Assent Compliance is proud to announce the first ever Conflict Mineral Influence Leaders - Top 100 List. The list was independently researched by Lucas Taylor University of Notre Dame MBA / LDT Consulting on behalf of Assent Compliance. The following factors were taken into account when building this list.

Categories:

• NGO's
• Government Officials
• Corporations
• Trade Organizations
• Next Frontier
• Service Providers
• Legal/Audit
• Media

While there could have been an influencer list for each of the categories this list examined the top influencers holistically. There were multiple variables taken into account when ranking. These included the following:

• Organization Size
• Participation in Due Process of Passing Legislation
• Social Media Followers – LinkedIn / Twitter
• Klout Score
• Trade Show and Industry Group Participation - Online/Offline
• Media Citations / Participation

The scoring algorithm was developed and then participants were added to the list and adjusted based on individual research by LDT consulting. This list will be revised annually to reflect the changing landscape of the regulation.

Congratulations to every person, and their respective organizations that made the list. You will notice that spot 100 is vacant. Was there anyone missed? If so please share the list on LinkedIn and mention in your share who you would have added or what you think should have been done differently.

Please join the dialog in creating the Top 100 list for 2016.

Be sure to follow Assent on LinkedIn and Twitter and join the conversation. 

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Lucas has tailored his career to focus on providing strategic insights across industries ranging from office supplies to semiconductors and has done work for clients ranging from Fortune 500s to Wall St and Start-ups. His innate curiosity and devotion to sound decision making helps clients in their professional endeavors and research projects.
Carolyn Duran - Intel
Carolyn Duran is the conflict minerals program manager and global director of supply chain at Intel Corporation. She initiated Intel’s push toward a 100% conflict free supply chain. Carolyn was featured in Mashable, discussing Intel's push towards becoming conflict mineral free and the importance of cutting conflict minerals out of your supply chain. Carolyn has truly been a difference maker in the conflict mineral compliance industry.

Benedict Cohen - Boeing
Boeing is the head of the National Association of Manufacturers conflict minerals task force and Ben Cohen is their Chief counsel of Litigation and Washington D.C. Operations. He has spoken publicly about the complexities of implementing Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. His thoughtful insights about conflict mineral compliance have shed light on issues impeding U.S. Electronics Manufacturers.

Jeffrey Williams - Apple
Jeffery is the senior Vice President of Operations, as well as Supplier Sustainability and Supply Chain at Apple. With Apple being a prime consumer of minerals, Mr. Williams has been a key stakeholder as he is responsible for end-to-end supply chain management. He is dedicated to ensuring that all of Apple's products are of the highest quality and conflict mineral free. Apple made headlines last month when they filed their conflict minerals report months ahead of the deadline.

Jennifer Prisco - TE Connectivity
Jennifer is the Senior Counsel and is in charge of Global Supply Chain at TE Connectivity. She has given lectures at BSR conferences and spoken about the need to collaborate with external stakeholders on solutions for how to address conflict minerals issues throughout the supply chain. She outlined several partners—including the U.S. Department of State and the SEC, along with various other groups and industry associations—that TE Connectivity is working with to trace the origin of all minerals used in their products.

Tara Holeman - CFSI Audit Program Director
Tara is the audit director for the CFSI and currently works at the EICC. She has more than 15 years of experience dealing with supply chain social compliance and human rights issues. Tara is an advocate for business social responsibility and compliance. She specializes in corporate responsibility, supply chains and labour issues.
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Mary Schapiro - SEC
Mary is the commissioner of the SEC who enforces the conflict minerals legislation. She has been actively involved with the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act since the very beginning. Her knowledge of conflict minerals compliance and Section 1502 are rivaled by few, making her a thought leader in this space. Schapiro was listed number 65 on Forbes 100 Most Powerful Women in 2012 and is one of the world’s most powerful regulators.

Bob Jenkins - Thermo Fisher
Bob is the Senior Director of Procurement Excellence & Global Sourcing at Thermo Fisher, a multinational, biotechnology product development company with over 9,000 suppliers. Bob has in-depth knowledge about this topic and is a conflict minerals thought leader in the space. He has over 20 years of experience working in operations and the manufacturing industry.

