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Honorable Acting Chairman Michael Piwowar  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20549-0609

RE: Request for Comments Regarding the Conflict Minerals Requirements

Dear Acting Chairman Piwowar,

TTI, Inc. is a \$3B global distributor of electronic components based in Fort Worth, Texas. The components we distribute are used by our customers in multiple applications ranging from as mundane as a thermostat to those as advanced as a satellite. Many of these components contain tin, tantalum or gold.

Since TTI is a distributor only and does not manufacture the components nor the products our customers use them in, our company is not required to report. However, many of our 19,000 U.S. customers do. Resultantly, these customers request the EICC/GeSI form from us. Many of these customers purchase hundreds of different components, some requesting a form for each and every one. In the last 12 months, we have fielded over 1,000 requests from these customers.

The administrative effort to assist these customers, to direct them to manufacturer data, and to assuage their demands is considerable. It is an even larger effort for our customers who must report, many of who have redeployed productive individuals into new departments to gather these forms.

While TTI absolutely supports the goal of ensuring the safety and livelihood for the miners in the DRC, if the rules our government has put in place are not achieving this goal, but creating unintended negative consequences, then the burden on industry is no longer tenable.

Regards,

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VP Quality  
TTI, Inc.