

Global Advanced Metals (GAM) Declared Conformant to Minerals Due Diligence Standard

The Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP) validates GAM for nine consecutive years.

Wellesley Hills, MA and Perth Australia - January 22, 2019- Global Advanced Metals (GAM) a leading producer of tantalum powders and metallurgical products has successfully undergone conflict minerals due diligence audit under the new Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP) audit standard.

For the ninth consecutive year, GAM was determined conformant to the RMAP Standard following the September 2018 audits of its facilities. Since their first validation in 2010, the first such validation of any metal type, GAM facilities in Aizu, Japan and Pennsylvania, USA have been leaders in complying with the RMAP audit program. This conflict-minerals' due diligence audit program is led and supported by a cross section of industries, governments, and multi-stakeholders.

The new RMAP audit standard puts emphases on a management system approach to minerals due diligence with a keen focus on company's leadership commitment to responsible sourcing. "This is in line with GAM's holistic approach to conflict-free compliance as illustrated by its broad and deep involvement with cross-industries initiatives like the Public Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade (PPA), Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Multi-Stakeholders Group." said Jean-Paul Meutcheho, GAM Director of Sourcing and Corporate Sustainability.

Conformance to the new RMAP audit standard requires auditee to show alignment with the five steps of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance and a disposition to responsibly engage its supply chains' participants. Likewise, the auditee has to support the regulatory and due diligence needs, i.e., Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry (RCOI), traceability, and chain of custody of downstream companies as required by the SEC rules under Section 1502 of the US Dodd Frank Act.

“As industries prepare to comply with the new Conflict Minerals Regulation of the European Union in 2021 and its broader geographic scope for Conflict Affected and High Risk Areas (CAHRAs) identification, GAM will pursue its work with the RMAP to ensure that a risk-mitigation mindset to due diligence continues to enable the flow of responsibly sourced tantalum ore to the global market as envisaged by the RMI” said Steve Krause, President GAM Technology.

About Global Advanced Metals (GAM)

A leading conflict-free tantalum producer, GAM has exclusive rights to the world's largest industrial resources of tantalum ore located in Western Australia and is actively engaged in tantalum 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 former EICC/GeSI Conflict Free

Sourcing Initiative (CFSI) audit program, and continue to maintain their conformance status.

About RBA, RMI and RMAP

The Responsible Business Alliance—RBA was formerly known as the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition—EICC,

The Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI) was formerly known as the Conflict Free Sourcing Initiative—CFSI, and

The Responsible Minerals Assurance Process—RMAP was formerly known as the Conflict Free Smelter Program—CFSP.