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INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Le Président
The Chair

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Mr. Christophe Bazivamo
Minister of Forestry and Mines
Republic of Rwanda

Dear Minister,

Thank you very much for your letter of 24 May 2010, expressing the interest of the Republic of Rwanda in the OECD pilot project on due diligence in the mining and minerals sector and the willingness to join the OECD-hosted working group to develop due diligence guidance on responsible supply chain of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas.

The OECD Investment Committee warmly welcomes the Republic of Rwanda's participation in the OECD-hosted working group and looks forward to Rwanda's important contribution to this work.

Let me take this opportunity to draw your attention to the next meeting of the OECD-hosted working group, organised in partnership with the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region. Key players in the supply chain of tin-tantalum-tungsten and gold, government representatives and international and civil society organisations will meet in Nairobi on 29-30 September 2010 to finalise the draft due diligence guidance on responsible supply chain management of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas. The Secretariat (Lahra Liberti, Legal Adviser/Head of Project, lahra.liberti@oecd.org; Tyler Gillard, Legal Expert, tyler.gillard@oecd.org) will send your office the agenda, the documentation and other details on this event.

I am confident that the OECD and the Republic of Rwanda will mutually benefit from this collaborative initiative with a view to advancing the shared goals of fighting against the illegal exploitation and trade of natural resources and create the enabling conditions for sustainable economic development in the region and worldwide.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Manfred Schekulin', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Manfred Schekulin
Chair, OECD Investment Committee
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cc: Members of the Bureau of the Investment Committee