Conflict Minerals Policy

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Facebook recognizes that the extraction, trade, handling and export of cassiterite, columbite-tantalite (coltan), wolframite and gold, and their derivatives tin, tantalum and tungsten, have contributed to armed conflict and human rights abuses in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and adjoining countries. Accordingly, Facebook is committed to evaluating the sourcing and origin of tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold – or “3TG” – contained in our products.

Facebook supports continued sourcing of conflict-free 3TG from the DRC and adjoining countries in accordance with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development’s Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas and the supplements thereto (OECD Guidance, available here) and the OECD Guidance’s model supply chain policy. This includes sourcing from smelters and refiners of 3TG that participate in industry-wide programs such as the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI), which has a program that validates smelter and refiner conformity to the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP) protocol. Facebook has been a member of the RMI since 2016 and supports its programs and initiatives.

Facebook expects suppliers to have a policy in place and to conduct responsible conflict minerals sourcing within their own supply chains through due diligence practices that conform to the OECD Guidance and Facebook’s Conflict Minerals requirements as specified in our contracts. Facebook expects suppliers to provide copies of their policies and due diligence information on the sourcing of 3TG in our supply chain as requested.

If a supplier does not meet our expectations, Facebook will engage with that supplier as appropriate. Facebook will continue to monitor global developments and the emergence of additional requirements or standards related to the sourcing of minerals from the DRC and adjoining counties as well as from other regions.