

Conflict Minerals Policy Statement

Intuitive Surgical is committed to responsible sourcing and we encourage all suppliers to adopt practices that obtain products and materials from conflict-free suppliers. The company is a responsible corporate citizen and always endeavors to comply with health, safety, and environmental requirements under applicable government standards and regulations.

In 2010, the U.S. Congress included disclosure requirements in section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (commonly known as the "Conflict Minerals Rule") as a result of concerns that profits from the sale of certain minerals from the Democratic Republic of Congo and adjoining countries (the "DRC Region") may be financing armed groups that are engaged in civil war and are committing human rights violations. The Conflict Minerals Rule was designed to create greater transparency regarding the use of conflict minerals mined in the DRC Region and requires companies to determine and disclose the source of select metals used in the manufacture of their products.

Intuitive Surgical is committed in its efforts to comply with the Conflict Minerals Rule requirements and has implemented a due diligence process, which includes formation of a cross-functional working group consisting of representatives from Global Supply Chain Operations, Corporate Finance, Legal, and Global Public Affairs. This team is working to evaluate relevant suppliers concerning the potential use of conflict minerals and the origin of such minerals that may be used in Intuitive Surgical products.

The company has and continues to reiterate expectations to suppliers that encourage each to establish their own due diligence program to ensure proper monitoring and reporting of the use of conflict minerals in their supply chains. Additionally, Intuitive Surgical requires that suppliers comply with all applicable governmental laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and other requirements. If the company becomes aware of a supplier whose supply chain includes minerals from a conflict source, which directly or indirectly benefit or finance armed groups in the Covered Countries, Intuitive Surgical will work to resolve the issue as quickly as possible and/or reassess our relationship with that supplier.

Additional Resources for Information on the Conflict Mineral Rule:

The Securities and Exchange Commission [Final Rule \(Release No. 34-67716\)](#)

RMI public [Conflict Minerals Reporting Template](#) utilized for inquiries within the supply chain

The Responsible Minerals Initiative of the Responsible Business Alliance [Conflict Free Smelter program](#), compliant smelter lists, due diligence tools, news and reports

Additional Training/Information: [EICC Extractives and Conflict Minerals Resources](#)

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