

To: EICC-GeSI Supply Chain Mapping Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)
From: Jen Peyser and Steve D'Esposito, RESOLVE
Re: Key Points and Action Items from 23 June Call
Date: 24 June 2009

Thanks to all of you who were able to join the call. Attendees who announced themselves included the following*:

- John Atherton, ICCM
- Assheton Carter, PACT
- Bryan Ellis, Talison
- Esther de Haan, SOMO
- Patricia Jurewicz, As You Sow with Don Kuespert, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility
- Bob Leet, Intel
- Michael Loch, Motorola
- Paul Mikov, World Vision
- Jim Miller, Freeport McMoran
- John Norris, ENOUGH
- Päivi Poyhonen, Finnwatch
- Jon Samuel, Anglo American
- Steve Young, GHGM

*If you were on the line and did not have an opportunity to introduce yourself, please let Jen Peyser know and she will add you to the final call attendee list.

Call Action Items:

- SAG members are asked to send comments on the following two documents by **COB Friday, 26 June** to Jen Peyser (jpeyser@resolv.org):
 - **Proposed Supplier Request for Information:** We will be finalizing our communication to suppliers in the next week. Thanks to those who made comments on the call; specific suggestions by email are also welcome this week as we finalize the document.
 - **Draft List of Related Initiatives:** This will be used as the basis for our start on a desk review of other supply chain tracing initiatives that could inform future approaches in the electronics sector. Please send additions via email.
- All SAG members are invited to send outstanding questions or comments about the project's objectives and proposed approach to Jen Peyser (jpeyser@resolv.org). This will also assist RESOLVE in drafting a "frequently asked questions" document to share with stakeholders.
- RESOLVE will contact makeITfair and ENOUGH about scheduling an informational call for their members, as another opportunity to ask clarification questions about this project.

- Other SAG members are also invited to contact RESOLVE if you would like to schedule a follow-up call with your coalitions/constituencies.
- RESOLVE will contact the SAG soon about scheduling a follow-up call in early July.
- RESOLVE welcomes feedback on local stakeholders to participate on the SAG in the future, as research gets underway.

Key Discussion Points:

- **Research Objective:** EICC/GeSI members have expressed a commitment to taking steps to enhance social and environmental performance related to the supply chain for minerals used in the products of members companies. This project seeks to understand key aspects of the supply chain so that EICC/GeSI members are positioned to make informed decisions that have the intended impact. This research project will investigate the supply chain for tin (solder), tantalum (capacitors and deposition targets), and cobalt (batteries and magnetic recording media) used in electronics. The purpose is to 1) create a picture of the electronics supply chain for these metals to see where a supply chain exists, where there is breakage, why there is breakage, how to respond to breakage; 2) determine whether the suppliers surveyed use a code of conduct, their coverage of issues (e.g., social, environmental, health, labor), and how those codes are implemented; and 3) identify the challenges of collecting this data and consider ways to enhance and maintain transparency of the supply chain.
- **Research Methodology:** The primary approach for this project will be tracing (from end-use back to mine) based on a “seed list” of supplier companies supplied by EICC-GeSI members. This list of suppliers will represent our first points-of-contact; RESOLVE will trace back to additional tiers of the supply chain from the seed list companies.

Suppliers are defined as any company/facility/other participant upstream from the creation of the final product. Suppliers expected to be identified are in the following tiers: mining, smelting, refining, recycling, processing, traders, metal/material products (e.g. solder or plating chemical), and part component suppliers.

Where breakage occurs (i.e., where we cannot track backward due to missing or comingled information about sources), we will document the problem. We will also work with EICC-GeSI and get input from SAG members about how to address and get past the breakage to the extent practical given time and resources. One potential approach is through tracking (from mine to end-use).

As we receive codes of conduct from suppliers, we will conduct an initial analysis of the codes as to their coverage of a range of environmental, social, and economic issues of interest.

RESOLVE will also undertake a desk-based review of related initiatives that have examined traceability in complex supply chains undertaken by stakeholder groups, associations, or individual companies.

- **Research Results and Reporting:** Results will be shared in a public report. EICC-GeSI and member companies will decide on any next steps based on research outcomes.

- Transparency and Confidentiality: RESOLVE will strive to both ensure disclosure and reporting on key elements related to the supply chain (since this is the fundamental purpose of the exercise) with the need to in some cases protect confidential business information.
- Geographic Scope of the Project: The project is global in scope, rather than focusing on specific countries. While we expect the research to lead us to certain regions of interest, this project does not presuppose a particular geographic focus at the outset.
- Social, Environmental, and Economic Conditions: As noted above, one purpose of the research is to better understand supplier efforts aimed at environmental, economic, social, health, labor, and other outcomes. To accomplish this, RESOLVE will request and review supplier codes of conduct, as well as conduct an initial analysis of these codes. Further, we will seek to gather any evidence from survey participants as to how the codes of conduct are implemented along the supply chain. We recognize that this research represents an indicator of conditions rather than on-the-ground research and verification.
- Purpose of the Stakeholder Advisory Group: As RESOLVE designs and conducts the project, we are 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. RESOLVE initiated and will work with the group to seek feedback on the research approach, supplier request for information, desk-based review of related initiatives, and to give advice on addressing research challenges such as addressing breakage in the supply chain. As the research progresses and different geographic regions are represented in the supply chain identified, we will be interested in getting recommendations on “local” stakeholders who may also participate as part of this group.
- RESOLVE is guided in its research by awareness that the orientation of the project is to eventually differentiate specific sources within a region based upon environmental, social and human rights performance.
- Past/Existing Research: RESOLVE recognizes that there have been many research efforts aimed at specific aspects of the electronics supply chain, and welcomes suggestions from SAG members, and others, of past research/reports that can inform our study. We will also ask suppliers for their “lessons learned” from any past audits in which they participated. Reports, research and analysis that we gather will be collected and made available on the project website.