Michael Littenberg - SRZ
Michael Littenberg is a key figure on the conference circuit and the leading legal mind in Conflict Minerals compliance. His advice has been used by hundreds of companies when designing a compliant Conflict Minerals program. Michael’s law firm was one of the first to develop a resource center to help public and private companies comply with the Conflict Minerals Rule.

Charles Riepenhoff Jr. - KPMG
KPMG has the largest presence in the Conflict Minerals space out of the Big Four audit firms, including PwC, Deloitte and EY. Charles is a managing director at KPMG and is highly influential on many programs. Charles has published multiple articles sharing his knowledge of conflict mineral compliance.

Dave Reynolds - Kemet
Dave has been KEMET’s representative to the EICC extractives team to develop CFS audit protocol for the Conflict Free Smelter Program. He has been involved in the development of raw material sources within Central Africa, particularly the Democratic Republic of Congo.
John Prendergast - Enough Project
John Prendergast is a human rights activist and best-selling author who has worked for peace in Africa for thirty years. He is the Founding Director of the Enough Project, an initiative to end genocide and crimes against humanity affiliated with the Center for American Progress. John has worked for the Clinton White House, the State Department, two members of Congress, the National Intelligence Council, UNICEF, Human Rights Watch, the International Crisis Group, and the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Patrick Leahy - Senator
Senator Leahy and other co-sponsors of the Dodd-Frank Section 1502 sent a letter to the SEC in support of the initiative and objecting the proposed language of used in the act which allowed companies to “furnish” instead of “file” their required disclosures. Senator Leahy and his supporters helped to shape the Dodd-Frank act into what it is today.

Tim Mohin - AMD

Jonathan Hughes - Assent Compliance
Jonathan is the Head of the Conflict Minerals program for the only solution provider cited in the Final Rules for the Conflict Mineral Legislation. Assent Compliance is the most universally adopted Conflict Minerals software platform and currently the leading member of the Conflict Minerals Stakeholder Forum. Over 100,000 firms use Assent to exchange conflict mineral data.

Bill Skeates - Samsung
Bill is the Head of Sustainability Europe for Samsung Electronics, one of the world’s largest electronics manufacturers. Samsung is dedicated to raising awareness throughout its entire supply chain and preventing the use of conflict minerals.
16. Amanda Davidson - Freescale Semiconductor

Amanda is Manager of Ethics and EICC at Freescale Semiconductor. As project manager of the Corporate Conflict Mineral Team, she developed policy and processes to comply with the US Dodd-Frank Conflict Mineral Legislation and manage a cross functional team of directors within Finance, Global Procurement and Legal. She has been a OECD Conflict Mineral pilot program participant, a guest speaker at the multiple conferences and webinars and is quoted in Ethisphere magazine for Conflict Minerals.

17. John Mitchell - IPC

John is the President and CEO of IPC, an association connecting electronics industries globally with their suppliers and their customers. John is extremely knowledgeable about conflict minerals and what it takes to be compliant.

18. Kathleen Shaver - Cisco/EICC

In her work as the Director of Sustainability and Risk at Cisco, Kathleen has worked to drive sustainability performance and thought leadership directly into day-to-day business operations. This mind-set provides Kathleen’s team with the tools they need to continuously drive sustainability improvements, addressing industry issues such as tracing conflict minerals.


Brian is the senior global sustainability manager at NetApp. He pioneered the development, strategy, and program for Cisco’s Conflict Minerals compliance process. Brian has been involved with almost every issue involved with sustainability, from labour rights to environmental compliance. His experience includes building a program from scratch to evaluate and manage the social and environmental risks for Cisco's global supply base.

20. Kelly Katynski - Ford Motor Company

In her role as Sustainability Purchasing Manager, Kelly is leading the Conflict Mineral compliance effort for Ford Motor Company. She leads a cross-functional team responsible for data extraction, systems development, OECD due diligence compliance, process mapping and documentation. Additionally, Kelly participates on various teams with the Automotive Industry Action Group (AIAG) including the Conflict Mineral Work Group, the IPCMP Governance Committee, and the Legislative sub team.

