Policy disallowing use of minerals from illegal mining

ams AG takes very seriously worldwide concern that metals mined in illegal mines such as in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and affiliate states may be making their way into the electronics supply chain and profits from this mining may be financing human rights violations very seriously. ams AG is committed to a policy that our supply chain does not knowingly contribute to human rights and wildlife habitat violations from illegal mining and that the Gold (Au), Tantalum (Ta), Tungsten (W) and Tin (Sn) that we use in our products and/or procure from our suppliers are not derived from ore sourced from mines in conflict areas such as the DRC and affiliate states or illegally taxed on trade routes which are controlled by non-government military groups or unlawful military factions.

In support of this effort, ams AG

1. has developed and implemented procedures that are designed to demonstrate that the metals we procure are sourced in accordance with this policy.
2. requires our suppliers to verify in writing that they have procedures in place to demonstrate that the melts they procure are sourced in accordance with this policy and
3. supports customers, suppliers, universities and organizations to develop methods to prove the origin of metals (fingerprinting).

Yours truly,

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