



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

January 4, 2012

Via E-mail

Seifi Ghasemi
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Rockwood Holdings, Inc.
100 Overlook Center
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Re: Rockwood Holdings, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010
Filed February 28, 2011
File No. 1-32609

Dear Mr. Ghasemi:

We refer you to our comment letter dated October 5, 2011, regarding business contacts with Iran and Syria. We have completed our review of this subject matter. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cecilia Blye

Cecilia Blye, Chief
Office of Global Security Risk

cc: Pamela Long
Assistant Director
Division of Corporation Finance