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Specialized Disclosure Report

VERA BRADLEY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-34918
(Commission
File Number)

27-2935063
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**12420 Stonebridge Road,
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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(Zip Code)

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Check the appropriate box to indicate the rule pursuant to which this form is being filed, and provide the period to which the information in this form applies:

Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13p-1) for the reporting period from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

Section 1 - Conflict Minerals Disclosure

Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report

A copy of Vera Bradley, Inc.'s Conflict Minerals Report is filed as Exhibit 1.01 hereto. This Specialized Disclosure Form and the associated Conflict Minerals Report are posted in the "Corporate Information" section, under "Supply Chain," of the Company's website at www.verabradley.com.

Item 1.02 Exhibit

See Exhibit 1.01 to this specialized disclosure report, incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2 - Exhibits

Item 2.01 Exhibits

[Exhibit 1.01 - Conflict Minerals Report](#)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the duly authorized undersigned.

Vera Bradley, Inc.

Date: May 31, 2023

By: /s/ Mark C. Dely

Mark C. Dely
Chief Administrative Officer

**Conflict Minerals Report of Vera Bradley, Inc.
Pursuant to Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

This is the Conflict Minerals Report of Vera Bradley, Inc. for calendar year 2022 (excepting conflict minerals that, prior to January 31, 2013, were located outside of the supply chain) pursuant to Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Rule 13p-1”). The terms “Company” and “Vera Bradley” refer to Vera Bradley, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

1. Introduction

Vera Bradley manufactures or contracts to manufacture products that may contain gold, tantalum, tin and tungsten (“3TG”), such as handbags, accessories, and luggage and travel items. For the 2022 calendar year, the Company determined that certain of its products may have zippers, fasteners or other components and materials, which are necessary to the production or functionality of its products, that may contain 3TG. Therefore, Vera Bradley conducted a reasonable country of origin inquiry (“RCOI”) in good faith to determine whether any of the 3TGs that may be in its products originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (“DRC”) or an adjoining country (collectively referred to as the “Covered Countries”). Based on its RCOI, Vera Bradley believes that its products contain 3TGs that may have originated in the Covered Countries and, therefore, in accordance with Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (from here on referred to “Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act” or “the Rule”), performed due diligence on the source and chain of custody of the 3TGs in question to determine whether its products are “DRC Conflict Free.” The Company designed its due diligence measures to conform, in all material respects, with the internationally recognized due diligence framework in The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (“OECD”) Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas and the related supplements for gold, tin, tantalum and tungsten (the “OECD Guidance”).

Vera Bradley is committed to complying with the requirements of the Rule and upholding responsible sourcing practices. As such, the Company has put into place a due diligence program to contribute towards upholding human rights and responsible practices across the supply chain.

2. Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry

To determine whether necessary 3TGs in Company products originated in Covered Countries, Vera Bradley retained Assent Compliance (“Assent”), a third-party service provider, to assist in reviewing the supply chain and identifying risks. The Company provided a list composed of suppliers and parts associated with the in-scope products to Assent for upload to the Assent Compliance Manager (“ACM”).

To collect data on the materials’ sources of origin within the supply chain, Vera Bradley utilized the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (“CMRT”) version 6.0 or higher to conduct a survey of all in-scope suppliers.

During the supplier survey, the Company contacted suppliers via the ACM, a software-as-a-service (SaaS) platform provided by Assent that enables users to complete and track supplier communications, and allows suppliers to upload completed CMRTs directly to the platform for validation, assessment and management. The ACM also provides functionality that meets the OECD Guidance process expectations by evaluating the quality of each supplier response and assigning a health score based on the supplier’s declaration of process engagement. Additionally, the metrics provided in this report, as well as the step-by-step process for supplier engagement and upstream due diligence investigations performed, are managed through this platform.

Via the ACM and the Assent team, the Company requested that all suppliers complete a CMRT. Training and education to guide suppliers on best practices and the use of this template was included. Assent monitored and tracked all communications in the ACM for future reporting and transparency. Vera Bradley directly contacted suppliers that were unresponsive to Assent’s communications during the diligence process and requested that these suppliers complete the CMRT and submit it to Assent.

