The Dodd-Frank Act (and related SEC rules) requires certain public companies to disclose the extent to which the products they manufacture, or contract to manufacture, contain conflict minerals and whether or not the minerals were sourced from mines that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or adjoining countries (“Covered Countries”). These minerals are used in many electronic components and manufacturing consumables which Tecnova Electronics purchases.

The mining and trading of Coltan (the metal ore from which Tantalum is extracted), Wolframite (the metal ore from which Tungsten is extracted), Cassiterite (the metal ore from which Tin is extracted), and Gold, and their respective derivatives, originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”) or adjoining countries (the “DRC Region”) has financed conflict, resulting in widespread human rights violations and environmental degradation. Section 1502(b) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (“Conflict Minerals Law”) requires SEC reporting companies to undertake an inquiry as to the source and chain of custody of conflict minerals and to make certain disclosures in connection therewith. Tecnova Electronics fully supports the objectives of this legislation, which aims to minimize violence and environmental damage in the DRC Region. Tecnova Electronics expects that all suppliers comply with Conflict Minerals Law and provide all necessary declarations using the RMI Conflict Minerals Reporting Template or similar formats.

Tecnova Electronics takes this legislation on “Conflict Minerals” extremely seriously and will continue to ensure compliance with the legislation. We will continue to monitor the ongoing SEC developments and are committed to complying with and assisting our customers in complying with the reporting requirements.