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PRESS RELEASE

Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA)

**JEITA Releases Trends in Responsible Mineral Sourcing Activities**

Today, JEITA announced that it has released materials on the latest trends in responsible mineral sourcing activities and how to complete the latest version of the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT) and other templates, which have been published by RMI. This year, we have enhanced information for newly appointed staff in the field, including support for the survey report template (MRT) for mica, and various information for a wide range of people regarding conflict minerals whose social demands are increasing.

Responsible mineral sourcing activities initially began in conflict areas centered on Africa, triggered by concerns that minerals used in electronic devices, are the source of funding for armed groups. However, from the perspective of CSR, the scope has broadened to include not using minerals that contribute to human rights violations such as child labor, among others. Responsible mineral sourcing is also required by regulations related to Section 1502 of the US Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (commonly known as the Dodd-Frank Act) and the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation, which came into effect in 2021, and we are proceeding with inquiries throughout the supply chain. Aiming to eliminate conflicts and human rights violations, we are working in collaboration with relevant organizations in Europe and the United States, and other industries such as automobiles.

JEITA started this activity in 2012 and has held survey briefing sessions every year. The briefing sessions are attended by more than 1,000 people every year. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will hold webinars on June 22 and June 25. The webinar materials will be available on the JEITA website shortly.

WEBSITE: [https://home.jeita.or.jp/mineral/eng/index\\_e.html](https://home.jeita.or.jp/mineral/eng/index_e.html)

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Regarding this activity, Hajime Ueda, the chair of the JEITA Responsible Minerals Trade Working Group, said as follows.

"JEITA's engagement began with the enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act in 2010, which required the US listed companies to investigate and report on the supply chain of conflict minerals. Since then, the working group has been working with companies in supply chains. We have been sharing information such as the purpose of the survey, concrete measures, and providing advice on how to respond to various cases. With the understanding and support from peers, it has become a major activity in which many companies in the industry participate. The world is still in the serious COVID-19 crisis, leading to chaotic condition, while demand and expectation for companies' responsibilities are increasing. Despite this current condition, we will continue to work toward advancing sustainable and responsible sourcing of minerals."

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