

MEMORANDUM

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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

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Re: Reconsideration of Conflict Minerals Rule Implementation Pursuant to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

On March 22, 2017, C. Wallace DeWitt and Mark Uyeda of the Office of Acting Chairman Michael S. Piowar; Keith Cassidy of the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs; Paul Leder, Emily Pierce, and Katherine Martin of the Office of International Affairs; and Elizabeth Murphy, Felicia Kung, and John Fieldsend of the Division of Corporation Finance met with His Excellency François Balumuene, The Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (“DRC”); Joseph Ikoli Yombo of the DRC’s Ministry of Mines; Freddy Muamba Kanyinku of the *Centre d’Expertise, d’Evaluation et de Certification des substances Minérales Précieuses et Semi-précieuses*; Yves Bashonga and Zélie-Sandra Munzimi of the DRC Embassy in the United States; and Yolande Munzimi, a translator. The participants discussed Acting Chairman Michael S. Piowar’s request for feedback from the public on all aspects of the conflict minerals rule, which was promulgated under Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and the 2014 staff guidance.