaged in human rights abuses. Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act requires public traded companies to report to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and disclose on their website whether any of the Conflict Minerals in the products they manufacture or contract to manufacture originate in the DRC Region and the due diligence conducted to determine if the original sale of the mineral-funded armed conflict. The SEC issued implementing regulations and guidance on August 22, 2012.

## Advanced Composites Inc.'s Commitment to Responsible Sourcing

Advanced Composites, Inc. (ACI) is committed to investigating, understanding and ultimately to ensuring that our supply chain is free of Conflict Minerals as defined by Dodd-Frank. We are committed to sourcing products from companies that share ACI values around human rights, ethics, and social and environmental responsibility. Since the supply chain for Conflict Minerals is complex, we are committed to working with our supply chain to increase transparency regarding the origin and traceability of minerals contained in ACI finished products with the goal of ensuring that all products manufactured by ACI are "DRC Conflict Free."

ACI will be carrying out supply chain due diligence consistent with the Office of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) guidelines. Suppliers of certain products will be required to complete ACI's 742006 Conflict Minerals Supplier Information Request form (current revision) in a timely manner to facilitate ACI reporting responsibilities to its customer base.

## Expectation of Suppliers

Suppliers may not include in any products sold to ACI any gold, tin, tantalum and tungsten mined in the DRC conflict zone or adjoining countries that fund armed conflict.

Suppliers are required to develop Conflict Minerals policies, due diligence frameworks, and management systems, consistent with the OECD guidelines and to drive those efforts throughout their supplier chain.

## Additional Information

Questions regarding ACI's Conflict Minerals Policy and Compliance program can be addressed to [info@advancedcomposites.com](mailto:info@advancedcomposites.com).