

Shin-Etsu Polymer Group Conflict minerals policy

The Shin-Etsu Polymer Group expresses the following in relation to conflict minerals:

- The Shin-Etsu Polymer Group agrees with and supports the objectives of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act on conflict minerals.
- The Shin-Etsu Polymer Group has no intention to participate in human right violations or environmental destruction by procuring raw materials, parts, components, or products using such conflict minerals.
- The Shin-Etsu Polymer Group will continue to work with customers, business partners, and industry organizations to proceed with efforts to avoid such participation.
- If any conflict minerals are found in raw materials, parts, components, or products the Shin-Etsu Polymer Group procures, the group will promptly take the necessary measures.

In recent years, there is concern that minerals essential as raw materials for IT and electronic parts and components extracted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and its nine neighboring countries are possibly financing armed groups that cause the violation of human rights, environmental destruction, etc.

In response to this, the U.S. Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) defines “tantalum, tin, gold, or tungsten” as conflict minerals*, and companies are required to identify if conflict minerals contained in their products are financing armed groups in these areas and if so, to annually disclose the information.

In order to trace back and survey the supply chain to find if any minerals that serve as a source of funds for armed groups in conflict areas in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or neighboring countries are used in our products, we plan to ask for cooperation from suppliers to identify refiners.

*Refers to “columbite (tantalum), tin, gold and wolframite (tungsten) or their derivatives” and “any other mineral or its derivatives determined by the Secretary of State to be directly or indirectly financing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or an adjoining country.”

(Source: Section 1502 of the Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act)

