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Dear Colleague:

RESOLVE has been commissioned by the Electronics Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) and Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) Extractives Workgroup to map the supply chain for tin (solder), tantalum (capacitors and deposition targets), and cobalt (batteries and magnetic recording media) used in electronics. As we investigate the supply chain we will also begin to look at codes of conduct now in place (on the part of purchasers and suppliers).

For more information on why EICC/GeSI is undertaking this research, please see www.eicc.info and www.gesi.org. More information about EICC/GeSI and RESOLVE is provided below.

As we design and carry-out the study we will be seeking input from companies, associations, NGOs, academics, agencies, and other stakeholders. This input will help us better understand key supply chain dynamics and challenges and take them into account in the project design.

If you would like to offer input and receive updates as the study progresses please let us know by signing up at the project website, http://www.resolv.org/eiscm/index.html. Additionally, please let us know of others who may be interested in providing input into this study.

It is possible that some stakeholders may share information that needs to be treated as confidential. If this is the case, RESOLVE will put in place an appropriate confidentiality agreement.

Our goal is to balance the need for transparency and information-sharing with the need to maintain confidentiality on information that is sensitive or proprietary. We are committed to transparency with regard to the fundamentals of our research approach and our key findings and we will work hard to maintain communications along the way.

We look forward to this opportunity to work with you, the EICC/GeSI Extractives Workgroup, and suppliers on this initiative. If you have questions or input in the meantime, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Steve D’Esposito, President   Jen Peyser, Senior Mediator
ABOUT RESOLVE
RESOLVE is an independent non-profit organization founded in 1977, dedicated to helping parties engage in fact-finding, information sharing, dialogue, decision making, solutions discovery, and action on environmental, social and health issues. Jen Peyser will lead the project for RESOLVE, with support from Steve D’Esposito, RESOLVE’s president. For more information on RESOLVE, please see www.resolv.org. Jen Peyser can be reached at jpeyser@resolv.org or +1 202 965-6215.

ABOUT EICC and GeSI
The Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) is a group of companies working together to create a comprehensive set of tools and methods that support credible implementation of the Code of Conduct throughout the Electronics and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) supply chain.

The Global eSustainability Initiative (GeSI) is a global partnership of ICT companies that promotes technologies for a sustainable development.

The mission of the EICC/GeSI Extractives Workgroup is to positively influence the social and environmental conditions in the metals extractives supply chain as it connects to the EICC/GeSI member companies by supporting transparency while continuing to investigate additional opportunities.

The EICC (www.eicc.info) and GeSI (www.gesi.org) membership represent a large proportion of companies in the electronics sector.