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EICC and GeSI Metals Tracing Report Published

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 22, 2010 – The Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) and Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) announce the publication of the report *[Tracing a Path Forward: A Study of the Challenges of the Supply Chain for Target Metals Used in Electronics](#)*. The EICC and GeSI commissioned RESOLVE to produce the report.

“This report provides another important step in the continuing effort of the EICC, GeSI, industry partners, and stakeholders to further define and create solutions to known concerns in the complex mineral extraction supply chain. The challenges are significant, but tangible progress is being made,” stated EICC Chairman John Gabriel. “In 2010, work is occurring on multiple fronts including the development of smelter and mining pilot programs.”

“This report by RESOLVE provides insights into the challenges the industry faces and identifies important steps to consider as we develop the program on smelter validation and support the iTSCi in-region sourcing pilot,” commented GeSI Chairman Luis Neves.

The RESOLVE project was designed to:

- Assess the challenges and ability to create a transparency model by mapping the supply chain for tin (solder and solder paste), tantalum (capacitors and deposition targets), and cobalt (batteries and magnetic recording media) used in electronics
- Assess suppliers’ use of codes of conduct addressing social, environmental, health, and labor issues
- Identify the challenges of collecting this data and consider ways to enhance and maintain transparency of the supply chain

The report also defines several recommendations that the EICC and GeSI are incorporating into future activities relating to minerals extraction. These recommendations include guidance to:

- Start with supply chain transparency and accountability, and willing partners
- Forge agreements with key stakeholders on transparency and accountability measures
- Explore a multi-sector approach
- While designing long term approaches, create opportunities to test solutions

More detail can be found in the [report](#).

About Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC)

The Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) was established in 2004 to improve social, economic, and environmental conditions in the global electronic supply chain through use of a standardized code of conduct. The EICC was incorporated in 2007 as an association to ensure greater awareness of the Code, and to expand its adoption across the industry. The EICC currently includes more than 40 global electronics companies. For more information or to view the EICC code of conduct, see www.eicc.info.



About Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI)

The Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) is uniquely dedicated to information and communication technologies (ICT) sustainability through innovation. GeSI brings together leading ICT companies – including telecommunications service providers and manufacturers as well as industry associations – and non-governmental organisations committed to achieving sustainability objectives through innovative technology. In June 2008, GeSI became a legal independent entity, an international non-profit association (AISBL) with an office near the EU institutions in Brussels, Belgium. For more information, see www.gesi.org.

About RESOLVE

RESOLVE builds strong, enduring solutions to environmental, social, and health challenges. We help community, business, government, and NGO leaders get results and create lasting relationships through collaboration. RESOLVE is an independent organization with a thirty-year track record of success. For more information, see www.resolve.org.

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