21. Robert Wilkins - Judge

"Judge Wilkins was the e judge that upheld the new rule that forced manufacturers to disclose whether their products contained “conflict minerals” from the DRC. In his upholding of SEC’s conflict minerals rule in 2013, Judge Wilkins wrote “Finding no problems with the SEC’s rulemaking and disagreeing that the conflict minerals disclosure scheme transgresses the First Amendment, the court concludes that plaintiffs' claims lack merit,”".

22. Nick Kristof - NY Times

Nicholas D. Kristof, a columnist for The Times since 2001, is a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner who writes op-ed columns that appear twice a week. His piece Death by Gadget about conflict mineral policy and trade is extremely popular and he has involved himself with human rights issues for a number of years.

23. Carlos Alvarado - Baker Hughes

Carlos is the Conflict Minerals Program Coordinator at Baker Hughes and designed a program to comply with Conflict Minerals disclosure required by Dodd-Frank Act §1502 and managed day-to-day activities and is a thought leader in the space.

24. Tim Woodrich - John Deere

Tim is the Senior Compliance Engineer and Project Manager for the Conflict Minerals Program at John Deere, a leader in designing and manufacturing integrated power electronic inverters. John Deere is one of a small pool of companies that have taken great steps towards creating a plan of action for identifying smelters in their supply chain and becoming conflict mineral compliant.

25. Michael Chen - Halliburton

Michael is the Supply Chain Business Process Analyst Lead at Halliburton. Halliburton is one of the world's largest providers of products and services to the energy industry. Michael has over 17 years of experience with global sourcing and supply chain analysis.

26. Chris Bayer - Tulane University

Chris is a consultant for Tulane University, a guest lecturer and an international development practitioner with twelve years of relevant experience and an in-depth understanding of conflict mineral compliance and social supply chain responsibility.

27. John Plyer - Blackberry

John is responsible for developing and managing the Social Responsibility program for the BlackBerry global supply chain. He has over 20 years of experience in the supply chain and corporate responsibility industry.

28. Scott Gordon - Thermo Fisher

Scott is the conflict mineral program manager at Thermo Fisher and is responsible for the entire project portfolio with a supplier base of over 10,000 companies. His deep understanding of conflict minerals compliance have allowed him to become a thought leader and train others on the steps it takes to become conflict mineral compliant. He has participated in webinars and has been published sharing his knowledge of the subject. Recently, Scott was part of a webinar hosted by Assent sharing his tips for becoming conflict mineral compliant.

29. Jayne Donegan - Textron

Jayne has over 25 years of experience in the compliance space. She is currently a Senior Associate General Counsel at Textron and is responsible for SEC reporting and compliance, as well as corporate finance transactions and corporate governance matters.

30. Jay Jorgensen - Walmart

Jay is a Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer with Walmart Corporation and oversees their conflict mineral program. Over two years ago, Jay took on the role of Chief Compliance Office and was responsible for rebuilding Walmart’s compliance program.

31. Tina DeAragon - Illinois Tool Works Inc.

Tina heads the Supply Chain Sustainability & Conflict Minerals for Illinois Tool Works providing support to teams responsible for development of ITW's Supply Chain Sustainability and Conflict Minerals Program.

32. Robert Kirk - Source Intelligence

Robert is a Dodd-Frank 1502 Conflict Minerals Compliance, REACH, RoHS, EH&S, and Supply Chain Transparency specialist. His work has spanned some of the world’s largest companies.
33. Matt Quinn - Intertek
Matt is the National Key Accounts Manager for Chemical Services at Intertek, a multinational inspection, product testing and certification company. He also previously worked in business development at Intertek and heads the conflict minerals initiative for 100’s of firms.

34. Allen Mihecoby - Kimberly-Clark Corporation
Allen is a Senior Paralegal and Project Manager for the Conflict Minerals Program at Kimberly-Clark. His knowledge of conflict minerals have helped him to make Kimberly-Clark a leader in the conflict minerals compliance space.

35. Paul Dewar - Canadian Member of Parliament
“Paul is a member of the New Democratic Party Caucus and has been published in many articles asking Canadian businesses to ensure they do not source conflict minerals. He was featured in the Star stating “he hopes to enlist public support for regulations requiring high-tech companies in Canada to ensure minerals they buy from the Democratic Republic of Congo have not benefited groups involved in armed fighting or human rights abuses.”

