



January 19, 2018

Frank Habig
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Dear Mr. Habig,

Thank you for your participation in the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI, formerly CFSI) Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (formerly Conflict-Free Smelter Program).

The RMI's Audit Review Committee (ARC) has reviewed the results of H.C. Starck, Inc.'s Supply Chain Transparency Smelter Audit for Tantalum, conducted at the following location on the following dates:

H.C. Starck, Inc.
45 Industrial Place
Newton, MA 02461-1951 USA
28-29 November 2017

Based on such review, the ARC concludes that H.C. Starck, Inc. is conformant with the Tantalum Protocol. The review covers only the facility listed above and expires one year from the date of the assessment. Your conformant status will be updated on the RMI's [publicly available website](#) shortly.

Thank you for participating in the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process.

Sincerely,

RMI Audit Review Committee