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Dear Christopher,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Global Witness article and to provide further information.

Our [Statement of Principles on Conflict Minerals](#) (which can be found on GE's Citizenship website) and the signed Multi-Stakeholder Group comments to the SEC on the Dodd-Frank regulations are a testament to our continued commitment in this area. GE is a charter member of the Public Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Sourcing and we are currently participating in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) Conflict Minerals Due Diligence Pilot Program.

GE actively supports the Conflict Free Smelter program established by the Electronics Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) and the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSi). Through a grant from the GE Foundation, we have further pledged our support to the recently announced Conflict Free Smelter Early Adopters Fund. The program is designed to promote participation of smelters and refineries in the Conflict Free Smelter Program, and is administered by the DC-based nonprofit organization RESOLVE.

GE shares with Global Witness a commitment to take responsible action to alleviate suffering caused by the conflict in the DRC. By word and action, we are working to encourage conflict-free mineral sourcing from the DRC and surrounding regions as we believe that responsible sourcing can support local economies, development and livelihoods. We will continue to pursue industry initiatives that address the funding and root causes of the conflict.

GE's position and commitments on Conflict Minerals, expressed through our policies and persistent actions, speak for themselves. GE is a member of the US Chamber of Commerce, as are 300,000 American companies, and the views and positions expressed by the Chamber are its own, and not GE's.

Sincerely,

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