

## **Conflict Mineral Policy**

### **Background**

Many of our products, like virtually all consumer electronics, contain various metals, including tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold (commonly referred to as “3TG”), which originate in mines around the world. The 3TG metals have become known as “conflict minerals”; much of which is sourced from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (“DRC”) and adjoining countries (the “Covered Countries”) where a decades-long civil war is being waged. This conflict has been exacerbated by various groups fighting to control mines and transit routes used in the trade of these minerals.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (“Dodd-Frank Act”) requires public companies in the U.S. to file annual reports with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) beginning in May 2014, disclosing whether or not they are using 3TG originating from the Covered Countries. A potential, but unintended, consequence of the Dodd-Frank Act is a widespread withdrawal from trade with the Covered Countries by U.S. companies.

### **Our Commitment**

To serve our customers better and in line with our company policy of creating products in an environmentally friendly, ethically correct, and economically efficient way we are determined to comply with international requirements regarding conflict minerals.

BKS stromschienen ag believes it is essential to establish validated, conflict-free sources of 3TG within the Covered Countries so that these minerals can be procured in a way that contributes to economic growth and development in the regions.

BKS stromschienen ag is committed to ensure that tin contained in our products is sourced with due respect for human rights, the need to avoid contributing to conflict, and the desire to support development through our supply chain practices.

We expect our suppliers to source only from conflict-free smelters and to help us determine conformity on an annual basis. If we determine that our expectation is not met, BKS stromschienen ag will work with the supplier and the industry to enable conflict-free sourcing.

### **What we ask of our suppliers**

We expect our suppliers to perform due diligence on the source and chain of custody of minerals used in the manufacturing of products they supply to BKS stromschienen ag. Suppliers’ due diligence measures should be available to us upon request.