36. Frederica Ravonjiarivelo - Alcatel Lucent
Frederica is the Conflict Minerals Manager at Alcatel-Lucent, an industry leading French global telecommunications equipment company with a 10 billion dollar market capitalization.

37. John Ruebush - Johnson & Johnson
John is the Director of Procurement Sustainability & the Conflict Minerals Program at Johnson & Johnson and has given multiple lectures on conflict mineral reporting.

38. Richard Durbin - Senator
Senator Durbin serves the state of Illinois and has seen time as the senate minority whip. He has been an outspoken critic of conflict mineral usage and has criticized attempts to block legislation around it.

39. Barbara Kipp - PWC
Barbara is PWC’s conflict mineral leader and she is a leading expert in the compliance space with over 20 years of experience.

40. Irena Sierocka - Corning
Irena is the EMEA Senior Environmental Specialist at Corning Optical Communications. She is responsible for ensuring conflict mineral compliance at Corning and has 7 years of experience in this position.

41. Mark Allegreti - Colfax
Mark is the Director of Implementation and Strategic Integration at Colfax Corporation, a world leader in the development, engineering, manufacturing, distribution, service and support of pumping and fluid-handling systems.

42. Leah Butler - CFSI
“Leah is the Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative program manager and currently works for the EICC managing their flagship program, their Conflict-Free Smelter Program. This program “takes a unique approach to helping companies make informed choices about conflict minerals in their supply chains.”

43. Rachel Lemus - Linear Technology
Rachel is a Quality Assurance Review Specialist with Linear Technology, who design, manufacture and market a broad line of standard high performance analog integrated circuits.

44. David Lancaster - Fairchild Semiconductor
David is the Environmental and Product Ecology Manager at Fairchild Semiconductor a leading global supplier of power and mobile semiconductors.

45. Barry Thompson - RR Donnelley
Barry is the Manager of Product Safety at RR Donnelley, a Fortune 500 company that provides print and related services.

46. Mark Copman - 3M
Mark is the Vice President of Sourcing Operations for 3M, an innovative technology company looking to change the world. Mark also serves as Vice President of Corporate Development and Mergers & Acquisitions.

47. Paul Knudsen - Ciena
Paul is the Vice President and Chief Legal Counsel at Ciena, an industry leading supplier of telecommunications networking equipment and software.

48. Windy Aphayrath - Becton Dickinson
Windy is the Program Leader at Beckton Dickinson and is responsible for developing and executing a strategy for supply chain compliance around established Conflict Minerals requirements.

49. Luis Aguilar - SEC Commissioner
Luis A. Aguilar is a Commissioner at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. He release the public statement in 2012 requiring disclosure from companies to increase transparency regarding the sourcing of Conflict Minerals.

50. Rob Simpson - TI
Rob is the Vice President of Worldwide Procurement and Logistics Texas Instruments, an electronics company that designs and makes semiconductors.

51. Andrew Matheson - Boston Silicon Materials
Andrew has sat on various SEC committees on the topic of conflict minerals and compliance. He was an active part of the SEC Roundtable on conflict minerals in 2011. Andrew has consistently been a first mover and leader in conflict mineral compliance.
52. Libby Sommer - Nike

Libby Sommer is the Conflict Minerals and Chemistry manager at Nike, a company that has been making every effort to become conflict mineral compliant.

53. Daniel Meckstroth - MAPI

Ph.D. Daniel J. Meckstroth is currently the vice president and chief economist as well as council director of the MAPI Purchasing Council. He often speaks at events regarding compliance, including the Electronic Components Industry Association.

54. Jared Connors - Ipoint

Jared Connors is a Technical Sales Manager at Ipoint. Previously, Jared was a conflict minerals program analyst at Intel, where he was responsible for ensuring Intel’s supply chain was free of materials sourced from conflict regions.

55. Kristin LaMarre - EMC

Kristin LaMarre is a Senior Program Manager at EMC Corporation, and is responsible for their conflict minerals program, with over 5 years of experience in quality control and quality assurance.

