



Conflict Minerals Statement

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On August 22, 2012 the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) published the regulations implementing the “conflict minerals” rule reporting obligations of Section 1502 of the U.S. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act.

Avatar is committed to a responsible supply chain that, among other requirements, is Conflict Free. To this end, we continue working with our supply chain to strengthen compliance and ensure only “DRC Conflict Free” materials are used.

Avatar manufactures custom designed boards and purchases components according to the customer’s approved documentation. All components are specified/approved by the customer. We exercise due diligence with parts that are purchased using only conflict free materials from authorized / franchised distributors and manufactures that comply with the “conflict minerals” act.

Avatar does not purchase tin, tantalum, tungsten or gold directly from smelters or mines. Further, there are many supply chain layers that separate us from the smelters and mines from which these metals are sourced. Consequently, we require our suppliers to determine the sources and conflict status of the materials supplied to Avatar and its customers. Based on the written assurances Avatar has received from its major suppliers, we have no indication components supplied by Avatar contain minerals from conflict mines or smelters in and around the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Please be assured we are focused on providing our customers with an Avatar conflict mineral declaration and aligning our supply chain to provide verification of compliance. Information on compliance tools available may be found at www.conflictreesmelter.org.

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