



HI-TEMP SPECIALTY METALS INC

STATEMENT ON CONFLICT MATERIALS

Like all of our customers and suppliers, Hi-Temp is disturbed by the reports of forced labor and other human rights violations occurring in mining operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Many of these mining operations involve tantalum and tungsten.

Hi-Temp does not buy, sell, or otherwise deal with conflict material from the DRC.

The overwhelming majority of the material we buy is purchased from well-known manufacturers of the United States and Europe. Hi-Temp does not generally buy tantalum from traders, and does not buy any tantalum that originates from conflict zones.

At present tantalum scrap is exempted from legislation seeking to govern the sale and distribution of tantalum.

Hi-Temp supports the creation and independent monitoring of such mechanisms that prohibit the sale of tantalum from conflict zones, and will continue to do so. It is our belief that an independent certification process would not only provide confidence to our customers, but would also help severely limit criminal mining operations in the DRC and elsewhere.