56. Diana Buckhantz - Huffington Post

Diana Buckhantz is a contributing writer for the Huffington Post, and a conflict mineral thought leader having authored numerous articles on the topic.

57. John Ciba - Brady Corporation

John Ciba is the Director of Facilities, Environmental & Safety Engineering for Brady Corp., where he leads their efforts related conflict minerals.

58. John Gabriel - IBM Global Supply

John Gabriel is the Chairman of the Electronics Industry Citizen Coalition and has been a speaker at Marcus Evans. He has put the motto into practice at IBM.

59. Elena Peresso - EU Trade Commission

Elena Peresso is a member of the private office of Karel De Gucht at the European Commission when he focused on his conflict mineral campaigns. She is in charge of relations with the European Parliament and the EU’s trade relationship with Latin America, the Caribbean, the Pacific and Africa.

60. David Montalvo - Phillips and Temro Industries

David Montalvo is a quality engineer at Phillips and Temro Industries, a leading global supplier of Heating, Cooling, and Hybrid/Electric Vehicle technology. David has extensive quality management experience managing quality engineers, quality supervisor and quality technicians.

61. Mike Davis - Global Witness

Mike Davis is a Senior Advisor at Global Witness. He has given numerous talks regarding conflict minerals, and the new challenges of engaging with governments and industry to ensure due diligence in their supply chains when trading in conflict minerals.

62. Tim Paull - Pentair

Tim Paull is the Global Supplier Development Manager at Pentair and has over 15 years of experience in Supplier Development. He is responsible for coordinating the GBU team to develop and implement standardized Supplier Quality and Assessment documentation and processes, as well as perform audits on Corporate Suppliers for Quality and Production Systems and engineering capability.

63. Arthur Jackson - Costco

Arthur Jackson is the Vice President of General Administration at Costco. In 2011 Arthur, along with representatives from a number of other wholesale companies, met with the SEC and discussed the Commission’s required rulemaking in Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

64. David Carnevale - Dolby Laboratories

David Carnevale is a Senior Global Energy and Environmental Compliance Engineer at Dolby and is a conflict mineral thought leader featured in various articles and panels.

65. James McDermott - US Congressman

James McDermott is a United States Congressman and authored the Conflict Minerals Trade Act. The legislation established protocols for companies that import goods into the United States and required them to identify their products as conflict mineral-free or not.

66. Sandy Merber - GE

Sandy Merber is part of the counsel at General Electric. He is also responsible for International Trade Regulation and Sourcing. He has sat on various SEC panels on the topic of conflict minerals and business implications.

67. Brian Colan - Lockheed Martin

“Brian Colan is the vice president, controller and chief accounting officer at Lockheed Martin. According to his peers, Colan “is a strong leader who has keen finance skills as well as a deep knowledge of the industry.”

68. Lynnley Browning - Newsweek

Lynnley Browning is a NewsWeek journalist that covers social issues including conflict minerals. Her latest piece on conflict minerals was the most shared in 2014 on LinkedIn and went viral within the conflict minerals compliance community because of her insightful point of view and indepth knowledge of the subject.

69. Kelvin Harris - PwC

Kelvin Harris is a supply chain specialist with PwC and co-author of PwC’s latest conflict mineral research paper, which addresses where companies stand on their conflict minerals efforts for 2014 and beyond.

70. Jake Anderson - TCBMag

Jake Anderson is a journalist and compliance thought leader for TCBMag who covers compliance and social issues.

71. Emily Chasan - Wall Street Journal

“Emily is a journalist with the WSJ and author of “Conflict Mineral Audits Get Few Takers”. She has written many thought provoking and insightful pieces about this topic.”
72. Bianca Consunji - Mashable

Bianca Consunji is a journalist and video producer. She wrote the widely shared mashable article, The Human Cost of Conflict Free Minerals. This article approached conflict minerals from a point of view that was both relatable and interesting.

73. Joe Mont - Compliance Week

Joe is a staff writer for Compliance Week, covering both securities regulation and corporate governance, as well as a range of other conflict minerals related topics.

