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STMicroelectronics Policy Statement on Conflict Minerals and Responsible Minerals Sourcing

STMicroelectronics has been actively managing the issue of conflict minerals and responsible sourcing within its supply chain since 2007.

Several metals that are essential for our production process, such as Tantalum, Tungsten, Gold, Tin and Cobalt, originate from raw minerals that could potentially come from mines where the extraction or processing of these minerals has a negative social or environmental impact. Negative impacts include forms of torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, forms of forced or compulsory labor the worst forms of child labor, gross human rights violations and abuses such as widespread sexual violence, war crimes or other serious violations of international humanitarian law, crimes against humanity or genocide, (in)direct support to non-state armed groups, (in)direct support to public or private security forces, bribery and fraudulent misrepresentation of the origin of minerals, money laundering, non-payment of taxes, fees and royalties to governments, severe repercussions on the environment such as pollution, water consumption abstraction and tailings and severe health & safety repercussions, on Occupational Health and Safety and/or Community Health and Safety.

We believe that we can best play a part in locating and promoting responsible sources of these minerals through our membership of the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA) and our participation in multi-industry initiatives such as the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI). We are also committed to full compliance with any related law, including the United States legislation that requires companies which are publicly-traded on a stock exchange in the United States and are subject to the rules and regulations of the US Securities and Exchange Commission to annually disclose information on the use of conflict minerals in their products and as well the EU 'Conflict Minerals' Regulation (2017/821).

To meet this commitment, we have put in place a due diligence process based on the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas (CAHRAs) including its Annexes and related supplements.
We map our supply chain and engage relevant first-tier and sub-tier suppliers and subcontractors to trace the origin of these metals. We communicate our policy to all first-tier suppliers and subcontractors providing products or materials containing these metals. We require smelters in our supply chain to take part in the Responsible Minerals Initiative or equivalent smelter audit initiatives and request our suppliers to source exclusively from smelters that have been verified by a recognized program. In this way we aim to obtain validated assurance that metals within our supply chain are sourced responsibly and are conflict-free.

In addition, we have joined a RMI working group to collaborate with our peers and drive meaningful improvement in the mining sector in order to cover serious human rights violations, and severe health, safety or environmental risks in countries where they may occur.

Detailed information about our supply chain sources and validation are disclosed to our customers on request. Our progress on this topic is publicly reported in our annual Sustainability, SEC and EU reports.

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