

February 17, 2012

Chairwoman Mary L. Schapiro
Commissioner Luis Aguilar
Commissioner Elisse Walter
Commissioner Troy Paredes

Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549-1090

Dear Chairwoman and Commissioners,

As you work to finalize your rule on conflict minerals, as required by Section 1502 of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, please produce robust regulations that will enable consumers to make informed decisions about their purchases.

The National Association of Evangelicals represents the American evangelical community, including 40 denominations with more than 45,000 congregations, as well as missions, relief groups, universities and associations. Some of our members have supported missionary and development work in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for decades. We are aware of the many Congolese who have suffered abuse, rape, violence and death due to conflicts fueled by profits from the sale of conflict minerals. Our members do not want their purchases of cell phones and computers to inadvertently contribute to the suffering of the Congolese people.

We therefore urge that your final rule require clear information on the origin of the designated minerals, with a well-defined "reasonable country of origin" standard. We ask that you not allow an "indeterminate origin" designation. Such a label would disincentivize due diligence, rewarding those companies that fail to fully audit their supply chains. We recommend that you consider the OECD due diligence standards as you develop your rule. The OECD, along with the UN Security Council, has done important work in this area that can guide your efforts.

We believe that these standards will strengthen both the economic and ethical foundation of the participating companies, while contributing to a safer and more humane world for us all. We offer our support and prayers as you fulfill your important responsibilities. Thank you for considering these views.

Sincerely,



Leith Anderson
President