74. Lawrence Heim - Elm Sustainability Partners

Lawrence is the Managing Director of Conflict Minerals, Sustainability and Environmental Risk Services at Elm Sustainability Partners. He was the only environmental consultant selected by the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an expert panelist for their Conflict Minerals Roundtable (October 2011) http://www.sec.gov/news/otherwebcasts/2011/conflictmineralsroundtable101811.shtml

75. Adriana Agudelo - Arenas Schlumberger

Adriana is the REMS General Counsel at Schlumberger, the world’s largest oilfield services company. She has over 10 years experience in Schlumberger’s legal department, as well as dealing with legal issues related to compliance and environmental and social responsibility.

76. Kristen Sullivan - Deloitte

Kristen leads Deloitte’s Conflict Minerals Advisory and Assurance Services. She brings a unique variety of insights to this regulatory reporting requirement from her previous area of focus on Regulatory & Public Policy Matters for the firm, recognizing the broader policy as well as the compliance implications of this issue from a corporate brand and reputation standpoint.

77. Stephanie Conover - Newport News Shipbuilding

Stephanie is the Director of Global Compliance at AstraZeneca, a multi-billion dollar multinational pharmaceutical and biologics company. AstraZeneca has taken a leadership position in the conflict minerals compliance space.

78. Brian Dearborn - ViaSat

Brian works in Supply Chain Management at ViaSat. ViaSat Inc. is a communications company based in Carlsbad, California with additional operations across the United States and worldwide. Brian is the Supply Chain lead and primary point of contact for Conflict Minerals compliance.

79. Tyler Shanks - National Instruments

Tyler is the Environmental Program Manager at National Instruments, a producer of automated test equipment and virtual instrumentation software. Tyler is the primary point of contact for all things related to conflict mineral compliance.

80. Mary Jo White - SEC

Mary Jo is the 31st and current Chairwoman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. She was also ranked the 73rd most powerful woman in the world by Forbes in 2014. This combined with her expansive knowledge of conflict minerals make her a definite thought leader in this space.

81. Lori McMahone - Intel Corporation

Lori is currently the Senior Manager of the Consumer Marketing Strategy at Intel. She was previously responsible for Intel’s Conflict Minerals marketing strategy and led the consumer engagement strategy for conflict minerals and overall marketing campaign, ‘In Pursuit of Conflict-Free.’

82. Caroline O’Brien - Astrazeneca

Caroline is the Director of Global Compliance at Astrazeneca, a multi-billion dollar multinational pharmaceutical and biologics company. Astrazeneca has taken a leadership position in the conflict minerals compliance space.

83. Cindy No Edwards - Lifesciences

Cindy is the Director of Product Stewardship at Edwards Lifesciences. She has over 17 years of experience in the pharmaceuticals industry and has expertise in clinical and regulatory operations, clinical trial management, clinical compliance, training materials regulations (RoHS, REACH, and Conflict Minerals).

84. Laura Seay - Colby College

“Laura has written many articles and publications on the topic of conflict minerals, most notably she wrote ‘’What’s Wrong With Dodd-Frank 1502? Conflict Minerals, Civilian Livelihoods, and the Unintended Consequences of Western Advocacy’. Laura is also a professor at Colby College and hosts the blog TexasInAfrica and currently has the highest klout score and huge follower base of Conflict Mineral influencers.”

85. Howard Heppelmann - PTC

Howard is Divisional Vice President & General Manager of the SLM Segment at PTC. In this role he is responsible for the business strategy and P&L of PTC’s Service Lifecycle Management (SLM) Segment. PTC’s SLM Segment provides service executives a complete connected service (IoT) enabled solution portfolio for creating and publishing technical information and service parts information, efficiently executing service delivery and optimizing the service supply chain.

86. Thomas Callahan - Dover Corporation

Tom is the Vice President & CFO of Dover Engineered Systems at Dover Corporation, a multi-billion dollar manufacturer of specialized industrial products and equipment. Tom is part of the team ensuring that Dover Corporation be conflict mineral compliant.

87. Stephen Wagner - Broadcom

Stephen is the Manager of Component Engineering at Broadcom, an American fabless semiconductor company in the wireless and broadband communication business.

