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Re: Conflict Minerals, File No. S7-40-10

Dear Commissioners:

Please find attached a December 20th article which was broadcast by National Public Radio (NPR), written by Michele Kelemen on Section 1502, the Conflict Minerals Provision of the Dodd-Frank Act. The story highlights the need for swift implementation of Section 1502 to address the serious human rights abuses on the ground in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Delly Mawazo Sesete, a human rights lawyer from North Kivu, DRC and Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) both highlight the strong link between minerals and violence in the country. The article refers to the delays in the final rules and the importance of final rules being quickly released to break the link between minerals and conflict.

Sincerely,

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Michele, Kelemen. "New Law Aims To Shine Light On Conflict Metals : NPR." *NPR : National Public Radio : News & Analysis, World, US, Music & Arts*. Web. 20 Dec. 2011.
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