

Dodd-Frank Section 1502: 3TG Market Impact Survey 2015

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Intro and Consent

This survey is meant for companies who produce or consume tin, tungsten, tantalum and/or gold (3TG), from miners all the way up the supply chain to original equipment manufacturers (OEM).

This survey is part of a scientific and impartial study, conducted by Tulane University.

The answers you provide in this questionnaire will help all stakeholders concerned better understand the impact of Dodd-Frank Section 1502 on the global 3TG-based markets, provide other companies with benchmarks, and learn about good practice in conflict minerals program implementation.

Indicator input has been provided by a select group of stakeholders representing the auditing, IT, legal, civil society, trade association, government and business communities.

It will take between 10-30 minutes to complete the questionnaire, depending on your answers. Please note that you do not have to complete the questionnaire in one sitting; you can save your responses and resume it at a later time.

This survey is anonymous, unless your company would like to reveal its identity. Unless your company opts to divulge its name, it will not be known to us. No other identifying information (such as your name, email address or IP address) will be collected. All data will be stored in a password-protected electronic format and will only be accessed by Tulane researchers.

With respect to the individual survey respondent, we request that s/he be a company employee or manager who has had direct involvement in the development and implementation of the conflict minerals program to complete this questionnaire.

This study's methodology employs snowball sampling. Which means, upon having participated in this survey, we request that you forward the link to this questionnaire in turn to one or more of your 3TG-related suppliers. This additional step is, however, left entirely to your discretion.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Chris N. Bayer, PhD [cbayer@tulane.edu].

If your company does not wish to participate in the research study, please decline participation by clicking on the "disagree" button. Otherwise, click the agree box to proceed.



agree



disagree

indicator #:	respondent group:	indicator:	note:
I. Company Profile			
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miners • Upstream • Smelter or Refiner (SOR) • Downstream 	<p>Would your company wish to remain anonymous in its participation in this survey? (If yes, please mark YES, refrain from naming your company, and no identifying information will be attributed. If your company does not wish to remain anonymous, mark NO, state its name, and the study's report may refer to individual companies by name when it comes to the good/best practice discussion.)</p> <p>i. YES / NO</p> <p>ii. If NO, state your company's name: </p>	
2.		<p>For the principal respondent: please specify your job title within your company.</p>	
3.		<p>Geographic location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please indicate the country of your company's primary place of management or control: • Please indicate your city (if your city has less than 1 million inhabitants, please state the city over 1 million inhabitants which is closest to you): 	
4.		<p>Which 3TG mineral(s)/metals did your company produce/process (or are found in your products) in 2014? (check all that apply)</p> <p>_____ gold _____ tungsten _____ tin _____ tantalum</p>	
5.		<p>What is the value, in current US\$, of tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold produced/processed by your company in 2014?</p> <p>_____ \$ gold _____ \$ tungsten _____ \$ tin _____ \$ tantalum _____ don't know _____ prefer not to indicate</p>	
6.		<p>How many employees work at your company?</p> <p>_____ 1 employee _____ 2 - 5 employees _____ 6 - 10 employees _____ 11 - 20 employees _____ 21 - 50 employees _____ 51 - 100 employees _____ 101 - 250 employees _____ 251 - 500 employees _____ 501 - 1,000 employees</p>	

		<input type="checkbox"/> 1,001 - 2,000 employees <input type="checkbox"/> 2,001 - 5,000 employees <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001 - 10,000 employees <input type="checkbox"/> > 10,001 employees	
7.		Annual company revenue (in 2014): <input type="checkbox"/> < US\$ 1 million <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 1 million – US\$ 5 million <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 5 million – US\$ 10 million <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 10 million – US\$ 20 million <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 20 million – US\$ 50 million <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 50 million – US\$ 100 million <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 100 million – US\$ 500 million <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 500 million – US\$ 1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 1 billion – US\$ 5 billion <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 5 billion – US\$ 10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 10 billion – US\$ 20 billion <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 20 billion – US\$ 50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 50 billion – US\$ 100 billion <input type="checkbox"/> > US\$ 100 billion <input type="checkbox"/> prefer not to state	
8.		Please indicate the position of your company along the 3TG market: <input type="checkbox"/> mining <input type="checkbox"/> upstream (tiers between mine and smelter/refiner) <input type="checkbox"/> smelter or refiner (SOR) <input type="checkbox"/> downstream (tiers from smelter/refiner to OEM) If mining, please select either: <input type="checkbox"/> Large Scale Mining (LSM), or <input type="checkbox"/> Artisanal non-mechanized and Small scale Mining (ASM)	cross-check with 5.
9.		Select the activity that generates the most commercial value for your company: <input type="checkbox"/> mining <input type="checkbox"/> regional trading (négociants) <input type="checkbox"/> intermediate processing <input type="checkbox"/> consolidating / exporting of minerals <input type="checkbox"/> international trading of minerals <input type="checkbox"/> concentrate & mineral re-processing <input type="checkbox"/> smelting / refining <input type="checkbox"/> distributing minerals/metals (on exchanges) <input type="checkbox"/> materials processing (including scrap/recycled sources) <input type="checkbox"/> component / sub-assembly manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> contract manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> original equipment manufacturer (OEM)	
10.		Industry sector in which your business is situated – check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Aerospace <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel	

