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MINISTRE DE L'ENERGIE
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To The Honorable Mary L. Schapiro
Chairman U.S. Securities
and Exchange Commission
100 F Street NE
Washington, DC 20549 USA
By email to: rule-comments@sec.gov

Dear Chairman Schapiro,

COMMENTS RELATING TO DODD FRANK SECTION 1502 CONFLICT MINERAL
LEGISLATION Proposed Rule Release No. 34-63547; File No. S7-40-10

The Government of Burundi wishes to express our serious concerns regarding the potential impacts that the US Congress legislation on 'conflict minerals' will have on export potential from our mineral sector.

I understand that the conflict minerals legislation does not require US reporting companies to stop buying from the DRC, or countries surrounding the DRC such as Burundi, but that are the effect that we believe will occur, not least due to the imposition of traceability targets by electronic group associations EICC and GeSi on international smelters.

The mining sector in Burundi has many artisanal workers who depend on the business sector for their livelihood. We are deeply concerned over the potential impact on those workers and their dependents and ask you to fully consider those facts, and the overall impact in all African nations of the rules which you are due to shortly implement.

yours Sincerely

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