The Company’s program continues to include automated data validation on all submitted CMRTs. The goal of data validation is to increase the accuracy of submissions and identify any contradictory answers in the CMRT. This data validation is based on questions within the declaration tab of the CMRT, which help to identify areas that require further classification or risk assessment, and is designed to facilitate an understanding of the due-diligence efforts of the Tier 1 suppliers. The results of this data validation contribute to the program’s health assessment and are shared with the suppliers to ensure they understand areas that require clarification or improvement.

All submitted forms are accepted and classified as valid or invalid so that data is retained. Suppliers are contacted regarding invalid forms and are encouraged to submit a valid form. Suppliers are also provided with guidance on how to correct these validation errors in the form of feedback to their CMRT submission, training courses and direct engagement help through Assent’s multilingual Supplier Experience team. Since some suppliers may remain unresponsive to feedback, Vera Bradley tracks program gaps to account for future improvement opportunities. As of May 16, 2023, there was one invalid supplier submission that could not be corrected.

As of May 16, 2023, there were 54 suppliers in scope of the conflict minerals program for the 2022 reporting year and 53 of such suppliers provided a completed CMRT. Vera Bradley’s total response rate for the 2022 reporting year was 98%. These metrics are summarized in the table below in order to assess progress from prior year:

Year	Suppliers in Scope	% Responded
RY 2021	66	71%
RY 2022	53	98%

Based on the findings through the RCOI process, the Company was able to determine the countries of origin for a large portion of the 3TGs in its products. As such, Vera Bradley continued to perform further due diligence on the source and chain of custody of the minerals in question.

3. Product Description

Vera Bradley contracts to manufacture products that may contain gold, tantalum, tin and tungsten (“3TG”), such as handbags, accessories and luggage and travel items. The Company determined that certain of its products may have zippers, fasteners or other components and materials, which are necessary to the production or functionality of its products, that may contain 3TG. As these materials are necessary to Vera Bradley’s products, the Company is dedicated to tracing the origin of these metals to safeguard that our sourcing practices do not support conflict or human rights abuses in the Covered Countries.

4. Design of Due Diligence Measures

Vera Bradley designed its due diligence measures to conform, in all material respects, with the framework in the OECD Guidance and the related supplements. The program aligns with the five steps for due diligence that are described by the OECD Guidance and the Company continues to evaluate market expectations for data collection and reporting to identify continuous improvement opportunities.

Due diligence requires the Company’s necessary reliance on data provided by direct suppliers and third-party audit programs. There is a risk of incomplete or inaccurate data as the process cannot fully be owned by the Company. However, through continued outreach and process validation, the Company believes its processes align with industry standards and market expectations for downstream companies’ due diligence.

5. Due Diligence Measures Performed

Internal Compliance Team

Vera Bradley established a cross-functional Compliance Team led by its Director of Global Quality & Compliance. The Compliance Team is responsible for implementing the conflict minerals compliance strategy and briefing senior management about the results of these due diligence efforts.

The Company also uses a third-party service provider, Assent, to assist with evaluating supply chain information regarding 3TGs, identifying potential risks, and in the development and implementation of additional due diligence steps that the Company will undertake with suppliers in regard to conflict minerals.

The Company leverages Assent's Managed Services in order to work with dedicated program specialists who support Vera Bradley's conflict minerals program. The Company communicates regularly with the Assent team to receive updates on program status. Each member of Assent's Customer Success team is trained in conflict minerals compliance and understands the intricacies of the CMRT and conflict minerals reporting, as well as Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act.

Control Systems

The Company expects all suppliers to have policies and procedures in place to ensure that 3TGs used in the production of the products sold to Vera Bradley are DRC conflict-free. This means that the products must not contain 3TGs that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the Covered Countries. The Company relies on direct suppliers to provide information on the origin of the 3TGs contained in components and materials supplied, including sources of 3TGs that are supplied to them from lower-tier suppliers.

Vera Bradley's Supplier Code of Conduct applies to all direct suppliers and outlines certain expected behaviors and practices. This code of conduct is based on industry and internationally-accepted principles such as the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Due Diligence Guidance. The Supplier Code of Conduct is provided to all direct suppliers. If a supplier does not meet the Company's requirements, the relationship with this supplier will be evaluated. The Supplier Code of Conduct is reviewed annually in an effort to ensure that it continues to align with industry best practices.

