

## **GOULD FASTENERS LIMITED**

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## **Conflict Minerals Compliance Statement**

## **Dear Valued Customer,**

July 2010 the United States Congress has passed legislation requiring corporations to report the use of "Conflict Minerals" in their products.

Conflict Minerals in this legislation refers to specific minerals originating in the Democratic Republic of Congo and its adjoining countries. The specific minerals covered are; Gold, Tantalum, Tin, and Tungsten.

Gould Fasteners does not directly purchase or process conflict minerals. Gould purchases finished components such as bolts, screws, rivets and other fasteners including Electronic hardware. Conflict minerals may be present in some of our products. We will continue to use commercially reasonable efforts to contact our suppliers to verify their compliance with this legislation.

To the best of our knowledge the products we sell, do not contain Conflict Minerals as covered by the Dodd-Frank legislation, however Gould Fasteners Limited does not have the capability to trace with certainty the origins of raw ores or virgin metals used to fabricate the products we purchase.

Thank you,

**Robert Horton** 

QA Manger

Gould Fasteners Limited