



WSC Conflict-Free Supply Chain Policy

There are increased societal concerns with the mining of certain minerals used in the semiconductor industry. The WSC shares the deep concern about sources of minerals from these conflict-affected and high-risk areas.

WSC members are committed to use responsibly sourced minerals in their products. To meet this objective, the WSC underlines the importance of a comprehensive due-diligence process aligned with other initiatives within the global industry to achieve a responsible supply chain. The WSC will promote the use of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas¹, common tools, methods and standards among WSC member associations on this issue.

About WSC

The World Semiconductor Council is a cooperative body of the world's leading semiconductor industry associations – consisting of the Semiconductor Industry Associations in China, Chinese Taipei, Europe, Japan, Korea and the United States – that meets annually to address issues of global concern to the semiconductor industry. The WSC also meets annually with the governments and authorities of the six regions to convey industry recommendations. The WSC is dedicated to the principle that markets should be open and competitive and works to encourage policies and regulations that fuel innovation, propel business and drive international competition in order to maintain a thriving global semiconductor industry.

More information on the WSC is available at <http://www.semiconductorcouncil.org>

¹Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas' as outlined in the OECD (2016), OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas: Third Edition.