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**Subject: Conflict Minerals Smelter Verification**

COTSWORKS does not directly source gold, tin, tantalum, or tungsten from mines, smelters, or refiners; and in all cases, are many levels removed from the sources of these raw materials. Therefore, COTSWORKS relies on the information provided by its direct suppliers, which rely themselves upon their own suppliers, direct and/or indirect. We confirm with reasonable certainty that the 3TGs that may be in products purchased from our suppliers and used in our products are not derived from Conflict Minerals. We also maintain records of supplier verifications for our customers.

Each year, COTSWORKS gathers reports from its direct suppliers during our survey for Conflict Mineral information/compliance. Many use various names for mines, smelters, or refiners in their Conflict Minerals Reporting Templates and many suppliers send only company-level information which may or may not be any part of our product supply chain. Taking customer's feedback on these surveys into account, COTSWORKS rolls up this information into one product-specific template for each customer which may contain smelters not yet RMI certified. As the list of smelters is constantly evolving, we do our best to be sure that only certified smelters are used by our direct supply chain.

If you have any questions or need any further clarification, I can be reached by using the contact information listed below.

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