



Due Dillgence Report on Conflict Minerals according to EU Regulation (2017/ 821) for the fiscal year 2023

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Background:

- The purpose of the regulation is to prevent rebel groups from supporting armed conflict and violence related to the mining of diamonds and minerals, particularly in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as adjacent areas, by creating a Union system for supply chain due diligence.
- Through its affiliation with the Westlake Group, Westlake Vinnolit is subject to disclosure requirements under the Dodd-Franck Act on the NYSE since 2014. The use of raw materials that fall under the Dodd-Franck Act, and thus also under the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation, is therefore not permitted.
- The only relevant mineral, which is directly sourced and processed by Westlake Vinnolit is tin.

Measures to control raw materials used:

- To ensure that the raw materials we use for the production of our sales products do not contain any conflict minerals, we request confirmation of this from all our raw material suppliers every year.
- Raw materials, for which such a confirmation is not issued by our suppliers, may not be purchased.

- We provide the evaluation of our query to our parent company Westlake. Under the Securities and Exchange Commission Act, Westlake is required to publish annually that the entire Group has complied with all requirements of the Dodd-Franck Act.
- The query for 2023 showed that none of the raw materials we use, contain conflict minerals as defined by the EU Regulation.
- Before releasing a new supplier or/ and raw material, the question of the use of conflict minerals must be clarified and confirmed/documentated accordingly.

Control measures for tin:

- We regularly purchase tin for our own use from a supplier in South America who fulfills all verifications for sustainable and responsible tin mining.
- If, in individual cases, we also purchase from another supplier, it is clarified and documented in advance that the requirements of the Dodd-Franck Act and EU Regulation (2017/821) are met. Otherwise, a purchase is prohibited.

Supporting and accompanying documents on www.westlakevinnolit.com :

- Westlake/ Westlake Vinnolit Code of Conduct
- EcoVadis Gold Ranking
- Sustainable Procurement Policy
- Conflict Minerals Statement

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