



Motorola Position on Illegally Mined Coltan

The illegal mining of coltan has raised serious environmental and political concerns. When Motorola first became aware of this controversy in early 2001, we took swift and effective steps to cease the use of materials containing tantalum, a coltan derivative, which could be traced to illegal mining in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Tantalum powder is used in the production of materials that are used in a wide range of electronic products, including mobile phones. Specifically, some capacitors inside mobile phones contain small quantities of tantalum. Motorola does not buy tantalum directly. But since news reports and environmental groups first called attention to the devastation that illegal coltan mining was causing to wildlife in Congo, we require all of our suppliers of capacitors, both existing and new, to verify in writing that materials sold to Motorola do not contain tantalum derived from illegally mined Congolese coltan. Our suppliers have responded to this mandate and share our concerns about the deplorable damage that has been caused by illegal coltan mining in Congo.

Almost all of the tantalum in the world comes from Australia. Motorola's use of tantalum has been significantly reduced over the last several years. Motorola purchases materials containing tantalum derived from legally mined coltan from companies in Japan, Korea and the United States of America. These companies obtain most of their tantalum from two main tantalum processors, Cabot and Starck. Both companies have stated that they control their purchases to minimize the possibility of obtaining illegally mined Congolese coltan.

We encourage and support organizations, such as the United Nations, that are actively engaged in seeking solutions to the tragic conflict in Congo. We know that there are many challenges ahead, but Motorola will continue to address this and similar issues in a responsible and balanced manner.

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