

Responsible minerals sourcing policy

Dear Sir or Madam,

HEINRICH KIPP WERK GmbH & Co. KG is an EU-based manufacturer and supplier of clamping technology, standard elements and operating parts and a worldwide partner to industry, mainly mechanical engineering.

We as a company are not personally subject to any legal reporting obligations regarding due diligence and freedom from conflict, especially within our supply chain.

Irrespective of this, responsibility and fairness are two central, exemplary elements of our corporate values that guide our actions.

With the passing of the American Dodd-Frank Act, responsible procurement policy became legally concrete for the first time through Section 1502 (*Exploitation and Trade of Conflict Minerals*) on the four elements tantalum, tin, gold, tungsten, or their ores. Large proportions of the world's mineral resources of these substances are located in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) or an adjoining Central African country. Illegal extraction of the raw materials from this region are often accompanied by violence and human rights violations, endanger people and the environment, and can lead to the financing of terrorism in the DRC's civil war.

It is therefore necessary to ensure, by identifying certified smelters, that the extraction of the above-mentioned substances is conflict-free, i.e. industrially controlled and in compliance with all human rights.

Since March 2017 HEINRICH KIPP WERK GmbH & Co. KG has required its suppliers to identify and ensure the absence of conflicts with these substances in its supply chain via the general terms and conditions of purchase, and carries out its own analyses and surveys, including follow-up.

Confident that our collective efforts will make a difference in the world towards greater justice:



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