



Dear (Supplier),

On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) adopted final rules implementing Section 1502 of the U.S. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. These rules require public companies to disclose the use of Conflict Minerals (tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold) in their products.

Max Machinery, Inc. is committed to ensuring that materials used in its supply chain are responsibly sourced, and is implementing measures to ensure that its supply chain is free of Conflict Minerals that contribute to armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo and adjoining countries. Below is a link to the Conflict Minerals Report that the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI) and the Global e- Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) has created as a common means for the collection of sourcing company due diligence information related to Conflict Minerals.

Although the burden of compliance is on public companies who manufacture products that contain (3TG's). Companies using conflict mineral must also disclose their supply chain inquiries to verify whether these minerals originated in the Democratic Republic of Congo or adjacent countries. Max Machinery, Inc. expects our suppliers to comply with the <u>Responsible Minerals</u> <u>Initiative (RMI)</u> Code of Conduct and to only source materials from socially and environmentally responsible suppliers. We highly encourage all impacted suppliers to proactively complete the attached Conflict Minerals Reporting Template and retain it in the event Max Machinery, Inc. is required to provide such information related to the use of the (3TG's).

Please note that for all Conflict Minerals that are procured by your company you must indicate the Smelter information on the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template.

Link to: Conflict Minerals Report

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