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On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) adopted final rules to implement annual reporting and disclosure requirements related to “conflict minerals,” as directed by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010.

This new law imposes requirements relating to “Conflict Minerals” which comes from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) or an adjoining country.

Specifically, Section 1502 imposes Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) reporting requirements upon manufacturers if their products contain metals derived from minerals defined as to “Conflict Minerals” which include columbite-tantalite (coltan, niobium, tantalum), cassiterite (tin), gold and wolframite (tungsten), their derivatives, or other minerals designated by the Secretary of State.

The rules were implemented to increase supply chain transparency with the aim of ending ongoing violent conflict in the Covered Countries that the U.S. Congress determined is being partially financed by revenues generated from the mining and transport of conflict minerals.

As a company that is globally active we are aware of the responsibility and we will support and promote the political processes.

GEDIA is committed to sourcing components and materials from companies that share our values and commitment to human rights, ethics and environmental responsibility.

Suppliers are expected to adopt policies and management systems with respect to conflict minerals and to require their suppliers to adopt similar policies and systems. GEDIA expects suppliers to establish their own due diligence program to ensure conflict-free supply chains.