

29.08.2026**Kautex Textron GmbH & Co. KG Conflict Minerals Due Diligence Report**
Reporting year 2025 (June 2025 - June 2026)**Introduction**

Kautex Textron GmbH & Co. KG is committed to conducting business responsibly and ethically throughout its global supply chain. As part of Textron, Kautex supports responsible mineral sourcing practices and compliance with applicable conflict minerals regulations. Conflict minerals include tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold (3TG), which may be present in materials and components used in products manufactured by Kautex. Due to the complexity of global supply chains and Kautex's position as a downstream manufacturer, Kautex relies on supplier-provided information regarding the origin of these minerals.

1. Scope

Kautex conducted a review of the products it manufactures or contracts to manufacture and determined that certain products and materials may contain tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold (3TG). As a downstream manufacturer, Kautex does not directly source minerals from mines, smelters, or refiners. Consequently, Kautex relies on information obtained from suppliers to evaluate mineral sourcing practices within its supply chain.

2. Conflict Minerals Policy

Kautex maintains a conflict minerals due diligence program aligned with the principles of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.

As part of this program, Kautex:

- Communicates conflict minerals requirements to suppliers.
- Requests Conflict Minerals Reporting Templates (CMRTs), Extended Minerals Reporting Templates (EMRTs) and supporting information from suppliers.
- Encourages suppliers to establish responsible sourcing policies, due diligence procedures and promotes supply chain transparency and traceability.
- Supports sourcing from smelters and refiners that participate in recognized independent third-party assessment programs, such as the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP).

3. Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry (RCOI)

During the reporting period, Kautex conducted a Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry (RCOI) to determine whether the 3TG minerals contained in supplied materials and components may have originated from conflict-affected and high-risk areas, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and adjoining countries, or were derived from recycled or scrap sources.

The RCOI process includes:

- Identifying suppliers that provide materials or components potentially containing 3TG minerals.
- Requesting conflict minerals information using industry-standard reporting templates, including CMRTs and, where applicable, EMRTs.
- Reviewing supplier responses for completeness and consistency.
- Evaluating reported smelter and refiner information provided through supplier disclosures.
- Following up with suppliers regarding incomplete or inconsistent submissions.

As Kautex does not maintain direct relationships with mines, smelters, or refiners, its assessment is based on information provided by suppliers through industry-standard reporting templates and other supplier disclosures.

4. Due Diligence Measures

Kautex's conflict minerals due diligence activities include:

Supplier Engagement

Kautex communicated conflict minerals requirements to relevant suppliers and requested the completion of industry-standard reporting templates.

Data Review

Supplier responses were reviewed to assess:

- Completeness of information.
- Identification of smelters and refiners.
- Potential sourcing from conflict-affected and high-risk areas.
- Consistency of supplier declarations.

Risk Management

Where supplier responses were incomplete or raised potential concerns, Kautex engaged with suppliers to obtain clarification and encourage implementation of appropriate due diligence measures. This engagement supports continuous improvement in responsible sourcing practices throughout the supply chain.

5. Results of the RCOI

Based on supplier information obtained during the reporting period, Kautex assessed the origin of 3TG minerals contained in products and materials supplied to the company using supplier declarations and industry-standard reporting templates, including CMRTs and EMRTs where applicable. Due to reliance on supplier-provided information, Kautex is not always able to determine the precise origin of all minerals contained in its products. Kautex continues to engage with suppliers to improve transparency, data quality, and responsible sourcing practices throughout its supply chain. Kautex received complete and validated responses to its supply chain survey from approximately 93% of in-scope suppliers. Certain supplier declarations were provided at company level rather than product level. Consequently, reported smelter and refiner information may not always be specific to materials supplied to Kautex. For responding suppliers that identified known or potential sourcing from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or adjoining countries, Kautex reviewed the information provided in supplier CMRT declarations and evaluated the reported smelter and refiner data as part of its due diligence process.

Kautex's Conflict Minerals Policy Statement is publicly available on the Kautex Ethics & Compliance website.

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6. Continuous Improvement

Kautex remains committed to strengthening its conflict minerals due diligence program by:

- Increasing supplier engagement and awareness.
- Improving the quality and completeness of supplier disclosures.
- Supporting industry initiatives, including the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI), that promote responsible mineral sourcing.
- Monitoring developments in applicable regulations and industry standards.
- Encouraging the use of audited and responsible smelters and refiners within the supply chain.

7. Conclusion

Kautex remains committed to responsible mineral sourcing, supply chain transparency, and the continuous improvement of its conflict minerals due diligence program. Through its Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry (RCOI), supplier engagement activities, and risk-based due diligence measures, Kautex seeks to identify and address potential sourcing risks while supporting responsible sourcing practices throughout its global supply chain.

Disclaimer

This report is based on information obtained from suppliers and other third-party sources. While Kautex makes reasonable efforts to collect, review, and assess such information as part of its conflict minerals due diligence process, it cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of all supplier-provided data. As a downstream manufacturer, Kautex relies substantially on supplier CMRT and EMRT declarations and other supplier disclosures and does not maintain direct relationships with mines, smelters, or refiners.