



Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd.

TSMC Statement on Responsible Sourcing of Minerals

TSMC is subject to the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) disclosure rule on conflict minerals released under Rule 13p-1 of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934. As a recognized global leader in the hi-tech supply chain, we acknowledge our corporate social responsibility to strive to procure only conflict-free minerals, based upon humanitarian and ethical social principles to protect the dignity of all persons. Meanwhile, we have implemented a series of compliance safeguards in accordance with industry leading practices such as adopting the due diligence framework in the OECD's Model Supply Chain Policy for a Responsible Global Supply Chain of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High Risk Areas.

TSMC strongly supports the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA, formerly the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition) and the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI), and is also a member of their jointly founded Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI, formerly the Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative). We help our suppliers source conflict-free minerals through the tools and resources developed by the RMI, including the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP, formerly the Conflict-Free Smelter Program). We have engaged our suppliers to disclose and timely update information on smelters and mines since 2011. It is our policy requirement that our suppliers source the tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold used in our products from facilities or smelters that have received a "conflict-free" designation by a recognized industry group such as the RMI.

Starting from 2017, TSMC began requiring our cobalt suppliers to disclose information on smelters they sourced from and to ensure the cobalt mining activities be free from human rights violations, including the use of child labor and unsafe working conditions. We will annually update our supplier survey and expand our suppliers' disclosure to continuously improve our responsible sourcing program, including encouraging these cobalt smelters to participate in relevant third-party audit programs.

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