



### **Conflict Mineral Statement / Policy**

On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) published regulations implementing Section 1502 of the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. This section governs the use and reporting of Conflict Minerals.

We believe that the intent of the provision is to deter – through increased transparency of materials sourcing practices and policies – the violence and human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and neighboring countries that is funded by the exploitation and trade of certain minerals. The minerals specifically named in this Act are Tungsten, Tin, Tantalum and Gold (sometimes referred to as “3TG”).

Austin Manufacturing Services’ (AMS) supports the goal of ending violence, human rights violations and environmental devastation in the covered countries. In support of our clients who may be SEC registrants and are subject to the regulations and requirements of this Act, AMS is taking reasonable measures to promote supply chain reporting and transparency with respect to the sourcing of these minerals and the products in which they are contained.

Accordingly, AMS’ policy on Conflict Minerals declares that:

1. AMS strives to have a Conflict Free supply chain, and is committed to working with our clients and suppliers in sourcing products and materials from non-conflict sources.
2. AMS expects that its suppliers source materials from socially responsible suppliers and have policies and processes in place to trace their materials and products to ensure that Conflict Minerals contained in those materials or products do not originate from mines within the DRC and the surrounding region.

Working together, AMS, its clients, and our suppliers can establish policies and processes that will provide assurances to our clients and their end users that the base materials used in the manufacture of the products we build are responsibly sourced.