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GeSI and the EICC® Release Version 2.0 of the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template
The Associations invite companies in all sectors to use the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template and associated MRPRO Dashboard

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 7, 2012 – The Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) and Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition® (EICC®) are pleased to announce Version 2.0 of the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (Template), developed to facilitate disclosure and the communication of information regarding smelters and refiners that provide material to a company’s supply chain. The complementary MRPRO Dashboard has also recently been updated to be compatible with the new Template Release. GeSI, the EICC, partner associations AIAG, JEITA, RILA, and partner companies invite companies from all sectors to use these tools to help meet the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s (SEC) final rule pursuant to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

The Template can assist companies in their due diligence processes by supporting the request for, and receipt of, conflict minerals information from their supply chains. GeSI and EICC members have closely followed the development of Section 1502 and the SEC’s final rule and have developed this Template revision to assist companies in meeting their obligations under the final rule.

Version 2.0 provides several new features:

- Ability to indicate the scope of the disclosure as occurring at the company, division, product category, or product list level
- Inclusion of a drop down list of smelter names to increase consistency, and reduce duplication in supply chain reporting
- Enhanced instructions and definitions to reflect technical changes in the Template
- Improved Template questions to ensure clarity, accuracy, and relevance to supply chain disclosures
- Availability of the tool in four new languages, bringing the total to eight: Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish

The MRPRO Dashboard, available through a licensing arrangement with Papros Inc.,¹ is a desktop application that supports data analysis, data queries, and data aggregation of Templates. This tool includes unique features such as the ability to:

- Convert Revision 1 Conflict Minerals Reporting Templates to Revision 2 Templates
- Export XML files from multiple Templates to enable the data to be uploaded to any proprietary database or software solution
- Generate a bill of materials declaration based on the Product List declaration scope included in version 2.0 of the Template

¹ Papros, Inc. was commissioned by GeSI and the EICC to develop the Dashboard. Papros, Inc. owns the intellectual property associated with the Dashboard.
Both the Template and the Dashboard are available now, free of charge, on the Conflict-Free Smelter website at [www.conflictfreesmelter.org](http://www.conflictfreesmelter.org).

GeSI and the EICC encourage all industries and companies to use these tools as a common form of sharing information. Common tools reduce duplication in company due diligence practices, enabling a focus on the development of quality data, gathered once and available in a consistent format for multiple organizations and industries. GeSI and the EICC maintain revision control and copyright of the Template.

**About Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition® (EICC®)**
The EICC was established in 2004 to improve social, economic, and environmental conditions in the global electronic supply chain through use of a standardized code of conduct. The EICC was incorporated in 2007 as an association to ensure greater awareness of the Code, and to expand its adoption across the industry. The EICC includes over 75 global electronics companies. For more information or to view the EICC Code of Conduct, see [www.eicc.info](http://www.eicc.info) or the latest annual report.

**About Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI)**
The Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) is a strategic partnership of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector and organisations committed to creating and promoting technologies and practices that foster economic, environmental and social sustainability. Formed in 2001, GeSI’s vision is a sustainable world through responsible, ICT-enabled transformation. GeSI fosters global and open cooperation, informs the public of its members’ voluntary actions to improve their sustainability performance, and promotes technologies that foster sustainable development. GeSI has 32 members representing leading companies and associations from the ICT sector. GeSI also partners with two UN organizations - the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) - as well as a range of international stakeholders committed to ICT sustainability objectives. These partnerships help shape GeSI’s global vision regarding the evolution of the ICT sector, and how it can best meet the challenges of sustainable development. For more information, see [www.gesi.org](http://www.gesi.org).

**About Papros, Inc.**
Papros Inc. has been committed to providing Total Environmental Management solutions to US and International companies. “Optimizing the Greenback and the Green Environment” has been the slogan of Papros Inc. since its inception more than twenty-three years back. Based in San Jose, California, Papros Inc.’s solutions span the entire spectrum of Environmental Management and feature tools to enable corporations worldwide to deploy and manage product environmental lifecycle data in a manner that is efficient, easy-to-use and economic to support the infrastructure needed for manufacturing, and for rapid changes in product design. More information on Papros Inc can be found here ([http://www.papros.com](http://www.papros.com)).

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