		<input type="checkbox"/> Automotive <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical <input type="checkbox"/> Defense <input type="checkbox"/> Electric/electronics/high-tech <input type="checkbox"/> Food <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Machinery <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Metals <input type="checkbox"/> Oil & Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Process & Industrial Products <input type="checkbox"/> Retail <input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Recreational Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> other, please specify:.....	
11.		Are you an SEC filer and subject to Dodd-Frank S1502? i. YES / NO / Don't know ii. If YES, did your company file a Form SD and Conflict Minerals Report with the SEC in 2014? iii. If YES, does your company expect to file a Form SD and Conflict Minerals Report with the SEC by June 2, 2015?	
II. Internal Resources Utilized			
12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upstream • SOR • Downstream 	At what point in time did your company start conducting its Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry (RCOI)? _____ year: month: _____ not (yet) started	
13.		Do you have a dedicated (full-time) employee working on your company's conflict mineral program (CMP)? A. YES / NO B. If YES, since when (month, year) did this position exist?	
14.		How many combined employee hours would you estimate your company has dedicated to its conflict mineral program (CMP)-related activities to date? (or indicate "OUT" if outsourced) _____ Researching whether 3TG minerals are used in products/production: _____ Establishing / implementing company management systems: _____ Conducting RCOI: _____ Performing due diligence: _____ Educating / engaging suppliers: _____ Reviews / assessments / supplier audits: _____ Reporting findings (e.g. to customers, SEC): _____ Customer-facing efforts (please specify): _____ Other CMP-related activity (please specify):	

15.		What is the average value (in US\$) of compensation (per hour) paid to employees involved in your conflict mineral program (CMP) in your company?	
16.		<p>Which department leads the conflict mineral program within your company (i.e. where the highest concentration of effort resides)?</p> <p>_____ Administrative/Clerical</p> <p>_____ Compliance/Governance</p> <p>_____ CSR / Sustainability</p> <p>_____ Engineering</p> <p>_____ Environment Health and Safety (EHS)</p> <p>_____ Internal Audit</p> <p>_____ Investor Relations</p> <p>_____ IT / data management service</p> <p>_____ Legal / regulatory / government affairs</p> <p>_____ Management/Operations</p> <p>_____ Purchasing</p> <p>_____ SEC Reporting/Finance</p> <p>_____ Senior Company Leaders/Executives</p> <p>_____ Supply Chain/Procurement/Quality</p> <p>_____ other, please specify:</p>	
17.		<p>Has your company set up a Conflict Minerals team?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If YES, what units/offices are involved?</p> <p>_____ Administrative/Clerical</p> <p>_____ Compliance/Governance</p> <p>_____ CSR / Sustainability</p> <p>_____ Engineering</p> <p>_____ Environment Health and Safety (EHS)</p> <p>_____ Internal Audit</p> <p>_____ Investor Relations</p> <p>_____ IT / data management service</p> <p>_____ Legal / regulatory / government affairs</p> <p>_____ Management/Operations</p> <p>_____ Purchasing</p> <p>_____ SEC Reporting/Finance</p> <p>_____ Senior Company Leaders/Executives</p> <p>_____ Supply Chain/Procurement/Quality</p> <p>_____ other, please specify:</p>	
III. IT / Documentation			
18.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upstream • SOR • Downstream 	<p>Does your company collect 3TG-relevant information related to any of the following?</p> <p>_____ 3TG-related provenance (supply chain links/tiers, including origin)</p> <p>_____ 3TG-related inspection / audit</p> <p>_____ 3TG-related production</p> <p>_____ 3TG-related usage</p>	

