



A. O. Smith Corporation Statement on Conflict Minerals

A. O. Smith Corporation is committed to supporting responsible sourcing of its materials from suppliers that share our values, including our commitment toward human rights and environmental responsibility. In this regard, we are committed to complying with Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and the related rules and regulations issued by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“Conflict Minerals Rules”). The Conflict Minerals Rules require all public companies to perform supply chain due diligence to identify the extent to which their products contain Conflict Minerals originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo and certain adjoining countries (“Covered Countries”). The goal of the Conflict Minerals Rules is to cut direct and indirect funding of any mines in the Covered Countries that are controlled by armed militias responsible for humanitarian abuses. The minerals covered by the Rules are tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold (“Conflict Minerals”).

These Conflict Minerals are widely used in many manufactured goods and across many industries. The minerals in A. O. Smith products come to us through multiple sources of supply, and since A. O. Smith does not procure these metals directly from the mines or smelters, we must rely heavily on information from our suppliers to determine the origin of the minerals. Nonetheless, A. O. Smith is committed to identifying the Conflict Minerals contained in our products in order to achieve compliance with the Conflict Minerals Rules. It has always been A. O. Smith’s policy to comply with all applicable international, federal, state and local regulations including those relevant to our material acquisitions practices.

A. O. Smith has established a team of subject matter experts from within our organization to achieve compliance with the Conflict Minerals Rules. The team has implemented several initiatives and will continue to refine a compliant due diligence process as outlined within the Conflict Minerals Rules.

As part of these efforts, A. O. Smith is obtaining information from its suppliers on their use of Conflict Minerals, and requiring them to go through their entire supply chain to track any use of Conflict Minerals. The Company’s due diligence process is on-going and we expect to be in a position to report our findings within the period provided by Conflict Minerals Rules.