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CONFLICT-MINERALS METALS POLICY 28 March, 2016

Several metals commonly used in the electronics industry: gold (Au), tantalum (Ta), tungsten (W) and tin (Sn) have a variety of sources, including what has been termed as a “Conflict Region”.

The following are statements describing our policy on procurement of metals derived from ore sourced from mines in “Conflict Regions”.

- QCI is not required to file a Conflict-Minerals under the SEC; we provide this information both to assist our customers, and to improve our supply chain. QCI is committed to sourcing responsibly and considers mining activities that fuel conflict as unacceptable.
- QCI continues to undertake reasonable due diligence within our supply chain to assure that gold (Au), tantalum (Ta), tungsten (W) and tin (Sn) is not procured as a “Conflict Metal.” A “Conflict Metal” is a metal derived from ore sourced from mines in conflict areas of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), or illegally taxed on trade routes, either of which is controlled by non-government military groups, or unlawful military factions.
- To our knowledge, we have no known conflict-materials used within our products. QCI is still in the process of gathering compliance information from our suppliers, as are many of our suppliers. QCI will update our statements as additional information is obtained.
- In a review of 98 suppliers, to our best understanding of the statements and information provided, 41 stated conflict material free, 53 had no known usage, and 6 had provided no statements. We obtained EICCGeSIDD spreadsheets from 52 of our vendors.
- We note that some of the wording in some statements provided to us is not perfectly clear, so we have made our best effort to report according to our understanding. Many statements indicate they are receiving materials based on agreements to be compliant and will remove any suppliers they find to be non-compliant; we interpreted these as meaning "no known non-compliant materials". Some suppliers are still in the process of verifying their supply chains, particularly large multi-national corporations, but promise to close in on these goals in 2016 filings (not yet available as of this compilation).

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