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The Honorable Mary L. Schapiro
Chairman
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street NE
Washington, DC 20549

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Dear Chairman Schapiro,

Since the Order of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835, the Order has dedicated itself to serving poor and marginal people. The work of the Sisters in 70 countries in 5 continents, 22 States, and 2 U.S. Territories is based on the belief that everyone, regardless of age, sex, culture or religion, has the right to a basic quality of life; adequate income, shelter, opportunities for education and employment, quality health care, and nutrition. As Catholics, our faith requires that everyone should be treated with the utmost dignity and respect

For this reason, we urge publication of strong rules to implement the Congo conflict minerals provisions that became law last year:

- Cover all conflict minerals and all companies;
- Detail what companies must include in their comprehensive reporting regarding the supply chain for the conflict minerals used in their products;
- Require companies labeling products "DRC conflict-free" to meet a high standard of proof;
- Make companies comply with reporting requirements immediately upon release of the final rules; and
- Ensure that the information reported by companies is easily available to the public.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Sister Gayle Lwanga
Sr. Gayle Lwanga
National Coordinator