19.		<p>Identify the activity within your supply chain from which you were able to gather information on conflict minerals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> mining <input type="checkbox"/> regional trading (négociants) <input type="checkbox"/> intermediate processing <input type="checkbox"/> consolidating / exporting of minerals <input type="checkbox"/> international trading of minerals <input type="checkbox"/> concentrate & mineral re-processing <input type="checkbox"/> smelting / refining <input type="checkbox"/> distributing minerals/metals (on exchanges) <input type="checkbox"/> materials processing (including scrap/recycled sources) <input type="checkbox"/> component / sub-assembly manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> contract manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> original equipment manufacturer (OEM) 	
20.		<p>Please indicate your company's general course of action for IT system, software implementation to support conflict minerals traceability processes and/or reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. We modified certain existing IT systems/software B. We bought or licensed wholly new IT systems/ software C. We outsourced data management; our IT needs are being met by others D. We had no IT system/ software needs (our existing IT systems and resources already were sufficient to support our needs) E. Other, please describe: 	(IF C, then #22)
21.		<p>How much of your overall data management services have you outsourced to the IT vendor?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some, but <25% <input type="checkbox"/> 25 – 50% <input type="checkbox"/> 50 – 75% <input type="checkbox"/> More than 75%, but not all 100% <input type="checkbox"/> 100% 	
22.		<p>Do you have an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. YES / NO B. If yes, have you integrated your Conflict Mineral data with your Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ YES / NO 	
23.		<p>Does your company use the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT) published by the Conflict-Free Smelter Initiative (CFSI) to collect information from your suppliers?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. YES / NO B. If yes, do you use a modified version thereof? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YES / NO 	

		<p>C. If yes, do you encourage or require your 3TG-related suppliers to use it? <input type="checkbox"/> require <input type="checkbox"/> encourage</p> <p>D. If yes, do you also use it to communicate your 3TG-related data to your customers? YES / NO</p>	
24.		<p>Does your company use a commercially available conflict mineral data platform?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If so, which one(s)?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Actio <input type="checkbox"/> Assent Compliance Manager <input type="checkbox"/> BOMcheck <input type="checkbox"/> Bravo Solutions <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance Data Exchange (CDX) <input type="checkbox"/> Crowe Horwath CM Tracker <input type="checkbox"/> Ecodesk <input type="checkbox"/> Foresite Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Greensoft <input type="checkbox"/> IBM BPM (adapted) <input type="checkbox"/> Inspirage Agile PX <input type="checkbox"/> iPoint Conflict Minerals Platform (iPCMP) <input type="checkbox"/> KPMG's Conflict Minerals Tracking Tool <input type="checkbox"/> MetricStream <input type="checkbox"/> MRPRO Dashboard (EICC-GeSI) <input type="checkbox"/> Policy IQ <input type="checkbox"/> Resilinc <input type="checkbox"/> Source Intelligence <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify):	
25.		<p>Has your company consolidated Conflict Mineral supplier compliance surveys with those for REACH, RoHS, etc.? A. YES / NO</p>	
26.		<p>Has your company incurred IT-related costs to support your company's conflict minerals traceability processes and/or reporting?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If YES, please indicate the expense item:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> new software <input type="checkbox"/> consultants <input type="checkbox"/> outsourcing IT component <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify):	

		<p>C. If YES, please indicate the (estimated) range of the total IT-related expenditures to date:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 1 - US\$ 5,000</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 5,001 – US\$ 10,000</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 10,001 – US\$ 20,000</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 20,001 – US\$ 50,000</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 50,001 – US\$ 100,000</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 100,001 – US\$ 250,000</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 250,001 – US\$ 500,000</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 500,001 – US\$ 1 million</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> >US\$ 1 million</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown / not estimated</p>	
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IV. Audit / attestation / certification

