



Quantum Global Technologies, LLC Press Release

QuantumClean® Announces Inclusion in EICC's Conflict-Free Smelter Program for Tantalum

First/Only Semiconductor Industry Outsourced Process Tool Parts Cleaner to Participate

*Quakertown, PA, USA. Date April 24th, 2014 -- **QuantumClean®**, the leading global provider of validated high-purity outsourced process tool parts cleaning, surface treatment, refurbishment, analytical and engineering services to the semiconductor, solar and LED industries, today announced its inclusion in the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition's (EICC) Conflict-Free Smelter (CFS) Program for Tantalum.*

The EICC, in partnership with the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) launched *The Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative* in 2010 to meet the need for downstream companies to demonstrate with reasonable certainty the origin and validate smelter procurement processes for four "conflict minerals", including Tantalum which is used by many semiconductor wafer fabricators ("fabs"). In servicing these fabs, QuantumClean strips and recycles Tantalum from many semiconductor process tool chamber parts.

"QuantumClean is committed to do its part in the elimination of unlawful and immoral activities, including unthinkable work conditions surrounding the trade and use of minerals mined in conflict-afflicted areas of the world and used in the semiconductor industry, which is why we elected to participate in the EICC's Conflict-Free Smelter Program for Tantalum", stated David Zuck, Vice President and COO of Quantum Global Technologies.

To achieve inclusion in the CFS program, QuantumClean demonstrated Tantalum supply chain integrity and traceability at both its Fremont California and Hillsboro Oregon *Advanced Technology Cleaning Centers®* through rigorous 3rd party audits. QuantumClean is the first and only semiconductor industry outsourced process tool parts cleaner to participate in the CFS program.

"When we founded QuantumClean many years ago, we wrote six essential, governing policy statements, including an Environmental and Social Responsibility policy. Our inclusion in EICC's Conflict-Free Sourcing program is the latest affirmation of management's commitment to this policy", concluded Mr. Zuck.

About Quantum Global Technologies, LLC

QuantumClean® and **ChemTrace®** are divisions of Quantum Global Technologies LLC, which is headquartered in suburban Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.



QuantumClean[®] is the leading global provider of high-purity outsourced process tool parts cleaning and restoration services, tool part life extension and process tool part optimization solutions to the semiconductor wafer fabrication, OEM & OPM industries. Founded in 2000, QuantumClean operates technologically innovative *Advanced Technology Cleaning Centers[®]* built on the premise of providing customers *process improvement through consistently cleaner parts[®]* that exceed industry standards, dramatically reducing our customers' total cost of ownership. With eighteen *Advanced Technology Cleaning Centers[®]* located in nine countries, QuantumClean provides unsurpassed cleaning capability and convenience worldwide.

ChemTrace[®] is a recognized leading reference analytical testing laboratory primarily serving the semiconductor, solar and related industries by providing answers and solutions to its customers' micro-contamination related issues. Founded in 1993, **ChemTrace[®]** also provides independent analytical verification of process tool part cleaning effectiveness for many of **QuantumClean's** leading-edge semiconductor fab, OEM and OPM customers which have critical cleaning requirements.

For more about QuantumClean[®] and ChemTrace[®], visit their websites at www.quantumclean.com and www.chemtrace.com.

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About The Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC)

The EICC is a coalition of the world's leading electronics companies working together to improve efficiency and social, ethical, and environmental responsibility in the global supply chain.

For more information about the EICC, visit their website at <http://www.conflictreesourcing.org/tantalum-conflict-free-smelters/>.