Supplier Engagement

Vera Bradley believes that it has a strong relationship with its Tier 1 direct suppliers. As an extremely important part of the supply chain, Vera Bradley has leveraged processes and educational opportunities in order to ensure non-English speaking suppliers have access to a free platform to upload their CMRTs, help desk support and other multilingual resources. Vera Bradley's suppliers are able to leverage Assent's team of supplier support specialists to ensure they receive appropriate support and understand how to properly file a CMRT. Suppliers are provided guidance in their native language, if needed.

The Company engages with suppliers directly to request a valid CMRT for the products that they supply to the Company and continues to place a strong emphasis on supplier education and training. To accomplish this, Assent's online resources are leveraged, and all in-scope suppliers have been provided with access to their library of conflict minerals training and support resources.

The Company believes that the combination of the Supplier Code of Conduct and direct engagement with suppliers for conflict minerals training and requests constitute a strong supplier engagement program.

Grievance Mechanisms

The Company established grievance mechanisms whereby employees and suppliers can report violations of Vera Bradley's policies, including conflict minerals. Suppliers and others outside of Vera Bradley may contact the Company, including to report grievances, via a dedicated email address that is published. In addition, employees may anonymously report suspected violations. Any violations are reported to corporate management.

Violations or grievances at the industry level can be reported to the Responsible Minerals Initiative (the “RMI”) directly as well. This can be done at <http://www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org/responsible-minerals-assurance-process/grievance-mechanism/>.

Maintain Records

The Company has adopted a policy to retain relevant documentation for a period of five years. Through Assent, a document retention policy to retain conflict minerals related documents, including supplier responses to CMRTs and the sources identified within each reporting period, has been implemented. The Company stores all of the information and findings from this process in an auditable database.

6. Identifying Risks in the Supply Chain

Risks at the supplier level may include non-responsive suppliers, incomplete CMRTs, or CMRTs that are submitted at the company level. In those cases where a company-level CMRT (such as when a company declares there are no 3TGs in any of its products) is submitted, Vera Bradley is unable to determine if all of the specified smelters and refiners were used for 3TGs in the products supplied to the Company.

Risks were identified by assessing the due diligence practices and status of smelters and refiners identified in the supply chain by upstream suppliers that listed mineral processing facilities on their CMRT declarations. Assent compared these facilities listed in the responses to the list of smelters and refiners consolidated by the RMI in order to determine that the facilities met the recognized definition of a 3TG processing facility that was operational during the 2022 calendar year.

Assent determined if the smelter had been audited against a standard in conformance with the OECD Guidance, such as the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (“RMAP”). Vera Bradley does not have a direct relationship with smelters and refiners, and does not perform direct audits of these entities within their pre-supply chain. Smelters that have completed an RMAP audit are considered to be DRC-Conflict Free. In cases where the smelters due diligence practices have not been audited against the RMAP standard or they are considered non-conformant by RMAP, follow-ups are made to suppliers reporting doing business with those facilities. Smelters are then assessed for the potential for sourcing risk.

Each facility that meets the definition of a smelter or refiner of a 3TG mineral is assessed according to red-flag indicators defined in the OECD Guidance. Assent uses numerous factors to determine the level of risk that each smelter poses to the supply chain by identifying red flags. These factors include:

- Geographic proximity to the DRC and covered countries.
- Known mineral source country of origin.
- RMAP audit status.
- Credible evidence of unethical or conflict sourcing.
- Peer assessments conducted by credible third-party sources.

Risk mitigation activities are initiated whenever a supplier’s CMRT reported facilities of concern. Through Assent, suppliers with submissions that included any smelters of concern were immediately provided with feedback instructing that supplier to take their own independent risk mitigation actions. Examples include the submission of a product-specific CMRT to better identify the connection to products that they supply to Vera Bradley. Additional escalation may in some cases be necessary to address any continued sourcing from these smelters of concern. Suppliers are given clear performance objectives within reasonable timeframes with the ultimate goal of progressive elimination of these smelters of concern from the supply chain. In addition, suppliers are guided to the educational materials on mitigating the risks identified through the data collection process.

Suppliers are also evaluated on program strength, which assists in making key risk mitigation decisions as the program progresses. The criteria used to evaluate the strength of the program is based on certain questions in the CMRT related to the suppliers’ conflict minerals practices and policies.

