

Company Responses to CBS News re: allegations of children mining cobalt in Congo

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"Dell supports and respects the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights for all, and is committed to the responsible sourcing of materials used in our products. Last year, we broadened our [responsible sourcing policy](#) and responsible raw material management systems to include cobalt, which is used in the production of lithium-ion batteries.

"Dell is fully committed to taking actions to ensure that human rights are respected at all levels of our supply chain. Dell is implementing the OECD Due Diligence Guidelines for the sourcing of cobalt and shared our due diligence progress in our [2017 Responsible Sourcing Report](#). We expect suppliers to follow this same framework and to participate in our cobalt due diligence processes and capability building efforts around responsible minerals sourcing.

"Since 2016, we have surveyed our own battery suppliers to understand the cobalt supply chain, current traceability, and suppliers management and due diligence procedures for cobalt. We also conducted an in-person training on cobalt sourcing and implementing the OECD due diligence with our battery suppliers.

"Dell is an active member of the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI, formerly the Conflict Free Sourcing Initiative) and serves on the board of the Responsible Cobalt Initiative (RCI). Through these industry-coordinated approaches, we are building the infrastructure necessary to map the cobalt supply chain and to certify smelters and mining companies with the right due diligence practices to safeguard against child labor and other human rights violations. Participating in these multi-stakeholder initiatives also enables us to contribute to efforts to address risks and challenges on the ground, through partnerships with local government and NGOs. We proactively report on our responsible minerals due diligence activities through our annual [Responsible Sourcing report](#), and are committed to developing the industry standards and tools to identify, monitor, and address risks in our supply chain."