88. Brian Krzanich - Intel

Brian is the current CEO and former COO at Intel. After learning about conflict minerals from the Enough Project 6 years ago, Brian made it his personal mission to ensure that Intel was conflict mineral free. He was also featured in an article by Mashable discussing his journey towards discovering conflict minerals and deciding to guarantee Intel become conflict mineral free.

89. Carrie George - Apple

Carrie is part of Supplier Responsibility at Apple and has experience implementing sustainable sourcing practices and strategies, including Apple’s first responsible sourcing of minerals program.
90. Guy Degrieck - TE Connectivity

Guy is the Global Lead of Corporate Product Compliance for TE Connectivity and specializes in environmental product legislation, including conflict minerals. He is recognized for his ability to set up programs, lead projects, lean out activities and empower people.

91. Teresita Jimenez

Teresita is a Sustainability and Product Stewardship Specialist. She has extensive experience implementing programs of Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS), Conflict Minerals and Extended Producer Responsibility (WEEE, Batteries and Packaging).

92. William Millman - AVX Tantalum Division

Bill is Director of Corporate Quality at AVX and is focused on Tantalum. He has been involved in all aspects of the tantalum capacitor industry for over 37 years including research, development, engineering, materials, process and new product development, as well as serving 3 terms as President of the Tantalum-Niobium International Study Center (T.I.C.).

93. James Calder - Kobo

James is the compliance officer at Kobo with over 15 years in the quality assurance and regulatory department. He previously worked for Intertek and Nortel. Currently at Kobo, James is responsible for creating industry solutions to a wide variety of environmental compliance issues including conflict minerals.

94. James Powell - Keysight

James is the Product Regulatory Affairs Programs Manager at Keysight Technologies, a producer of test and measurement equipment and software. It is under James’s watch that Keysight conduct business with uncompromising integrity and is committed to promoting human rights within the company’s sphere of influence.

95. Lars-Olof Wallin - IPC

Lars Wallin is based in Stockholm, Sweden. Mr. Wallin is the IPC European representative for the IPC’s conflict mineral advisory paper. He has had more than 30 years of experience in sales and marketing in the electronics industry working for companies involved in both PCB and electronics assembly. He has successfully run his own consulting company Lowek since 1993. He is an instructor at The Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden lecturing in electronic production, industrial marketing and presentation techniques.

96. Matthew Dixon - KPMG

Matthew is the Director of Advisory Services at KPMG for their US Division. Matt has been involved with a wide variety of conflict minerals publications including articles, white papers and webinars. He has over eight years of experience in investigations, litigation support, and other advisory engagements.

97. Alexandra Degher - HP

Dr. Degher has worked in the environmental compliance field for over 14 years at Hewlett-Packard. In the last 8 years she have focused on product life cycle assessment, carbon footprinting and sustainability. At HP, she is the Worldwide LCA and Conflict Minerals Program Manager.

98. Sasha Lezhnev - Enough Project

Sasha is the Associate Director of Policy, Congo, Great Lakes, and the LRA at the Enough Project. He is an expert in conflict analysis and has a wealth of knowledge to share about this subject.

99. Michael Gibb - Global Witness

Michael Gibb is Campaign Leader for Conflict Resources at Global Witness. He is a lecturer in Philosophy at University College, Oxford University. Received his D.Phil (PhD) in Philosophy from Oxford University in 2012. Research is focused on ethics and political philosophy. His article, Common Sense on Conflict Minerals has been the most widely shared piece on the matter in the last year.

100. Fern Abrams - IPC

Fern is the Director of Government Relations and Environmental Policy at IPC Association. Fern was nominated by multiple people, including Lawrence Hein and David Carnevale who said Fern “has been instrumental and integral to the industry’s ability to respond to the new Conflict Minerals requirements”.

101. Jay Celorie - Hewlett-Packard

Jay is the Global Program Manager of Conflict Minerals at Hewlett-Packard. At Hewlett-Packard, Jay is responsible for brand-reputational initiatives associated with the SEC-mandated Conflict Mineral rule.

102. John Fieldsend - SEC

John is Special Counsel at the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission. He has been an integral part of the Conflict Minerals rule and has been quoted many times discussing the details of the regulation and how it affects companies in scope.

