

Conflict Minerals Statement

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Appian Fasteners wants to assist its customers and suppliers from preventing the sourcing of certain metals, referred to as conflict minerals from being incorporated into its products.

Conflict minerals is defined as gold, tantalum, tungsten, tin, cobalt or copper derived from ores mined in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Appian Fasteners do not purchase raw ores or virgin metals.

Appian Fasteners purchases metal components through its global supply chain, all of which has been processed, in some cases, through multiple tiers.

Appian Fasteners does not knowingly use any conflict metals; however, Appian Fasteners does not, within its organization, possess the capability to trace, with certainty, the origins of the raw ores or virgin metals which are incorporated in its products.

Appian Fasteners will use commercially reasonable efforts to enhance its supplier audit process to verify the source of the raw metals which are incorporated into its purchases of metal components and seek sources which can assure that conflict metals are not incorporated in its purchased materials.



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