

August 22, 2012

The Honorable Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

RE: Issuance of a final rule on Conflict Minerals Due Diligence and Reporting under Section 1502 of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

Dear Chairman Schapiro,

We are a multi-stakeholder network representing diverse organizations including issuers from several industrial sectors, socially responsible, and faith-based investors, and non-governmental organizations.

Throughout the rule-making process required under Section 1502 of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, we have worked with the Securities and Exchange Commission Commissioners and Staff members. Our interactions included several in-person meetings, four separate comment letters and participation in the SEC's roundtable in October 2011.

The issuance of this rule is a significant milestone in our collective efforts to eliminate the link between violence and human rights abuses and the mineral trade in the Democratic Republic of Congo and surrounding countries. Specifically, we commend the SEC Commissioners and staff for tackling the complex and difficult issues in developing this rule.

As a diverse multi-stakeholder organization, our analysis and evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of the final rule will take additional time. But, we all agree that the violence and abuse in this region of the world must end and that issuance of a final rule is an important milestone in this cause.

Sincerely,

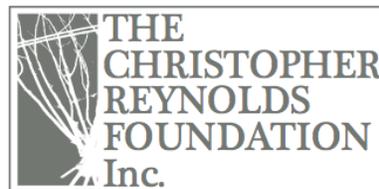
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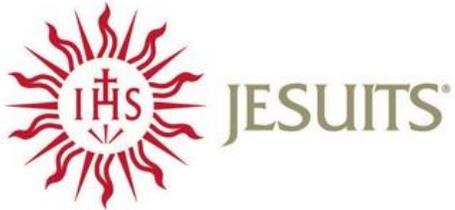
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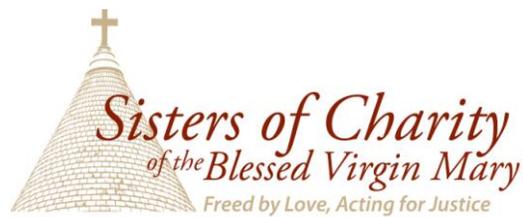
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