



***H.R. 4173, Section 1502 – “Conflict Minerals”
Effective January 1, 2012***

In July 2010, President Obama signed into law H.R. 4173, the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Section 1502 of that act imposes reporting requirements on manufacturers of products that contain metals derived from minerals that originate in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) or an adjoining country. These "conflict minerals" include columbite-tantalite (for the elements niobium, tantalum), cassiterite, (for the element tin), wolframite, (for the element tungsten), gold, their derivatives or any others so designated by the U.S. Secretary of State.

California Steel Industries, Inc. (CSI) regards compliance with all applicable statutory requirements very seriously. CSI secures steel slabs as its primary raw material and does not purchase or engage in smelting, refining or use in any way any of the above noted minerals. CSI does not source any of its slabs from the DRC, neighboring countries or any portion of the African continent. The primary source of slabs used for manufacturing at CSI is U.S. domestic, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, Australia and Europe. Further, no steel grade manufactured by CSI includes any alloy constituent of tantalum, tin, tungsten or gold. On occasion, CSI requires the use of ferroniobium in the manufacture of special High Strength Low Alloy steel grades. The originating source of ferroniobium used by our suppliers is Brazil and Canada; together supporting over 90% of the world's supply for steel making.