



**COMBINED METALS OF CHICAGO**  
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Dear Customer:

We at Combined Metals of Chicago, llc (CMC) value compliance with all applicable legal standards. Pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act, you have asked us to certify whether the materials we supply to you contain Conflict Minerals or are conflict free. While CMC may process the material we supply to you, CMC is not the mill, smelter or refiner of the material. Therefore, we have asked our supplying mills to certify to us, in writing, the following information:

- The country of origin of any columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, wolframite, gold, tantalum, tin and tungsten ("Conflict Minerals"), contained in the material CMC received from our supplier.
- Whether any of the material CMC received from our supplier contains Conflict Minerals from the DRC or covered countries.
- If any of the material CMC received from our supplier does contain conflict minerals from the DRC, that the material is "conflict free."
- Whether the material CMC received from our supplier contains recycled or scrap sources.

Enclosed with this letter is the written certification we received from our supplying mills. If you have any further questions or need further information regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

*M. Bill*

2-5-13

February 5, 2013

Michael Bilos  
Combined Metals

Subject: Conflict Minerals

In November 2012, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's Final Rules implementing Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act governing companies' use of and disclosure regarding so-called "conflict minerals" became effective. Soon thereafter, AK Steel commenced various efforts to confirm our compliance with these new rules. The results of the company's efforts thus far are summarized in this letter.



AK Steel utilizes tin, a mineral covered by the Final Rules, in its processes for manufacturing certain of its steel products. At this time, AK Steel has completed its initial "reasonable country of origin inquiries" required by the Final Rules. Based on the results of such inquiries thus far, we believe that AK Steel does **not** use any tin from mined sources that originate from the Democratic Republic of the Congo or any of the adjoining countries. We reached this preliminary conclusion by conducting our own due diligence investigation and by collaborating with our tin suppliers to ascertain the necessary information. Although we expect to complete the entire process with respect to diligence and documentation over the coming months, we currently have no reason to believe that the final conclusion will differ from our current one.

As additional information, please note that some of AK Steel's production processes make use of scrap and/or recycled metals that may include tin or other minerals covered by the Final Rules. Importantly, however, under the Final Rules such sources are regarded as "conflict free".

If you have any further questions regarding this subject or AK Steel products generally, please do not hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, for conflict minerals inquiries you may directly contact our Chief Compliance Officer, Joe Alter, at [joe.alter@aksteel](mailto:joe.alter@aksteel) or (513) 425-2659.

Thank you for your interest in AK Steel.

Sincerely,

***Michael Kidwell***

Michael Kidwell  
Senior Product Specialist, Specialty Products & Marketing  
AK Steel Corporation



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February 4, 2013

Dear Valued Customer:

NAS does not import materials for the manufacturing of stainless steel, and does not use any of the "Conflict Minerals" for the manufacturing process.

If you have additional questions concerning the materials used at NAS, please do not hesitate to call me at 502-347-6534.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maria Eichelberger".

Maria Eichelberger  
Environmental Manager  
North American Stainless