Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the [Global e-Sustainability Initiative](http://www.gesi.org) (GeSI) and the [Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition](http://eicc.info) (EICC), we would like to invite you to the Eleventh Conflict-Free Minerals Supply Chain Workshop on **8-9 May 2013 in Hong Kong**.

We will send another notice when online registration becomes available on or before April 1.

Participation fees will likely be at a level similar to past events, and will be shared when online registration opens.

Workshop Objectives and Topics
As in our previous Extractives Workshops, GeSI and EICC are convening a variety of stakeholders from diverse sectors, civil society, and government to discuss the latest developments in conflict minerals and the various initiatives designed to ensure responsible sourcing. We believe that mining activities that support conflict are unacceptable. We are joining many other supply chain participants to take action to ensure responsible sourcing in our supply chains. Please see the [workshop materials](http://www.resolv.org/site-scworkshops/home/workshop-xi-materials/) web page for an initial draft agenda.

Venue and Logistics

Workshop registration and a sponsor open house will open at 12:00 on Wednesday, 8 May, with the workshop commencing at 13:00. The program will conclude at 17:30 on Thursday, 9 May.

The workshop will be held in Hong Kong at the **InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong** (70 Mody Road, Tsimshatsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR, PRC). (Please note as you make travel and lodging plans that there are two InterContinental hotels in Kowloon, and specify the Grand Stanford.)

We are working with the InterContinental Grand Stanford to get a reduced accommodation rate for conference attendees. We will provide more information about any special hotel rate with the event registration information.

In most instances (including for US citizens), travelers should not need a visa solely for the purpose of attending this workshop in Hong Kong. If you are in need of a visa, please contact Grant Feichtinger (EICC) at grantf@eicc.info for help with obtaining a sponsor letter.

Mandarin-English simultaneous translation will be available for all plenary sessions and one of the three concurrent breakouts.

Sponsorship Opportunities

This workshop will offer a number of sponsorship opportunities, including a featured display in an expanded exhibitor area ($2,500); exhibitors will also receive one complimentary registration with this sponsorship level. Please note that, beginning at this workshop, GeSI and EICC will not permit solicitation from non-exhibiting companies.

Additional opportunities, such as lunch and reception sponsorship, are also available. If you are interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jennifer Peyser, RESOLVE, workshop facilitator, at jpeyser@resolv.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Hong Kong and working together to achieve conflict-free sourcing across the supply chain.

Best regards,

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