

MEMORANDUM

February 3, 2012

To: File No. S7-40-10

From: Scott H. Kimpel
Office of Commissioner Troy A. Paredes

Re: Conflict Minerals

On February 3, 2012, Scott H. Kimpel, Counsel to Commissioner Troy A. Paredes, met telephonically with Maurice Carney, Friends of the Congo. The participants discussed the Commission's proposed rules concerning conflict minerals.

In advance of the meeting, Mr. Carney sent the following email to Mr. Kimpel.

Hello Scott

Thank you for reaching out to us. We would love to talk with you. Would you be available Friday afternoon anytime between 12 - 4 PM? Please let us know. We highly recommend you peruse a few key sources:

1. Discussion with Congolese, American and UN expert on the impact of Dodd-Frank on the ground. Watch video here: <http://conflictminerals.org>
2. The leading Congolese research institution on this matter is the POLE Institute. Although they have worked with Tufts University to study these matters for over a decade, they are rarely cited or referenced. A key report of theirs is found here: "BLOOD MINERALS: The Criminalization of the Mining Industry in Eastern DRC" <http://friendsofthecongo.org/resource-center/reports-a-studies.html>
3. Finally, the Southern Africa Resource Watch is yet another local/regional research group that has provided invaluable data and is currently working on a social impact study. An incisive article by the director Dr. Claupe Kabemba is found here: <http://dizolele.com/?p=763>

We look forward to talking with you.

Maurice Carney