



## **CONFLICT MINERALS POLICY STATEMENT**

On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) issued the Conflict Minerals Rule under Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. The Conflict Minerals Rule requires publicly traded companies to annually report the presence of tin, tungsten, tantalum, and gold (collectively, “3TG”), determined by the U.S. Secretary of State to be originating from the Democratic Republic of the Congo or adjoining countries (“Covered Countries”), regardless of whether or not the production of such minerals or trade of the same supports conflict.

Quaker Houghton is in support of the government’s goal to end violence, human rights violations, and environmental destruction in the Covered Countries and therefore, is committed to sourcing components and materials from organizations and partners that align with our values relating to human rights, ethics, environmental responsibility, and sustainability. As a global purchaser and supplier of goods, Quaker Houghton condemns activities related to the unlawful exploitation of minerals and remains committed to support the mission of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (“OECD”) in avoiding the use such materials which directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the Covered Countries, as well as conflict-affected areas.

To properly support its customers and partners in compliance with the Conflict Minerals Rule and applicable legislation, Quaker Houghton undertakes its best efforts to provide “conflict-free” products, substantiated by relevant documentation for the purposes of reporting with the SEC. Further, Quaker Houghton engages in validating that smelters or refiners have met the requirements of OECD guidance through the application of internationally-recognized validation schemes, such as the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI) Conflict-Free Smelter Program and the accompanying templates for the same.

Quaker Houghton will continue to collaborate with its customers and partners in implementing their conflict minerals programs and will maintain updated documentation of its suppliers supporting completed conflict minerals declarations. We remain committed to the responsible sourcing of 3TG minerals necessary for the production and functionality of our products, as well as those of our customers.