27.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upstream • SOR • Downstream 	<p>What confidence do you have in information provided by your suppliers? Rank each option on a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being no confidence and 10 being perfect confidence:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicability (whether 3TG are or are not in you company's products)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RCOI</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Due diligence</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Third-party audits of smelters/refiners' due diligence practices</p>	
28.		<p>How do you verify /check the accuracy and completeness of CM-related data/information provided by your suppliers? (Please check all that apply):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Accept all supplier-submitted information as provided</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Compare smelter names and/or IDs against CFS list or other standard industry reference</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Verify that suppliers included smelters for all conflict minerals in their products</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check for smelters that our company has prohibited from our supply chain</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For smelters or refiners submitted, confirm that the smelters or refiners are legitimate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check for sanctioned entities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check to see if any 3TG came from Covered Countries</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct other logic check provided by IT vendor or another external party</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other logic check created by our company (please describe):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe):</p>	
29.		<p>Did your company conduct any CM-related assessment for products manufactured in 2014?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If yes, what type of assessment was conducted?</p>	

		<input type="checkbox"/> review led by our company’s Internal Audit function <input type="checkbox"/> “assurance readiness” or “mock IPSA” (Independent Private Sector Audit, with the objectives specified in the SEC rule) by an outside resource <input type="checkbox"/> independent overall CM program assessment <input type="checkbox"/> independent focused CM program assessment <input type="checkbox"/> other internal readiness exercise <input type="checkbox"/> other: (please specify).....	
30.		<p>Did your company procure an Independent Private Sector Audit (IPSA) (with the two objectives as described in the SEC rule) for products manufactured in 2014?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If YES, what type of IPSA was conducted? <input type="checkbox"/> Attestation Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Audit <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify):</p> <p>C. If YES, who conducted the audit? <input type="checkbox"/> Our Financial Statement Auditor <input type="checkbox"/> Another Big 4 accounting firm <input type="checkbox"/> Another accounting firm or CPA <input type="checkbox"/> Non-CPA Auditor</p>	
31.		<p>Did your company have a CM-related supplier audit carried out on one or more of your suppliers in Compliance Year 2014?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If yes, how many audits did you carry out?</p> <p>C. If yes, what percent (%) of your suppliers did you have audited?</p> <p>D. If yes, what was the (estimated) cost of the audit? <input type="checkbox"/> <US\$ 25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 25,000 – US\$ 50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 50,001 – US\$ 100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 100,001 – US\$ 250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 250,001 – US\$ 500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 500,001 – US\$ 1 million <input type="checkbox"/> >US\$ 1 million <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown / not estimated</p>	

32.		<p>Has your company been subject to reviews or audits (for example, by customers) of YOUR conflict minerals programs?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If YES, how would you characterize these exercises? (check all that apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Simple questions via email</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Simple questions as part of periodic, existing reviews (business, quality, supply chain)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> More detailed reviews, administered remotely (email, online portal, telephone)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> More detailed reviews, at a location managed by your company</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In response to the CMRT you submitted</p> <p>C. If YES, how many of these exercises have you completed?</p>	
33.		<p>Did your company incur any additional costs verifying supplier data, other than supplier audit or IPSA costs, if applicable?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If YES, what were the costs associated with your data verification? (in USD)</p>	
34.	Downstream:	<p>What % of smelters and refiners in your supply chain(s) are certified as conflict-free through an audit or who are undergoing the smelter/refiner audit process?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> gold</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> tungsten</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> tin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> tantalum</p>	
V. Company Policy			
35.	Downstream:	<p>After Dodd-Frank was passed, did your company deliberately mandate that the supply chain include one or more 3TG from the "Covered Countries" (Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, DRC, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia)?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If NO, did your company allow conflict-free verified material from the region into your products? YES / NO</p> <p>D. If YES, why? Through what means was this achieved?</p>	

36.		<p>After Dodd-Frank was passed, did your company request that the supply chain NOT include one or more 3TG from the “Covered Countries” (Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, DRC, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia)?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If YES, why? Through what means was this achieved?</p>	
37.		<p>In practice, for your company, does “conflict free” effectively mean “Covered Country-free?” (“Covered Countries”: Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, DRC, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia)</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If YES, how so?</p>	
38.		<p>Have you directed your suppliers to ensure that the 3TG smelters and refiners in their supply chain(s) undergo audits to verify compliance with the Conflict-Free Smelter Program (CFSP) or an equivalent audit program?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p>	
39.		<p>Please state your company’s policy vis-à-vis your suppliers sourcing from “conflict-free” smelters?</p> <p>A. require B. recommend and migrate C. do not specify</p>	
40.		<p>What % of your customers now require your company to source from “conflict-free” smelters?</p>	
41.		<p>Does your company direct your suppliers to terminate their relationships with smelters and refiners that do not seek compliance with the CFSI*, LBMA**, RJC***, WGC**** or equivalent independent third-party certification programs, and work with your suppliers to remove these smelters and refiners from the supply chain?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>*Conflict Free Sourcing Initiative (CFSI) **London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) ***Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) ****World Gold Council (WGC)</p>	
42.		<p>Has your company terminated or not renewed a contract with a supplier who did not provide requested conflict-related information?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p>	

