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## **GAM Certified Conflict-Free by CFSI**

Waltham, MA and Perth, Australia, Oct. 31, 2016 /CSRwire/ - Global Advanced Metals Pty Ltd (GAM), a leading producer of tantalum products, was recently recertified conflict-free through the EICC/GeSI and CFSI Conflict Free Smelter Program (CFSP) following successful audits of its Aizu, Japan and Pennsylvania, USA facilities. GAM is the first smelter of any metal to be certified conflict-free under this program for seven consecutive years.

This CFSP certification illustrates GAM's continued commitment to provide its direct customers, and other downstream supply chain participants, a reliable source of responsibly procured tantalum products. This smelter certification process also simplifies the Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry documentation as called for by the Security and Exchange Commission's reporting requirements under Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act for tantalum-consuming U.S. publicly traded companies.

"GAM is committed to provide responsibly sourced raw material to our customers, and to the ongoing development of artisanal scale mining in the Central Africa region. We continue to work with dedicated in-region organizations such as PACT, the Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade (PPA), and the ITRI Tin Supply Chain Initiative (ITSCI) to promote the continued growth of a responsible and verifiable mine-to-market channel," said Andrew O'Donovan, GAM CEO.

In order to obtain the CFSP certification, a company must successfully undergo a rigorous third party audit of all its smelting operations. The audit includes providing evidence of a reasonable country of origin evaluation, mine of origin and chain of custody, and verification of scrap sources among other criteria.

"GAM conducts due diligence in accordance with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas when sourcing tantalum ore. This is important to end users globally as conflict free legislations are expected to extend beyond the United States to the EU and other jurisdictions," said Jean-Paul Meutcheho, GAM Director of Sourcing and Corporate Sustainability - Conflict Minerals.

## **About Global Advanced Metals (GAM)**

A leading conflict-free tantalum producer, [Global Advanced Metals](#) has exclusive rights to the world's largest industrial resources of tantalum ore located in Western Australia and is actively engaged in resource development throughout the world.

GAM produces conflict-free tantalum powders and metallurgical products at its Pennsylvania, USA and Aizu, Japan plants for a range of industries including electronics, aerospace, automotive, medical and chemical processing.

GAM's smelting facilities in Japan and the USA were first declared "Conflict-Free" in 2010 under the EICC/GeSI Conflict Free Sourcing Initiative (CFSI) audit program, and continue to maintain this status.