



# *Environmental Consequences*

## ASSIGNMENT, PART 2, NATURAL RESOURCE EXTRACTION

Pick one of the conflict minerals:

1. Gold
2. Tantalum
3. Tungsten
4. Tin

Respond to the following prompts regarding the mineral you select above:

- What is the mineral used for in electronics? Be as specific as possible.
- How much of the mineral is used in electronics in recent years?
- Identify two large U.S. (electronics/computer) companies that use a large amount of this mineral.
- Which of these two companies is doing a better job of adhering to the Dodd-Frank act? How is the other company falling short?
- Do you think the Dodd-Frank act sets a reasonable standard for reporting conflict sourced minerals?  
Explain your answer.

You may use any sources you wish to answer the above questions, but be sure that any information you do use is reputable and comes from a source that is not obviously biased (i.e. prone to providing information skewed in a particular direction).

For this assignment, submit a response that is a minimum of one page long, single spaced, with 1" margins and font no larger than 11 pt. The length requirement does not include title, graphs, figures, extra white space, or other additions that are not text). Please provide a list of sources used to answer the above prompts at the end of your assignment in an APA or IEEE style bibliography. No citations in text are required. Engaging photos or other figures are appreciated, but should be cited appropriately to give credit to the author/creator of these visual aids.