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In conformance with local law, participants shall respect the right of all workers to form and join trade unions of their own choosing, to bargain collectively, and to engage in peaceful assembly as well as respect the right of workers to refrain from such activities. Workers and/or their representatives shall be able to openly communicate and share ideas and concerns with management regarding working conditions and management practices without fear of discrimination, reprisal, intimidation, or harassment.







mechanical, electrical, chemical, fire, and physical hazards. Health and safety related information shall be clearly posted in the facility or placed in a location identifiable and accessible by workers. Training is provided to all workers prior to the beginning of work and regularly thereafter. Workers shall be encouraged to raise any health and safety concerns without retaliation.







routinely monitored, controlled, and treated as required prior to discharge. Ozone-depleting substances are to be effectively managed in accordance with the Montreal Protocol and applicable regulations. Participants shall conduct routine monitoring of the performance of its air emission control systems.

## 6) Materials Restrictions

Participants are to adhere to all applicable laws, regulations, and customer requirements regarding the prohibition or restriction of specific substances in products and manufacturing, including labeling for recycling and disposal.

## 7) Water Management

Participants shall implement a water management program that documents, characterizes, and monitors water sources, use and discharge; seeks opportunities to conserve water; and controls channels of contamination. All wastewater is to be characterized, monitored, controlled, and treated as required prior to discharge or disposal. Participants shall conduct routine monitoring of the performance of its wastewater treatment and containment systems to ensure optimal performance and regulatory compliance.

## 8) Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Participants are to establish a corporate-wide greenhouse gas reduction goal. Energy consumption and all relevant Scopes 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions are to be tracked, documented, and publicly reported against the greenhouse gas reduction goal. Participants





## 6) Protection of Identity and Non-Retaliation

Programs that ensure the confidentiality, anonymity, and protection of supplier and employee whistleblowers<sup>2</sup> are to be maintained, unless prohibited by law. Participants should have a communicated process for their personnel to be able to raise any concerns without fear of retaliation.

## 7) Responsible Sourcing of Minerals

Participants shall adopt a policy and exercise due diligence on the source and chain of custody of the tantalum, tin, tungsten,



## E. MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Participants shall adopt or establish a management system with a scope that is related to the content of this Code. The management system shall be designed to ensure: (a) compliance with applicable laws, regulations and customer requirements and products; (b) conformance with this Code; and (c) identification and mitigation of operational risks related to this Code. It should also facilitate continual improvement.

The management system should contain the following elements:

### 1) Company Commitment

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commitment to compliance and continual improvement, endorsed by executive management, and posted in the facility in the local language.

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## 5) Improvement Objectives

social, environmental, and health and safety performance, including a periodic assessment of objectives.

## 6) Training

procedures



to the Code.



## REFERENCES

The following standards were used in preparing this Code and may be useful sources of additional information. The following standards may or may not be endorsed by each Participant.

Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

<http://www.sec.gov/about/laws/wallstreetreform-cpa.pdf>

Eco Management & Audit System [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/emas/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/emas/index_en.htm)

Ethical Trading Initiative [www.ethicaltrade.org/](http://www.ethicaltrade.org/)

ILO Code of Practice in Safety and Health

[www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/cops/english/download/e000013.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/cops/english/download/e000013.pdf)

ILO International Labor Standards

[www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/norm/whatare/fundam/index.htm](http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/norm/whatare/fundam/index.htm)

ISO 14001 [www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

National Fire Protection Association [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas <https://www.oecd.org/daf/inv/mne/OECD-Due-Diligence-Guidance-Minerals-Edition3.pdf>

OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

<http://www.oecd.org/investment/mne/1903291.pdf>

Universal Declaration of Human Rights <https://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>

United Nations Convention Against Corruption <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/>

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/crc.aspx>

United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CEDAW.aspx>

United Nations Global Compact [www.unglobalcompact.org](http://www.unglobalcompact.org)

United States Federal Acquisition Regulation [www.acquisition.gov/far/](http://www.acquisition.gov/far/)

SA 8000 <https://sa-intl.org/programs/sa8000/>

Social Accountability International (SAI) [www.sa-intl.org](http://www.sa-intl.org)



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