



## **CONFLICT MINERALS STATEMENT**

In July 2010, the United States enacted the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Act”) which contained a section (Sec. 1502) which initiated regulation of “Conflict Minerals”<sup>1</sup> for the first time. Conflict Minerals are certain minerals which have been linked to the armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (“DRC Countries”<sup>2</sup>), creating a humanitarian crisis characterized by extreme levels of violence against civilian populations.

The Act includes provisions which require all publicly traded manufacturers to perform due diligence in their supply chains to identify and disclosure the use of any Conflict Minerals, and whether those Conflict Minerals originated in any of the DRC Countries. The SEC Final Rule was adopted August 22, 2012. Conflict Mineral usage must be reported to the SEC by calendar year, regardless of the company's fiscal year.

Bridgeport Fittings, LLC is a private company, and is not bound by the SEC to comply with the Act. However, we recognize that many of our larger customers, who are publicly traded companies, must be compliant with the Act and other SEC regulations concerning the sourcing of related product, of which we manufacture or sell.

Bridgeport Fittings does not use Tantalum, Gold, or Tungsten in any of our products. The Tin used on tin-plated product is sourced from domestic recyclers or from other sources which do not obtain elemental Tin from DRC Countries. We will continue our work on this due diligence process and advise our customers on the status of any changes to the statement above.

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<sup>1</sup> “Conflict Minerals” include Columbite-Tantalite (Tantalum), Cassiterite (Tin), Gold, Wolframite (Tungsten) and any derivatives from these minerals.

<sup>2</sup> “DRC Countries” include the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Angola, Burundi, the Central African Republic, The Republic of Congo, Uganda, Rwanda, Sudan (South Sudan), Tanzania and Zambia.

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