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RESOLVE is proud to partner with the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and international companies and civil society to launch the Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade (PPA).

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 15, 2011) - The PPA is being launched today as a joint effort of the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Agency for International Development, civil society, companies, and industry organizations to support solutions that will address conflict minerals concerns while also helping to deliver benefits to those involved in responsible minerals trade in Democratic Republic of Congo and the Great Lakes Region of Central Africa.

RESOLVE President Stephen D'Esposito will serve as master of ceremonies for the launch announcement taking place today the United States Institute for Peace. Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Robert Hormats, Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs Maria Otero, and USAID Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa Sharon Cromer will participate in a signing event to mark this effort. A panel of PPA participants will include Donald Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State; Charles Chileya, Executive Director, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region; Richard Valin, Chief Procurement Officer and Corporate Vice President, Motorola; and Assheton Carter, Senior Vice President for Global Engagement and Strategy, Pact.

D'Esposito notes that "the PPA will provide a critical injection of resources into the Great Lakes Region of Central Africa to support in-region supply chain mechanisms that can deliver conflict free minerals. The PPA is evidence that diverse interests, working together, can help respond to and solve challenging issues. The PPA is not the whole answer but it is an essential piece of the puzzle."

Jennifer Peyser, RESOLVE Senior Mediator who has worked with partners to help design and launch the PPA, observed that "government, civil society, manufacturers, and mining companies have been working at the conflict minerals challenge for a number of years. The PPA is a collaborative breakthrough that will help improve lives in the region and allow participants to jointly support solutions in a way that could not be accomplished by individual groups. Each of those joining the PPA, from leading electronics and automotive companies, to international civil society, to government partners, is evidence of the power of joint action."

For more information about the Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade, please visit <http://www.resolv.org/site-ppa/>

About RESOLVE:

RESOLVE is a leader in collaborative problem solving, with a focus on environmental, social and public health issues. Our programs support and bolster the collaborative capacity of stakeholders. Our services, such as joint fact-finding, landscape level planning, issue workshops and policy dialogues help stakeholders reach specific agreements. RESOLVE builds strong, enduring solutions to environmental, social, and health challenges. We help community, business, government, and NGO leaders get results and create lasting relationships through collaboration. RESOLVE is an independent organization with a thirty-year track record of success.

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