

Conflict Minerals Policy Statement

Intuitive Surgical 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 certain 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. Gold (Au), tantalum (Ta), tungsten (W) and tin (Sn), (collectively "conflict minerals") are used in the manufacture of a variety of commercial products, including products manufactured and sold by Intuitive Surgical. The Conflict Minerals Rule requires companies to determine and disclose the source of these metals used in the manufacture of their products, whether mined in the DRC Region, other regions of the world, or obtained from recycled and scrap sources.

In 2012, the final rule was approved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") requiring public companies subject to the SEC to report annually on conflict minerals, beginning May 31, 2014 for the 2013 calendar year.

Intuitive Surgical is committed in its efforts to comply with the Conflict Minerals Rule requirements and to sourcing materials from suppliers that share our values with regard to ethics and integrity, respect for human rights, and environmental responsibility. To comply with the rule, Intuitive Surgical is implementing a due diligence process including evaluation of relevant suppliers concerning the potential use of conflict minerals and the origin of such minerals that are used in Intuitive Surgical products. A cross-functional working group leads this effort and includes representatives from Global Supply Chain Operations, Corporate Finance & Compliance, Legal, Information Technology, and Regulatory Compliance.

In support of the Conflict Minerals Rule, Intuitive Surgical expects suppliers will establish their own due diligence program to ensure proper monitoring and reporting of the use of conflict minerals in their supply chains. In addition to requirements under the Conflict Minerals Rule, Intuitive Surgical requires that all of its suppliers in its supply chain comply with all applicable governmental laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and other requirements. If we become 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 reassess that supplier relationship.

Additional Resources for Information on the Conflict Mineral Rule:

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

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

The Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative of the EICC and GeSI [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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