



## **CHARLES RIVER'S CONFLICT MINERALS LAW STATEMENT**

Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. is committed to ensuring that metals and other minerals contained in our products are sourced, produced and used in an ethical and responsible manner.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH CONFLICT MINERALS LAWS**

Under the "conflict minerals" provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), we are required to understand our use of four metals: gold, columbite-tantalite (tantalum), cassiterite (tin) and wolframite (tungsten) (collectively, the "Conflict Minerals") and whether those Conflict Minerals originated in the Democratic Republic of Congo or adjoining countries<sup>1</sup> (collectively, the "Covered Countries"). The goal of these regulations is to end the violent conflict in the region that has been financed partially by the exploitation and trade of Conflict Minerals originating in the Covered Countries. As a publicly traded company, we are required to request certain information from our suppliers and report on our inquiries and due diligence to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

### **CONFLICT MINERALS PROGRAM**

We will conduct an annual good faith inquiry into the origin of Conflict Minerals that are necessary to the functionality or production of our products. In particular, this inquiry will be reasonably designed to determine whether any such minerals originated in the Covered Countries or are from recycled or scrap sources.

In the event we have a reason to believe that Conflict Minerals may have originated in the Covered Countries, we will perform due diligence on our supply chain in a manner consistent with the guidance issued by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

### **EXPECTATIONS OF SUPPLIERS**

We expect our suppliers to:

- Avoid the use of Conflict Minerals that may finance directly or benefit armed groups in the Covered Countries.
- Participate fully in our inquiry regarding their use of Conflict Minerals, including providing complete, accurate and timely responses to surveys and other inquiries submitted by us. Non-compliance with this inquiry could result in penalties, including termination of our business with the supplier.

### **GOALS OF CONFLICT MINERALS PROGRAM**

We support the humanitarian goal of the Dodd-Frank Act in ending the illegal trade of Conflict Minerals originating in the Covered Countries, while supporting legitimate commercial ventures.

We help ensure the safe production and release of products manufactured by our clients. Our Endotoxin and Microbial Detection business provides non-animal, *in vitro*, methods for lot release testing of medical devices and injectable drugs for endotoxin contamination. We do not purchase any Conflict Minerals directly from any source. We are dedicated to working with our suppliers to increase transparency regarding the origin of minerals contained in our products.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Potential ethical or legal violations involving our business can be reported by calling our Compliance & Ethics Hotline at 1-866-294-3699, visiting <http://helpline.criver.com> or writing to Charles River Laboratories International, Inc., 251 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, Attn: General Counsel. No one will be subject to retaliation for making a good faith report of a complaint or concern.

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<sup>1</sup> Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda or Zambia