

“Conflict Minerals” refers to minerals or other derivatives (specifically, Tin, Tantalum, Tungsten and Gold – also known as 3TG) mined in the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and in the adjoining countries where the revenues of the 3TG minerals may be directly or indirectly financing armed groups engaged in civil war resulting in serious social and environmental abuses. In July 2010 the United States government passed the Dodd-Frank Financial Reform and Consumer Act, section 1502(b) requiring all US public companies and their suppliers to disclose the chain of custody usage of conflict minerals.

While Uptonsteel is not subject to US law, Uptonsteel fully supports this legislation and its position to avoid the use of conflict minerals.

Uptonsteel has never knowingly purchased steel containing conflict minerals, nor have materials been purchased from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) or any of its adjoining countries: Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Congo Republic, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

Furthermore, Uptonsteel expects its suppliers to source materials from socially responsible suppliers.