7. Design and Implement a Strategy to Respond to Risks

Together with Assent, Vera Bradley developed processes to assess and respond to the risks identified in the supply chain. Vera Bradley has a risk management plan, through which the conflict minerals program is implemented, managed and monitored. As the program progresses, escalations are sent to non-responsive suppliers to outline the importance of a response via CMRTs and to outline the required cooperation for compliance to the conflict minerals rules and the Company's expectations.

Feedback on supplier submissions is given directly to suppliers and educational resources are provided to assist suppliers in corrective action methods or to improve their internal programs. The Company engages suppliers believed to be supplying 3TGs from sources that may support conflict in the Covered Countries to establish an alternative source of 3TGs that does not support such conflict, as provided in the OECD Guidance. Assent also communicates directly with smelters that have not yet been determined to be conformant with the RMAP in order to request sourcing information and encourage their involvement with the RMI program.

In cases where suppliers have continuously been non-responsive or are not committed to corrective action plans, the Company will assess the feasibility of replacing that supplier. The results of the program and risk assessment are shared with the Compliance Team and the Vera Bradley leadership team to ensure transparency within the Company.

8. Identified Smelters or Refiners ("SORs")

Based on survey responses received from Vera Bradley's suppliers, Vera Bradley was not able to identify all SORs for all 3TGs that may be used in its products. Vera Bradley has identified the SORs listed below that may have processed 3TGs used in its products. SORs with a "Not Applicable" RMI Audit Status have not been verified to be legitimate SORs.

Metal	Smelter Name	Country	RMI Audit Status
Gold	8853 S.p.A.	Italy	Non Conformant
Gold	Advanced Chemical Company	United States Of America	Conformant
Gold	Agosi AG	Germany	Conformant
Gold	Aida Chemical Industries Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Al Etihad Gold Refinery DMCC	United Arab Emirates	Conformant
Gold	Almalyk Mining and Metallurgical Complex (AMMC)	Uzbekistan	Conformant
Gold	AngloGold Ashanti Corrego do Sitio Mineracao	Brazil	Conformant
Gold	Argor-Heraeus S.A.	Switzerland	Conformant
Gold	Asahi Pretec Corp.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Asahi Refining Canada Ltd.	Canada	Conformant
Gold	Asahi Refining USA Inc.	United States Of America	Conformant
Gold	Asaka Riken Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Aurubis AG	Germany	Conformant
Gold	Bangalore Refinery	India	Conformant
Gold	Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (Central Bank of the Philippines)	Philippines	Conformant
Gold	Boliden AB	Sweden	Conformant
Gold	C. Hafner GmbH + Co. KG	Germany	Conformant
Gold	CCR Refinery - Glencore Canada Corporation	Canada	Conformant
Gold	Cendres + Metaux S.A.	Switzerland	Non Conformant
Gold	Chimet S.p.A.	Italy	Conformant
Gold	Chugai Mining	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Degussa Sonne / Mond Goldhandel GmbH	Germany	Outreach Required
Gold	DODUCO Contacts and Refining GmbH	Germany	Not Applicable
Gold	Dowa	Japan	Conformant

