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## Conflict Minerals Statement Dodd-Frank Section 1502

The Securities and Exchange Commission issued a final rule in August requiring any issuer [a company required to file reports with the SEC under the Exchange Act] for which conflict minerals are necessary to the functionality of a product manufactured, or contracted to be manufactured by that issuer, to disclose whether its conflict minerals originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country. Conflict minerals used in MWS Wire products are tin and gold plating on wire, pure gold wire and tungsten wire.

Companies regulated by this statute that use conflict minerals must also:

- Conduct a country of origin inquiry performed in good faith that is reasonably designed to determine whether any of its minerals originated in the covered countries or are from scrap or recycled sources.
- File a disclosure [Form SD] with the SEC.
- Make the description of the country of origin inquiry publicly available on its Internet website.

### **MWS Wire Industries Conflict Mineral Policy and Actions Taken**

Though MWS Wire is not an issuer subject to the regulation, the company has initiated a policy of constructive engagement with our suppliers to determine their sources of these metals and to avoid the use of tin, gold and tungsten originating from the countries covered by the SEC rule. To that end MWS Wire has contacted our direct suppliers of tin, gold and tungsten and all have responded that they do not use conflict minerals from the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country, or that their source is scrap or recycled material.

MWS Wire has received requests to determine traceability of the metal to the original smelter and as this information is made available by our suppliers, MWS will provide it to customers requesting it.

MWS Wire Industries will continue to work with suppliers of conflict minerals to support our customers' compliance concerns in a reasonable and constructive manner. More information about the regulation may be accessed at [SEC Adopts Rule for Disclosing Use of Conflict Minerals; 2012-163; August 22, 2012](#)