

Northern Technologies Statement Regarding Conflict Minerals

Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act amends the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to add Section 13(p), which directs the Commission to issue rules requiring certain companies to disclose their use of “conflict minerals” if those minerals are “necessary to the functionality or production of a product” manufactured by those companies or contracted by those companies to be manufactured. Under Section 1502, the term “conflict minerals” includes tantalum, tin, gold, or tungsten. Congress enacted Section 1502 because of concerns that the exploitation and trade of conflict minerals by armed groups is helping to finance conflict in the DRC region and is contributing to an emergency humanitarian crisis.

The rule applies to a company that uses any conflict minerals if:

- The company files reports with the SEC pursuant to Exchange Act Sections 13(a) or 15(d); and
- the minerals are “necessary to the functionality or production” of a product manufactured by the company or contracted by the company to be manufactured.

Northern Technologies is exempt from Conflict Minerals Disclosure because we do not file reports with the SEC pursuant to Exchange Act Sections 13(a) or 15(d).

Northern Technologies manufactured cover products

Northern Technologies is in pursuit of meeting the requirements of the rule in order to accommodate the needs of our customers who have purchased this type of product. Please email compliance@northerntech.com for a copy of the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) Conflict Minerals Reporting Template that has been completed to the best of our current knowledge related to raw material sources related to Northern Technologies manufactured products.