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**GeSI & EICC Join with Tin Supply Chain Representatives and Stakeholders
On Responsible Tin Sourcing**

Supply chain meeting expands on tantalum supply chain work

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 28, 2010 – The Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) and Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) met recently with representatives of the tin supply chain to address responsible tin sourcing. Participants at the May 20 workshop included representatives from several levels of the tin supply chain, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Ministry of Mines, the United Nations Group of Experts, the World Bank, Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe (BGR), and several non-governmental organizations.

The session provided a review of the tantalum supply chain workshops, ongoing GeSI – EICC governmental engagement, existing traceability schemes, and development and implementation of mineral traceability in the tin supply chain. Initiatives reviewed include the [International Conference of the Great Lakes Region \(ICGLR\) Mineral Tracking and Certification Scheme](#), the [ITRI Supply Chain Initiative \(iTSCi\)](#), and PROMINES, a joint effort between the World Bank, the Department for International Development (DFID) and the Congolese Ministry of Mines to improve management of the DRC mining sector.

The GeSI and EICC members also highlighted plans to continue the implementation of the [smelter validation program](#) for both tantalum and tin, and confirmed ongoing support of the [iTSCi In-Region Sourcing scheme](#).

The next meeting of the tin supply chain working group is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2010, and will be combined with the tantalum supply chain working group.

About GeSI (Global e-Sustainability Initiative)

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 EICC (Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition)

The 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 includes over 45 global electronics companies. For more information or to view the EICC Code of Conduct, see www.eicc.info.

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