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Gold	DSC (Do Sung Corporation)	Korea, Republic Of	Conformant
Gold	Eco-System Recycling Co., Ltd. East Plant	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Eco-System Recycling Co., Ltd. North Plant	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Eco-System Recycling Co., Ltd. West Plant	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Emirates Gold DMCC	United Arab Emirates	Conformant
Gold	Geib Refining Corporation	United States Of America	Conformant
Gold	Gold Refinery of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Gold	Heimerle + Meule GmbH	Germany	Conformant
Gold	Heraeus Germany GmbH Co. KG	Germany	Conformant
Gold	Heraeus Metals Hong Kong Ltd.	China	Conformant
Gold	Inner Mongolia Qiankun Gold and Silver Refinery Share Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Gold	Ishifuku Metal Industry Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Istanbul Gold Refinery	Turkey	Conformant
Gold	Italpreziosi	Italy	Conformant
Gold	Japan Mint	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Jiangxi Copper Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Gold	JX Nippon Mining & Metals Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Kazzinc	Kazakhstan	Conformant
Gold	Kennecott Utah Copper LLC	United States Of America	Conformant
Gold	KGHM Polska Miedz Spolka Akcyjna	Poland	Conformant
Gold	Kojima Chemicals Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Korea Zinc Co., Ltd.	Korea, Republic Of	Conformant
Gold	L'Orfebre S.A.	Andorra	Conformant
Gold	LS-NIKKO Copper Inc.	Korea, Republic Of	Conformant
Gold	LT Metal Ltd.	Korea, Republic Of	Conformant
Gold	Materion	United States Of America	Conformant
Gold	Matsuda Sangyo Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Metal Concentrators SA (Pty) Ltd.	South Africa	Conformant
Gold	Metalor Technologies (Hong Kong) Ltd.	China	Conformant
Gold	Metalor Technologies (Singapore) Pte., Ltd.	Singapore	Conformant
Gold	Metalor Technologies (Suzhou) Ltd.	China	Conformant
Gold	Metalor Technologies S.A.	Switzerland	Conformant
Gold	Metalor USA Refining Corporation	United States Of America	Conformant
Gold	Metalurgica Met-Mex Penoles S.A. De C.V.	Mexico	Conformant
Gold	Mitsubishi Materials Corporation	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Mitsui Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	MKS PAMP SA	Switzerland	Conformant
Gold	MMTC-PAMP India Pvt., Ltd.	India	Conformant
Gold	Nadir Metal Rafineri San. Ve Tic. A.S.	Turkey	Conformant
Gold	Navoi Mining and Metallurgical Combinat	Uzbekistan	Conformant
Gold	NH Recytech Company	Korea, Republic Of	Conformant
Gold	Nihon Material Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Ogussa Osterreichische Gold- und Silber-Scheideanstalt GmbH	Austria	Conformant
Gold	Ohura Precious Metal Industry Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant

Metal	Smelter Name	Country	RMI Audit Status
Gold	Planta Recuperadora de Metales SpA	Chile	Conformant
Gold	PT Aneka Tambang (Persero) Tbk	Indonesia	Conformant
Gold	PX Precinox S.A.	Switzerland	Conformant
Gold	Rand Refinery (Pty) Ltd.	South Africa	Conformant
Gold	REMONDIS PMR B.V.	Netherlands	Conformant
Gold	Royal Canadian Mint	Canada	Conformant
Gold	SAAMP	France	Conformant
Gold	Safimet S.p.A	Italy	Non Conformant
Gold	SAFINA A.S.	Czechia	Conformant
Gold	Samduck Precious Metals	Korea, Republic Of	Non Conformant
Gold	SEMPA Joyeria Plateria S.A.	Spain	Conformant
Gold	Shandong Gold Smelting Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Gold	Shandong Zhaojin Gold & Silver Refinery Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Gold	Sichuan Tianze Precious Metals Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Gold	Singway Technology Co., Ltd.	Taiwan, Province Of China	Non Conformant
Gold	Solar Applied Materials Technology Corp.	Taiwan, Province Of China	Conformant
Gold	Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	SungEel HiMetal Co., Ltd.	Korea, Republic Of	Conformant
Gold	T.C.A S.p.A	Italy	Conformant
Gold	Tanaka Kikinzoku Kogyo K.K.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Tokuriki Honten Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	TOO Tau-Ken-Altyn	Kazakhstan	Conformant
Gold	Torecom	Korea, Republic Of	Conformant
Gold	Umicore Precious Metals Thailand	Thailand	Non Conformant
Gold	Umicore S.A. Business Unit Precious Metals Refining	Belgium	Conformant
Gold	United Precious Metal Refining, Inc.	United States Of America	Conformant
Gold	Valcambi S.A.	Switzerland	Conformant
Gold	Western Australian Mint (T/a The Perth Mint)	Australia	Conformant
Gold	WIELAND Edelmetalle GmbH	Germany	Conformant
Gold	Yamakin Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Yokohama Metal Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Gold	Zhongyuan Gold Smelter of Zhongjin Gold Corporation	China	Conformant
Tantalum	AMG Brasil	Brazil	Conformant
Tantalum	Changsha South Tantalum Niobium Co., Ltd.	China	Not Applicable
Tantalum	D Block Metals, LLC	United States Of America	Conformant
Tantalum	F&X Electro-Materials Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tantalum	FIR Metals & Resource Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tantalum	Global Advanced Metals Aizu	Japan	Conformant
Tantalum	Global Advanced Metals Boyertown	United States Of America	Conformant
Tantalum	H.C. Starck Hermsdorf GmbH	Germany	Conformant
Tantalum	Hengyang King Xing Lifeng New Materials Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tantalum	Jiangxi Dinghai Tantalum & Niobium Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tantalum	Jiangxi Tuohong New Raw Material	China	Conformant

