

Report on the Responsible Minerals Sourcing Inquiry Briefings 2024

◇ Purpose

The briefing sessions were held to explain the background and latest relevant trends of responsible minerals sourcing to working level personnel of manufacturing companies, etc. in the supply chain that share similar challenges relating to responsible minerals sourcing survey and due diligence, and deepen their understanding on the importance of the survey and due diligence.

◇ Organizer

The Education and PR Team of JEITA Responsible Minerals Trade Working Group

◇ Schedule

	Date/Time		Form	Special Lecture	Individual Consultations
Tokyo ①	June 27 (Thurs.)	14:00	Hybrid (WEB + on-site)	Live lecture	Conducted at each site after the briefing session (30 minutes max)
Tokyo ②	June 28 (Fri.)			Video-recorded lecture	
Osaka	July 4 (Thurs.)	16:15	On-site	Video-recorded lecture	
Nagoya	July 5 (Fri.)			Video-recorded lecture	

◇ Program of the Inquiry Briefing:

Part 1 14:00 - 15:30	Opening Speech (approx. 5 min.)
	Special Lecture (approx. 60 min.) Efforts taken by smelters regarding “Responsible Minerals Sourcing” Mr. Yuki Nakahara, Sustainability Group Leader, Sustainability Department Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.
	Background of “Responsible Minerals Sourcing” (approx. 25 min.) RMAP and Due Diligence Efforts of Downstream Companies (approx. 30 min.) Member of the Education and PR Team, JEITA Responsible Minerals Trade Working Group
Rest Break (layout change)	
Part 2 15:45 - 16:15 (on-site only)	Panel Discussion (approx. 30 min.) “Administrative Work regarding Surveys for Downstream Companies” Member of the Education and PR Team, JEITA Responsible Minerals Trade Working Group
Individual consultations were conducted after briefing sessions (only for participants attending on-site)	

◇ **Number of Participants**

	Date/Time	Number of Participants			Reference (Number of Participating Companies)
		Participation on-site	Participation by WEB	Total	
Tokyo ①	June 27 (Thurs.)	83	1,470	1,553	1,290 companies (approx.)
Tokyo ②	June 28 (Fri.)	87	1,024	1,111	
Osaka	July 4 (Thurs.)	87		87	
Nagoya	July 5 (Fri.)	80		80	
Final Total		337	2,494	2,831	

◇ **Outline Report**

Companies have conducted “Conflict Minerals Survey” ever since the enactment, in July 2010, of Section 1502 (the Conflict Minerals Provision) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) in which manufacturers and certain other companies listed on the U.S. stock exchanges were required to file reports on conflict minerals (tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold) and disclose relevant information to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). However, due to the “EU Conflict Minerals Regulation” applied from 2021 and other changes in environment, the scope of minerals, areas and risks that should be taken into consideration by companies at the time of mineral sourcing, as part of the actions regarding “Responsible Mineral Sourcing”, have expanded, making it necessary to further examine future measures taking into consideration such trends.

In the context of the above, the Responsible Minerals Trade Working Group (Working Group) has, again this year, hosted Responsible Minerals Sourcing Inquiry Briefings in order to assist manufacturing companies in the supply chain that share similar challenges. At the briefings, the presenters (members of the Working Group) explained the background of why it became necessary to take actions regarding “Responsible Minerals Sourcing”, trends of regulations and other trends that have impact on the survey and due diligence activities, and administrative work regarding due diligence taken by downstream companies. Also, a panel discussion on the topic of “Administrative Work regarding Surveys to be conducted by Downstream Companies” was conducted at the briefings.

For this year’s special lecture, Mr. Yuki Nakahara (Sustainability Department, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.) explained efforts that smelters take in regard to “Responsible Minerals Sourcing”, introducing measures taken by Sumitomo Metal (e.g. establishment of internal systems and dealing with audits or certification). Such explanation was aimed at deepening participant’s understanding of the efforts regarding due diligence activities that are taken by smelters.

In addition, to contribute to companies dealing with responsible minerals sourcing, individual consultations were conducted by the presenters at each site after the briefing session.



Tokyo



Osaka



Nagoya



Special Lecture

Mr. Yuki Nakahara

(Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.)



Panel Discussion



Individual Consultation

◇ **Administration/Preparation**

	Tokyo ①	Tokyo ②	Osaka	Nagoya
Facilitator	Panasonic Industry Co., Ltd.	Nikon Corporation	ROHM Co., Ltd.	Panasonic Industry Co., Ltd.
Presenter	Sharp Corporation Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Sharp Corporation Kyocera Corporation	Sharp Corporation Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Sharp Corporation Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
Panel Discussion	<Moderator> Sharp Corporation	<Moderator> Sharp Corporation	<Moderator> Sharp Corporation	<Moderator> Sharp Corporation
	<Panelist> Canon Inc. Kyocera Corporation Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	<Panelist> TDK Corporation Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	<Panelist> Panasonic Industry Co., Ltd. Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	<Panelist> Canon Inc. Makita Corporation Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
Q&A	Nikon Corporation Nippon Chemi-Con Corporation NEC Corporation	Hitachi, Ltd. Alps Alpine Co., Ltd.	OMRON Corporation	Sharp Corporation Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Makita Corporation

In addition to the above companies, KOA Corporation, Konica Minolta Ltd, JVC Kenwood Corporation, Taiyo Yuden Co., Ltd., Toshiba Corporation, Japan Aviation Electronics Industry, Limited, Pioneer Corporation, Fujikura Ltd., Fujitsu Limited, and Renesas Electronics Corporation participated in the preparation of these briefing sessions.