



As a result of concerns that profits from the sale of certain minerals from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Adjoining Countries (known as The DRC Region) may be financing armed groups that are engaged in Civil War and are Committing Human Rights Violations, Congress passed section 1502 of The Dodd- Frank Act. This section requires companies regulated by the Securities & Exchange Commission to inquire into the origin of conflict minerals in their supply chain and report on the due diligence to determine whether conflict minerals contained in their products are sourced from The DRC Region. This due diligence includes having our suppliers provide written evidence documenting that raw materials used to manufacture components and products supplied to B&E Group, originate from outside the “Conflict Region” or if they originate from within the “Conflict Region”, that the mines or smelters are certified as “conflict free” by an independent third party.

The definition of “Conflict Minerals” refers to Gold, Tin, Tantalum, Tungsten and their derivatives mined in the DRC Region and has been determined to directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in these countries.

While the B & E Group is not subject by law to the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act we support the goals of the act and are committed to assisting our customers in complying with the reporting obligations required under section 1502 of the act. To this end the B & E Group will not knowingly manufacture and sell products that contain minerals that originate from facilities located in the DRC Region that are not certified as Conflict Free.