

## **Conflict Minerals Policy Statement**

Astute are aware of the conflict minerals reporting obligations legislated by Section 1502 of the U.S. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act. We recognize our responsibility not to support or contribute to the violence and human rights violations associated with the mining of certain materials in central Africa and we have established a Conflict Mineral Program to that effect.

Astute is not a manufacturer of electronics parts and as a purchaser Astute is many steps removed from the mining of conflict minerals. It is therefore not in a position to provide accurate information relating to the use of conflict minerals in the products it distributes. The manufacturers of the electronic components and products are the only source of accurate information regarding any conflict minerals that may have been used in the manufacture of their products.

As a global distributor of electronic components, traceability of the supply chain is paramount to Astute and this extends to the traceability of Conflict Minerals.

Astute do not purchase raw ore or unrefined conflict minerals and we do not knowingly procure any parts containing conflict minerals from the covered countries.

Astute fully understands the importance of this issue to its customers and is committed to supply chain initiatives and overall corporate social responsibility and sustainability efforts that work towards a conflict free supply chain. We will design and implement any necessary and required processes to facilitate compliance.

For further information, please email the company as required at the below address:

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