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**U. S. Steel Košice, s.r.o.**  
**2023 Statement on Conflict Minerals**

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U. S. Steel Košice, s.r.o. (“USSK”), a subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation, shares the concerns of the U.S. Congress, EU authorities, and international business community that profits from the mining of U.S. Conflict Minerals in the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”) or its adjoining countries may be aiding human rights abuses in portions of the DRC. Additionally, USSK shares the concerns of the EU authorities that profits from the mining of EU Conflict Minerals in conflict affected or high risk areas may be used to finance armed groups, fuel forced labor and other human rights abuses, and support corruption and money laundering.

In July 2010, the United States Congress passed legislation<sup>1</sup> mandating supply chain due diligence and public disclosure related to the sourcing of cassiterite, columbite-tantalite, gold, and wolframite, as well as their derivatives tin, tantalum, and tungsten (“U. S. Conflict Minerals”). In August 2012 the Securities Exchange Commission (“SEC”) issued its Final Rule governing, inter alia, due diligence, disclosure and reporting requirements for U. S. Conflict Minerals from the DRC or its adjoining countries under the legislation.

EU Regulation 2017/821 of the European parliament and Council of May 17, 2017 (“EU Conflicts Minerals Regulation”) laying down supply chain due diligence obligations for Union importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores, and gold originating from conflict-affected and high risk areas (“EU Conflicts Minerals” and together with U. S. Conflict Minerals, “Conflict Minerals”) requires EU importers of the respective EU Conflict Minerals to comply with, and report on, its supply chain due diligence obligations if the minerals originate from conflict-affected and high risk areas.

USSK, as subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation, is committed to legal and ethical compliance in all its business practices and will comply with both the Dodd-Frank Act and EU Conflicts Minerals Regulation. Based on USSK’s reasonable efforts to investigate the sourcing of materials through its supply chain, the only products manufactured by USSK that contain Conflicts Minerals and are subject to the Dodd-Frank Act and EU Conflicts Minerals Regulation are its tin mill products having a tin coating.

Based on USSK’s reasonable due diligence, to the best of its knowledge, throughout 2023, USSK did not manufacture any products that used Conflict Minerals sourced from the DRC or its adjoining countries that financed or benefitted armed groups in that region or other conflict-affected and high risk areas. In accordance with the legislation and implementing regulations, USSK will continue to monitor its supply chain to ascertain the origin of Conflict Minerals used by USSK in manufacturing its products and provide any required disclosures and updates. USSK will continue to proactively work with its suppliers and customers to verify the source of Conflict Minerals in its supply chain.

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<sup>1</sup> The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, HR 4173 § 1502 (“Dodd-Frank Act”)