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Tantalum	JiuJiang JinXin Nonferrous Metals Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tantalum	Jiujiang Tanbre Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tantalum	Jiujiang Zhongao Tantalum & Niobium Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tantalum	KEMET de Mexico	Mexico	Conformant
Tantalum	Materion Newton Inc.	United States Of America	Conformant
Tantalum	Metallurgical Products India Pvt., Ltd.	India	Conformant
Tantalum	Mineracao Taboca S.A.	Brazil	Conformant
Tantalum	Mitsui Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Tantalum	Ningxia Orient Tantalum Industry Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tantalum	NPM Silmet AS	Estonia	Conformant
Tantalum	QuantumClean	United States Of America	Conformant
Tantalum	Resind Industria e Comercio Ltda.	Brazil	Conformant
Tantalum	Taki Chemical Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Tantalum	TANIOBIS Co., Ltd.	Thailand	Conformant
Tantalum	TANIOBIS GmbH	Germany	Conformant
Tantalum	TANIOBIS Japan Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Tantalum	TANIOBIS Smelting GmbH & Co. KG	Germany	Conformant
Tantalum	Telex Metals	United States Of America	Conformant
Tantalum	Ulba Metallurgical Plant JSC	Kazakhstan	Conformant
Tantalum	XIMEI RESOURCES (GUANGDONG) LIMITED	China	Conformant
Tantalum	XinXing HaoRong Electronic Material Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tantalum	Yanling Jincheng Tantalum & Niobium Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tin	Alpha	United States Of America	Conformant
Tin	Aurubis Beerse	Belgium	Conformant
Tin	Aurubis Berango	Spain	Conformant
Tin	Chenzhou Yunxiang Mining and Metallurgy Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tin	Chifeng Dajingzi Tin Industry Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tin	China Tin Group Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tin	CRM Synergies	Spain	Conformant
Tin	CV Venus Inti Perkasa	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	Dowa	Japan	Conformant
Tin	EM Vinto	Bolivia (Plurinational State Of)	Conformant
Tin	Fabrica Auricchio Industria e Comercio Ltda.	Brazil	Conformant
Tin	Fenix Metals	Poland	Conformant
Tin	Gejiu Kai Meng Industry and Trade LLC	China	Non Conformant
Tin	Gejiu Non-Ferrous Metal Processing Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tin	Gejiu Yunxin Nonferrous Electrolysis Co., Ltd.	China	Non Conformant
Tin	Gejiu Zili Mining And Metallurgy Co., Ltd.	China	Non Conformant
Tin	Guangdong Hanhe Non-Ferrous Metal Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tin	HuiChang Hill Tin Industry Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tin	Jiangxi New Nanshan Technology Ltd.	China	Conformant

Metal	Smelter Name	Country	RMI Audit Status
Tin	Luna Smelter, Ltd.	Rwanda	Conformant
Tin	Ma'anshan Weitai Tin Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tin	Magnu's Minerai's Metais e Ligas Ltda.	Brazil	Conformant
Tin	Malaysia Smelting Corporation (MSC)	Malaysia	Conformant
Tin	Metallic Resources, Inc.	United States Of America	Conformant
Tin	Mineracao Taboca S.A.	Brazil	Conformant
Tin	Minsur	Peru	Conformant
Tin	Mitsubishi Materials Corporation	Japan	Conformant
Tin	O.M. Manufacturing (Thailand) Co., Ltd.	Thailand	Conformant
Tin	O.M. Manufacturing Philippines, Inc.	Philippines	Conformant
Tin	Operaciones Metalurgicas S.A.	Bolivia (Plurinational State Of)	Conformant
Tin	PT Aries Kencana Sejahtera	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Artha Cipta Langgeng	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT ATD Makmur Mandiri Jaya	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Babel Inti Perkasa	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Babel Surya Alam Lestari	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Bangka Serumpun	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Bukit Timah	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Cipta Persada Mulia	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Menara Cipta Mulia	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Mitra Stania Prima	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Mitra Sukses Globalindo	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Prima Timah Utama	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Putera Sarana Shakti (PT PSS)	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Rajawali Rimba Perkasa	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Rajehan Ariq	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Refined Bangka Tin	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Sariwiguna Binasentosa	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Stanindo Inti Perkasa	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Sukses Inti Makmur	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Timah Nusantara	Indonesia	Active
Tin	PT Timah Tbk Kundur	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Timah Tbk Mentok	Indonesia	Conformant
Tin	PT Tinindo Inter Nusa	Indonesia	Non Conformant
Tin	Resind Industria e Comercio Ltda.	Brazil	Conformant
Tin	Rui Da Hung	Taiwan, Province Of China	Conformant
Tin	Thai Nguyen Mining and Metallurgy Co., Ltd.	Viet Nam	Conformant
Tin	Thaisarco	Thailand	Conformant
Tin	Tin Smelting Branch of Yunnan Tin Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tin	Tin Technology & Refining	United States Of America	Conformant
Tin	White Solder Metalurgia e Mineracao Ltda.	Brazil	Conformant
Tin	Yunnan Chengfeng Non-ferrous Metals Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	A.L.M.T. Corp.	Japan	Conformant
Tungsten	ACL Metais Eireli	Brazil	Non Conformant
Tungsten	Asia Tungsten Products Vietnam Ltd.	Viet Nam	Conformant

