

Membership Information

The Tungsten Industry—Conflict Minerals Council (The Council or TI-CMC) operates under the auspices of the Refractory Metals Association, one of the six trade associations within the Metal Powder Industries Federation, an incorporated 501 (c) (6) trade organization. The Council offers a mechanism enabling tungsten producing firms to certify their compliance with U.S. Security and Exchange Commission regulations pertaining to the conflict minerals provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, section 1502.

The Council has the following classes of membership, (1) corporate membership for a firm, corporation, or division that is a smelter or refiner of tungsten; corporate membership is either category A (with validation through the Conflict-Free Smelter Program (CFSP)) or category B (without CFSP validation); (2) supporter membership for a firm with a vested interest in the use of tungsten products or powders downstream of the smelter-level.

Eligibility

Any firm meeting the criteria within a class of membership is eligible for membership based on its agreement with the Tungsten Industry—Conflict Minerals Commitment and Operating Guidelines. Corporate members must:

- Establish and adhere to a corporate Supplier Code of Conduct including a Conflict Mineral Policy.
- Contractually obligate suppliers to follow the member's Supplier Code of Conduct.
- Regularly assess suppliers.
- Make a provision for an internal mass balance system.
- Follow the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas, if applicable.
- Provide a signed commitment letter.
- Commit to complete a CFSP audit within 2 years of being granted TI-CMC category A membership.

Membership Dues and Representation

Annual membership dues are USD 2,500 (USD 1,500 for countries with more than five smelter-level refineries).

A current budget for the Council is available upon request.

Each member company must appoint an individual to serve as its Official Representative who will be authorized to represent, vote (if applicable) and act for the member in the affairs of the Council. This does not preclude other individuals from the same company from participating, including the holding of office.

The member company may also designate any number of additional individuals to serve as Alternate Official Representatives. A service fee of USD 70 per annum will be assessed for each individual so designated to defray additional expenses.

For all matters affecting the Council, each corporate member company shall be entitled to cast one vote.

APPLICATION FORM – CORPORATE MEMBER

TUNGSTEN INDUSTRY—CONFLICT MINERALS COUNCIL

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Telephone Number (____) _____ Fax Number (____) _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

Date of incorporation or founding _____

We are are not registered as ISO-9000 compliant.

If applicant is a subsidiary or division, what is the name of the parent organization?

We are a tungsten refiner (smelter-level company) and apply for Corporate Membership in the TI-CMC, category: A (commitment to validation by CFSP audit)
 B (without CFSP validation)

Name, title, and e-mail of individual to be designated as "Official Representative"

Name, title, and e-mail of individual(s) (if any) to be designated as "Alternate Representative(s)"
(A nominal, annual service fee per person will be assessed)

Individual responsible for implementation of supply management system and "supplier code of conduct" (name, title, and e-mail)

Signer of Commitment letter (CEO or equivalent).

Name and title

If elected to membership, we agree to be governed by the guidelines of the Tungsten Industry—Conflict Minerals Council.

Name and title of submitting applicant

Signature

Date

The following information, in addition to acting as TI-CMC’s official source of corporate file information, will act as a source of information that will be posted on the TI-CMC website: www.ti-cmc.org. Please be as complete as possible. It is the member’s responsibility to inform the administrator of any changes to this information. (Content will be posted on approval.)

Provide short summary of your company’s capabilities:

(type of tungsten material sourced & processed, product range, other services—maximum 200 words or 1,000 characters)

Smelter Locations: _____

See next page for mandatory attachments to be submitted with this application.

Attachments (to be submitted with this application):

Results of the Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry Declaration (must be completed)

Results of the Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry for the origin of its raw materials within the last 12 months in the following classifications.

(must specify at least one and all that apply)

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| Secondary Raw Materials (recycling of scrap) | Supply (such as concentrates or through intermediates) is derived from ore that ... | | | |
| | did not originate from the Covered Countries [*], Mozambique, South Africa or Kenya. | originated from Mozambique, South Africa or Kenya. | originated from the Covered Countries [*] but not the DRC. | Originated from the DRC. |
| (R/S) | (L1) Level 1 | (L2) Level 2 | (L3) Level 3 | (DRC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| [*] Covered Countries = Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia | | | | |

- TI-CMC Letter of Commitment (on company letterhead).**
- Copy of the Company's Commitment to Conflict Free Sourcing (Conflict-Free Policy).**
- Copy of the Company's Supplier Code of Conduct** or statement in procurement documents relevant to conflict-free sourcing.
- General Outline of the Company's policies** and efforts to assure conflict-free sourcing and their implementation in day-to-day business, including implementation of and commitment to TI-CMC. This should include an account of planned initiatives and forward-looking changes of the supply strategy with respect to conflict minerals (if any).
- In case the Company sources from the Covered Countries as defined by the SEC, the results of an independent (3rd party) audit confirming that the company's sourcing policy is in agreement with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas. [*Please discuss beforehand with the TI-CMC Administrator.*]

Note that the following information and documents will be posted for public access on the TI-CMC website: company name, member category, membership issuance date, TI-CMC letter of commitment and non-conflict policy.

Return Form to:

Tungsten Industry—Conflict Minerals Council
 c/o [Refractory Metals Association](#)
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 Tel: (609) 452-7700 • Fax: (609) 987-8523
 E-mail: psedor@mpif.org
 Website: www.TI-CMC.org

[Company letter-head]

[Date]

Tungsten Industry—Conflict Minerals Council
c/o Refractory Metals Association
Metal Powder Industries Federation
105 College Road East
Princeton, NJ 08540-6692

Dear Mr. Dale:

I am pleased to confirm that *[name of company]* supports the principles of the Tungsten Industry's Conflict Mineral Commitment (TI-CMC) and will adhere to the TI-CMC framework.

With this communication, we express our commitment to advance the TI-CMC principles and to implement the TI-CMC supply management system to ensure that tungsten raw materials are sourced in a transparent manner, in accordance with law, and in line with the OCED *Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas* where applicable, and helping facilitating our clients fulfill their reporting obligations under SEC rules. We are committed to making TI-CMC part of the tungsten sourcing strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our company.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in TI-CMC is the annual submission of a TI-CMC progress report that describes our company's efforts to implement the TI-CMC framework. Annual reporting and self-assessment shall be preferentially in line with the business year of the company, with reporting at latest three month after the end of the business year, and for the first time at latest 18 months after becoming member. At the same time, we will also report on the origin of our supply within the five categories as outlined in the TI-CMC policy via a self-declaration, and report to the TI-CMC administrator when a change in feed material sourcing will change our declaration's conclusion.

We also commit to undergo CFSP compliance auditing within a period of 2 years from the start of our TI-CMC membership, and thus become Category A member. We understand that it is our responsibility to establish contact with the CFSP program and to undertake all required steps in order to achieve CFSP compliance in a timely manner. I understand my company will be delisted as a TI-CMC member company if I fail to execute all the requirements identified in accordance with the member category and the timelines specified within the TI-CMC framework. *[remove entire last paragraph if applying for Category B membership only]*

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Name Mr. /Ms. _____]

[Title* CEO/Managing Director]

* The letter must be signed by an official with authority to execute.