

Statement of ULBA Metallurgical Plant JSC regarding the publication of Global Witness on the supply of tantalum mineral raw materials

UMP JSC is committed to the principle of openness and transparency of tantalum raw materials supply chain and carries out due diligence in accordance with international standards.

Checking the legality of the origin of raw materials and/or monitoring the risks of the raw materials supply chain shall be carried out at any stage of contracts. UMP JSC brings to the attention of both potential and acting suppliers Policy of the management of UMP JSC for the responsible minerals supply chain, where it notifies that UMP JSC intends to suspend or stop immediately working with suppliers who are suspected of committing any form of contraventions of the accepted principles of such Policy.

UMP JSC purchased mineral tantalum concentrate from DRC in 2023-2024, which was examined by RMI auditors during annual assessments. Taking into account the recorded increase in the escalation of the conflict in the Rubaya region (North Kivu, DRC), in order to prevent any possibility of using conflict minerals, UMP JSC decided to stop any new purchases of mineral raw materials in this region already in May 2024 until the conflict is resolved.

UMP JSC has already submitted to Global Witness detailed explanations regarding the applied due diligence system, the smelter's participation in the RMAP program, and purchases of tantalum mineral raw materials earlier, by the letter No. 38-04-01/23772 эп dated December 31, 2025. The arguments presented therein were not taken into account by Global Witness when preparing the report.

UMP JSC is fully committed to the norms and principles of the RMAP standard and the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Mineral Supply Chains from Conflict Affected and High-Risk Areas. UMP JSC undergoes annual independent assessments, during which all transactions of tantalum mineral raw materials carried out between suppliers and the smelter are examined by RMI auditors. To this day, UMP JSC retains its presence in the list of [RMAP conformant tantalum smelters](#), which indicates the proper functioning of ULBA's due diligence management system.

More information on our commitment to responsible mineral sourcing can be found on our official website in the "Conflict free" section: <https://www.ulba.kz/ru/conflict-free>.