		<p>B. If so, how many?</p> <p>C. If so, what percentage of your suppliers?</p>	
43.		<p>Going forward, would you discontinue to source from suppliers that don't ensure that their smelters and refiners participate in a recognized certification protocol to verify compliance with the Conflict-Free Smelter Program (CFSP) or an equivalent certification program?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p>	
44.		<p>How does your company's 3TG-related due diligence compare to the OECD due diligence guidelines?</p> <p>(OECD's 5-step Due Diligence framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Establish strong company management systems ii. Identify and assess risk in the supply chain iii. Design and implement a strategy to respond to identified risks iv. Third-Party audit of smelters/refiners' due diligence practices v. Report annually on supply chain due diligence) <p>_____ Consistent in every regard</p> <p>_____ Very close, with minor differences</p> <p>_____ Somewhat consistent, with some notable differences (please specify differences):</p> <p>.....</p> <p>_____ Completely different (please specify differences):</p> <p>.....</p> <p>_____ We adopted another framework (please specify):</p> <p>.....</p> <p>_____ Don't know</p>	
45.		<p>Even if Dodd-Frank S1502 were to be waived or repealed, will your company continue to implement a conflict mineral program (CMP), or an equivalent thereof?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p>	
46.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upstream • SOR • Downstream 	<p>Does your company require that the chain-of-custody system from which 3TG are sourced preserve the identity of the mineral (e.g. bag and tag, lot coding)?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p>	
47.		<p>Does your company pass on the added cost of compliance to your customers?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p>	

VI. Synergy

48.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upstream • SOR • Downstream 	<p>Does your company support, through purchasing requirements or membership, any of the following in-region initiatives:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Solutions for Hope (SfH) closed pipe system</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ITRI Tin Supply Chain Initiative (iTSCi)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ICGLR Certification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BGR Certified Trading Chains</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Free Tin Initiative</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> KEMET's Partnership for Social and Economic Stability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership Africa Canada</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Better Sourcing Program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify):</p>	
49.		<p>Does your company support, through purchasing requirements or membership, any of the following sourcing/certification/standards programs:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Free Sourcing Program (CFSP) by EICC-GeSI</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC)'s Chain of Custody Certification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> London Bullion Market Association (LBMA)'s Good Delivery</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Gold Council (WGC)'s Conflict-Free Gold Standard</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> other, please specify:</p>	

VII. Dodd-Frank S1502 effects / externalities

50.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upstream • SOR • Downstream 	<p>What is the main issue/challenge that your company encountered with respect to Dodd-Frank S1502 compliance in the first and second reporting year?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2013:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2014:</p>	
51.		<p>What is expected to be the biggest issue/challenge for year three (2015)?</p> <p>.....</p>	
52.		<p>How did you (or how do you propose to) address/overcome that main issue/challenge that your company encountered with respect to Dodd-Frank S1502 compliance in the first reporting year, the second reporting year, and the third year? E.g. what methods or tools did your company identify to improve the process?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2013:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2014:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2015:</p>	
53.		<p>Overall, how do you perceive, from a scale of 1-10 (1 being very negative and 10 being very positive) the impact of Dodd-Frank S1502 on your company?</p>	

