

Conflict Minerals Policy

The use of “gold, tin, tantalum, tungsten, cobalt, mica” so-called conflict minerals mined in the Conflict Affected and High Risk Areas (CAHRA), including the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and its neighboring countries, has become a major international issue because some of them are used to fund human rights violations, child labor in mine and weapons purchases by armed groups, and there is concern that it will be considered as cooperating with conflicts near the country of origin.

IMC group and NTK CUTTING TOOLS Co., Ltd. grasp if the raw materials used to manufacture our products contain “gold, tin, tantalum, tungsten, cobalt, mica” and their refiners, and we are promoting responsible procurement activities so as not to encourage the activities of armed groups in the region.

In order to carry out responsible procurement activities throughout the raw material supply chain, we are active according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) “Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from CAHRA”. So suppliers are also encouraged to use raw materials derived from smelters that have received a conflict-free certification from a third party such as RMI (Responsible Minerals Initiative) and/or procure products that use them.