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Troy A. Paredes
Commissioner
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Commissioner Paredes,

RE: REQUEST FOR A MEETING

I am writing to request a meeting with you to discuss the Tanzanian Government's concerns with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Proposed Rules to implement Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. I plan to be in Washington, DC for meetings on June 2 and 3, 2011 and would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you during this period.

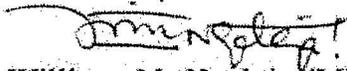
Gold mining is vital to Tanzania's national economy. We are concerned that the Proposed Rules pose the threat of unintended consequences for gold mining, and the economy more generally, in Tanzania - in terms of potential loss of foreign direct investment, foreign exchange earnings, tax revenue and direct and indirect employment.

Specifically, we are troubled that the Proposed Rules will stigmatize gold that is responsibly mined in Tanzania as a "conflict mineral". Effectively, the Proposed Rules classify all mined gold as a "conflict mineral" failing to differentiate between responsibly produced gold and gold that finances or benefits armed groups. It is highly likely that, given the uncertainties associated with the implementation of the Proposed Rules, the lack of experience in auditing the highly complex gold supply chain, and the cost associated with due diligence, manufacturers that use gold in their products may boycott gold mined in Tanzania and elsewhere on the

African continent. For Tanzania, the economic impact of such actions would be substantially adverse.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to discussing remedies the Commission may wish to consider to address our concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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