		<p>A. _____</p> <p>B. Please explain your answer: </p>	
54.	Downstream:	<p>Dodd Frank S1502 has made it harder for any 3TG controlled by armed groups in the covered regions to enter the U.S. market.</p> <p><i>Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree</i></p>	
55.		<p>In general, our company is witnessing an increased customer/consumer demand for conflict-free products.</p> <p><i>Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree</i></p>	
56.	Mining (covered countries):	<p>How are you organized?</p> <p>_____ individual miner</p> <p>_____ loosely knit group of miners</p> <p>_____ cooperative of miners</p> <p>_____ registered company</p>	
57.		<p>How long have you been in the mining business? (in years)</p>	
58.		<p>Since 2009, have you moved/migrated?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If YES, how many times did you move/migrate?</p> <p>C. If YES, what were the reasons for your move/migration?</p> <p>_____ found access to legal markets</p> <p>_____ couldn't earn money</p> <p>_____ interference of military or armed groups</p> <p>_____ depletion of mining site's resources</p> <p>_____ lack of markets/buyers</p> <p>_____ other, please explain:</p>	
59.		<p>Did, at any point since 2009, you stop mining tin, tungsten or tantalum to mine for gold?</p> <p>i. YES / NO</p> <p>ii. If YES, please state the reason:</p> <p>_____ The certificat d'origine was easier to obtain</p> <p>_____ There were more buyers of gold</p> <p>_____ Gold was easier to transport</p> <p>_____ The price of gold was closer to the international price, compared to the 3Ts</p> <p>_____ other (please state):</p>	
60.		<p>Have you ever had connections with an armed group?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If YES, were you a member of an armed group? YES / NO</p> <p>C. If YES, did you return to mining after some time?</p>	

		<p>YES / NO</p> <p>D. If YES, did mining help you stop being a member of an armed group?</p> <p>YES / NO</p>	
61.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miners (covered countries) • Upstream 	<p>Has the price of the specific 3TG <u>you sell</u> risen or fallen since 2009?</p> <p>Specify 3TG:</p> <p>i. _____ risen</p> <p>ii. _____ fallen</p> <p>iii. _____ no appreciable change</p> <p>If i. or ii., by what percentage?</p>	
62.		<p>Has it been easier or harder to sell your 3TG since 2009?</p> <p>Specify 3TG mineral:</p> <p>i. _____ easier</p> <p>ii. _____ harder</p> <p>iii. _____ no appreciable change</p>	
63.		<p>Since 2009, are you profiting less or more from 3TG sales?</p> <p>Specify 3TG:</p> <p>i. _____ more</p> <p>ii. _____ less</p> <p>iii. _____ no appreciable change</p> <p>If i. or ii., by what percentage?</p>	
64.		<p>Do the 3TG minerals you sell enter a closed-pipe program?</p> <p>i. YES / NO / don't know</p>	
65.		<p>To date, have you benefitted from any of the following in-region initiatives?</p> <p>_____ Solutions for Hope (SfH) closed pipe system</p> <p>_____ ITRI Tin Supply Chain Initiative (iTSCi)</p> <p>_____ ICGLR Certification</p> <p>_____ BGR Certified Trading Chains</p> <p>_____ Conflict Free Tin Initiative (CFTI)</p> <p>_____ KEMET's Partnership for Social and Economic Stability</p> <p>_____ Partnership Africa Canada</p> <p>_____ Better Sourcing Program (BSP)</p> <p>_____ GeoTraceability (PwC)</p> <p>_____ Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade</p> <p>_____ other (please specify):</p>	
66.		<p>If you are part of such a traceability scheme, is there any extra cost?</p> <p>i. _____ YES</p> <p>ii. _____ NO</p> <p>iii. _____ Minimal <1%</p> <p>If YES, how much is the extra cost to participate relative to the unit price?</p>	

		<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5% of unit price <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10% of unit price <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20% of unit price <input type="checkbox"/> 21-50% of unit price <input type="checkbox"/> 51% or more of unit price	
67.		<p>Within the last 12 months, have you seen an increase in foreign investment to the sector?</p> <p>A. YES / NO</p> <p>B. If YES, please provide an example:</p>	
68.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mining • Upstream • SOR • Downstream 	<p>Please describe any other way(s) you believe Dodd-Frank S1502 has <u>directly</u> impacted your company:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	

VIII. Good/Best Practices

69.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upstream • SOR • Downstream 	<p>Please describe (in 50 - 500 words) ONE good/best practice your company implemented in order to complete the OECD's 5-step Due Diligence framework:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Establish strong company management systems ii. Identify and assess risk in the supply chain iii. Design and implement a strategy to respond to identified risks iv. Third-Party audit of smelters/refiners' due diligence practices v. Report annually on supply chain due diligence 	
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IX. Request

70. Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. The more participation, the more complete our collective perspective will be on the aggregate impact of Dodd-Frank S1502. Since we are relying on the snowball method to get this survey rolling, would you kindly request a few of your suppliers to also participate in this survey? To do so, kindly forward them the email with the survey URL and password. YES / NO

Thank you for participating in this survey!