

Conflict Minerals Statement

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As a manufacturer of high-quality pharmaceutical primary packaging, our moulded glass plants primarily use quartz sand, soda and soda lime as raw materials to make glass, along with other additives in small quantities. The production of plastic primary pharmaceutical packaging and of complex drug delivery systems like insulin pens and inhalers requires foremost specialist resins such as polyethylene, polypropylene and polystyrene. We additionally use small quantities of what are referred to as conflict minerals (e.g., tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold) .

We use tungsten and tin in the production process at some of our plants, while gold is used as a finishing material.

Tin is a component of tin chloride, which our moulded glass plants use for the surface finishing of glass containers in order to improve the quality of the glass. Our cosmetic glass plants in Tettau (Germany) and Momignies (Belgium) use gold to decorate flacons and pots. At the request of customers, our Mexican plant in Queretaro uses gold enamel paint to finish cosmetic ampoules. The Queretaro plant also produces syringes, for which a tungsten pin is used to form the cone. This similarly applies to our German syringe plant in Buende (Germany).

We expect our suppliers to embrace sustainable business practices and have formulated expectations and requirements to that end in our Gerresheimer “Principles for Responsible Supply Chain Management”.

Gerresheimer has a clear policy on the usage of so called conflict minerals, as stated in the document “Our Corporate Responsibility” (page 6) and “Principles for Responsible Supply Chain Management” (page 3).

Where we use or purchase the above mentioned minerals or their derivatives to produce or finish our products, the supplier in question must provide certificates demonstrating that these raw materials have been responsibly obtained. In this way, our suppliers confirm to have not obtained the raw materials from countries that finance armed conflict or contribute to human rights violations by mining and trading in them. We verify suppliers’ certification accordingly.

Procurement of the minerals referred to is covered by conflict mineral compliance certification from suppliers for all plants.