103. Bryan Fiereck - Intel

Bryan has been the Conflict Minerals Program Manager at Intel since 2011. Intel has been represented multiple times on this Top 100 list due to their amazing efforts to become conflict mineral free. Bryan has been an integral part of this mission.

This list was meant to give recognition to those working hard in the conflict mineral compliance field. The list was left open to encourage dialog and to account for the addition of additional industry influencers. We are proud to add the following people/organizations to the list:
104. Bennett Freeman - Calvert Investments

Bennett is the SVP of Sustainability Research and Policy at Calvert Investments, a company that provides mutual funds that invest in socially and environmentally responsible companies. Bennett also serves as Chair of the Advisory Board of Global Witness, who have been a driving force behind ending the use of conflict minerals and the war in the Congo.

105. Tyler Gilliard - OECD

Tyler is considered to be the “highest authority and greatest expert on conflict mineral guidelines” at OECD. He is the legal advisor and project head at OECD.

106. Eileen Kane - U.S. Department of State

Eileen is the Economic Officer at the U.S. Department of State and is part of the U.S. government’s efforts to promote corporate responsibility for conflict minerals.

107. Steve Krause - Global Advanced Metals Technology

Steve is the President of Global Advanced Metals Technology, a company that has been committed to creating products that are conflict mineral free.

108. Michael Loch - Motorola Solutions

Mike is the Director of Supply Chain Corporate Responsibility at Motorola Solutions. He has over 30 years of experience in the Corporate Responsibility field and led the conflict free sourcing initiative since its inception. Mike also developed and launched the Solutions for Hope project in conjunction with a major supplier of tantalum capacitors to source conflict-free tantalum from the DRC.

109. Kay Nimmo - ITRI Ltd.

Kay is the Manager of Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs at ITRI, a not for profit organization that represents the tin industry and is supported by the world’s most important tin producers and smelters.

110. David Meyer - EORM

Dave is a Senior EHS & Sustainable Business Advisor, Writer, and Speaker. He has over 35 years of experience in corporate environmental, health and safety management and implementation, compliance and permitting, strategic improvement & sustainability programs.

111. Andrew O’Donovan - Global Advanced Metals Technology

Andrew is the CEO at Global Advanced Metals and was previously the General Manager at Cabot Corp. He has done many presentations about conflict minerals and the impacts this law had on the industry, as well as due diligence tips and recommendations.

112. John Sharp - TriQuint Semiconductor

John is the Corporate Product Compliance Manager at TriQuint Semiconductor, the leader in high-performance RF components for wireless communication. John monitors global regulations affecting TriQuint’s products to ensure compliance to laws, including conflict minerals regulations.

113. Jason Stearns - Author

“Jason Stearns is an American researcher and author based in Bukavu who has worked for more than ten years in the Congo. In 2008 Jason was named by the UN Secretary General as coordinator of the UN Group of Experts on the DRC to lead a special UN investigation into the conflict in the eastern DRC, and in 2012 he published the book Dancing in the Glory of Monsters: The Collapse of the Congo and the Great War of Africa.” Jason has also wrote numerous articles about conflict minerals and the DRC, including the widely shared “Helping the Congo Help Itself”.

114. John Metzger

John works in Business Development at IDS North America and is an avid contributor to conflict minerals discussions online. His wealth of knowledge on the subject allow him to share an informative and interesting point of view.

115. David Bouffard - Signet

David is the Vice President of Corporate Affairs at Signet Jewelers, including Strategic Corporate Communications, Corporate Giving, Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability, Social, Ethical and Environmental Matters. Signet has been a “major leader in the jewelry industry on supply chain due diligence and helping end the conflict gold trade”.

116. Michael Rohwer - EICC

Michael is the Project Director at the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) and leads on numerous issues including conflict-free minerals sourcing and environmental sustainability.

117. Patricia Jurewicz - Responsible Sourcing Network

Patricia is the Director at Responsible Sourcing Network and was recommended to be part of this list by Kevin Thomas who stated that she’s “done great work coordinating such a range of NGOs, companies and investors on this topic”.

Added Influencers

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