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Ms. Elizabeth M. Murphy Secretary U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington DC 20549-1090

Re: Release No. 34-63547; File Number: S7-40-10. Proposed Rules to Implement Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act regarding Congolese Conflict Minerals

Dear Ms. Murphy:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Newmont Mining Corporation ("Newmont") in response to the Securities and Exchange Commission's (the "SEC" or "Commission") publication of Proposed Rules to implement Section 1502 ("Proposed Rules") of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act"). We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this important legislation.

Newmont is a U.S.-based gold and copper producer with significant mining operations in the United States, as well as mining operations or assets in Australia, Peru, Indonesia, Ghana, Canada, New Zealand and Mexico. Newmont is entering its 90<sup>th</sup> year as a company; its predecessor company was incorporated in 1921 under the laws of Delaware. None of Newmont's operations is currently in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (the "DRC") or in any of its adjoining countries. Moreover, Newmont engages only in commercial mining and is not engaged in the artisanal or small scale mining that is the focus of concern over "conflict minerals" in the DRC.

As a U.S.-based company, Newmont believes it is important to provide this letter confirming our support of the comments submitted in response to the Proposed Rules by the World Gold Council ("WGC") and the National Mining Association ("NMA"), as set forth by separate comment letters submitted on February 28, 2011 and March 1, 2011, respectively. In particular, we support the general comments of the NMA and the WGC and their responses to the specific requests for comments concerning U.S. public issuers.

We appreciated the opportunity to discuss this legislation with members of the Commission's Staff in our meeting on January 19, 2011, and we would welcome any opportunity to assist the Commission's Staff in preparing the Proposed Rules. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below if you have any questions regarding our comments.

Sincerely,

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