OVERVIEW
Mining is an intensive process involving potential social and environmental risks that, if not properly managed, can cause lasting negative impacts. A growing body of research suggests that these risks may be significant and associated with a variety of metals and minerals that extend beyond tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold. Governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), investors, customers and other industry stakeholders are increasing their expectations on private sector responsibility to drive responsible behavior deep in their supply chains.

WHY GET INVOLVED?
We have an opportunity and responsibility to include prioritized raw materials in our responsible sourcing strategies. As a multi-industry initiative, we acknowledge the challenges of achieving a state where industry can collectively understand and agree to its part in advancing responsible sourcing. The Responsible Raw Materials Initiative (RRMI) seeks to promote the common goal of understanding and contributing to mitigating the salient social and environmental impacts of extraction and processing of raw materials in supply chains, leveraging direct and indirect partnerships and using international standards as our guideposts. Together as an industry, and working with all stakeholders, we believe we can make a difference and commit to meet expectations of current and future market, legal and regulatory instruments.

WHAT WILL WE DO?
RRMI will operate as a working group, co-sponsored by the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) and the Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative (CFSI), to identify and prioritize the salient social and environmental impacts of extraction and processing of raw material in international supply chains. Working with participating companies and cross-sector partners, we will seek to advance select initiatives to drive meaningful improvement in the mining sector. Throughout this ongoing process, RRMI will promote member and stakeholder engagement, education and participation through an active advocacy focus on these issues. For more details, see the RRMI in Action section on the back of this page.

JOIN THE INITIATIVE
Companies can participate in the Responsible Raw Materials Initiative (RRMI) by signing the Declaration of Support. This public declaration demonstrates your company’s commitment to the principles of the RRMI. There are no expectations of additional financial commitments for EICC or CFSI members at this time; however, participants are expected to contribute to RRMI activities as appropriate. In the near future the RRMI will develop a mechanism for partners and stakeholders to participate as well. To show your company’s public support, return an electronic version of the signed copy of your Declaration of Support to RRMI@eiccoalition.org.
THE RRMI IN ACTION

SENSING
We will seek to understand the current state of each issue, identify a starting point, and develop initial scoping and recommendations.

ADVOCACY
We will organize and implement advocacy efforts to grow the network, build relationships, listen and learn.

INFRASTRUCTURE
We will support existing systems, tools, standards and data, where available, to address priority areas and develop new systems, tools, standards and data if needed.

SUPPLIERS
We will collaborate with suppliers to create more responsible supply chains.

MITIGATION
We will, with relevant partners, co-develop and deploy mitigation actions consistent with our sensing risk assessments.

WORK GROUP
We will drive and organize efforts to establish a successful launch and transition to a sustainable operational model.