

Dear customer,

Response to your request

With reference to your request for freeing from conflict minerals, it is difficult for us (the TDK Group) to confirm or assure that conflict minerals are not used in our supply chain. Here are the current situations surrounding us:

First of all, we will use our commercially reasonable best efforts to ensure only conflict-free minerals are used in our supply chain.

However, we also recognize that due diligence for responsible supply chains of minerals from conflict-affected and high risk areas is an ongoing process. Reaching full traceability of minerals requires time and effort across industries and collaboration from all sectors in the supply chain. This is due, in a large part, to the complexity in the way that metals are produced and sold and the fact that ores from many different sources can be combined, thus multiplying the diligence necessary to trace the products.

In this light, we pay due attention to the relevant OECD guidance. Procurement of relevant minerals via the smelters with qualification under "Conflict Free Smelter scheme" proposed by EICC constitutes key part of the guidance. Given the current situation where the number of the qualified smelters is quite limited, it can be considered that the availability of qualified sources for relevant minerals is limited as well. It would necessarily deviate from the reality to eliminate all non-qualified smelters from procurement activities.

As a matter of course, we are willing to cooperate with you and our suppliers to institute a due diligence program for our responsible supply chains of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas.

We would appreciate your understanding.,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Satoru Sueki", written over a horizontal line.

Satoru Sueki
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