Metal	Smelter Name	Country	RMI Audit Status
Tungsten	China Molybdenum Tungsten Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Chongyi Zhangyuan Tungsten Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Fujian Ganmin RareMetal Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Ganzhou Haichuang Tungsten Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Ganzhou Huaxing Tungsten Products Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Ganzhou Jiangwu Ferrotungsten Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Ganzhou Seadragon W & Mo Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Global Tungsten & Powders LLC	United States Of America	Conformant
Tungsten	Guangdong Xianglu Tungsten Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	H.C. Starck Tungsten GmbH	Germany	Conformant
Tungsten	Hunan Chenzhou Mining Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Hunan Jintai New Material Co., Ltd.	China	Non Conformant
Tungsten	Hunan Shizhuyuan Nonferrous Metals Co., Ltd. Chenzhou Tungsten Products Branch	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Japan New Metals Co., Ltd.	Japan	Conformant
Tungsten	Jiangwu H.C. Starck Tungsten Products Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Jiangxi Gan Bei Tungsten Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Jiangxi Tonggu Non-ferrous Metallurgical & Chemical Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Jiangxi Xincheng Tungsten Industry Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Jiangxi Yaosheng Tungsten Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Kennametal Fallon	United States Of America	Conformant
Tungsten	Kennametal Huntsville	United States Of America	Conformant
Tungsten	KGETS Co., Ltd.	Korea, Republic Of	Conformant
Tungsten	Lianyou Metals Co., Ltd.	Taiwan, Province Of China	Conformant
Tungsten	Malipo Haiyu Tungsten Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Masan High-Tech Materials	Viet Nam	Conformant
Tungsten	Niagara Refining LLC	United States Of America	Conformant
Tungsten	Philippine Chuangxin Industrial Co., Inc.	Philippines	Conformant
Tungsten	TANIOBIS Smelting GmbH & Co. KG	Germany	Conformant
Tungsten	Wolfram Bergbau und Hutten AG	Austria	Conformant
Tungsten	Xiamen Tungsten (H.C.) Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Xiamen Tungsten Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant
Tungsten	Xinfeng Huarui Tungsten & Molybdenum New Material Co., Ltd.	China	Conformant

9. Independent Private Sector Audit

Vera Bradley does not have a direct relationship with any 3TG smelters or refiners and does not perform or direct audits of these entities within the supply chain. Instead, the Company relies on third-party audits of smelters and refiners conducted as part of the RMAP. The RMAP uses independent private-sector auditors, and audits the source, including the mines of origin, and the chain of custody of the conflict minerals used by smelters and refiners that agree to participate in the program.

Assent also directly contacts smelters and refiners that are not currently enrolled in the RMAP to encourage their participation and gather information regarding each facilities' sourcing practices on behalf of its compliance partners. Vera Bradley is a signatory of this communication in accordance with the requirements of downstream companies detailed in the OECD Guidance.

10. Forward Looking Statements

This Conflict Minerals Report contains forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical or current fact included in this report are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements refer to our current expectations and projections. You can identify forward-looking statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. These statements may include words such as “anticipate,” “estimate,” “expect,” “project,” “plan,” “intend,” “believe,” “may,” “might,” “will,” “should,” “can have,” and “likely” and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of the timing or nature of future events. All forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those that we expected. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.