T.I.C. supports successful ITSCI/RMI shared understanding re: RMI recognition

We are pleased to communicate that ITSCI (International Tin Supply Chain Initiative) and the RMI (Responsible Minerals Initiative) have successfully concluded negotiations regarding a mutually agreed-upon understanding of the overall engagement process and commitments regarding recognition of ITSCI, by the RMI, as an upstream mechanism (see document links below).

The T.I.C. has been engaged with both parties, throughout the negotiation process, in order to assure the needs of T.I.C. members, the tantalum/niobium industries, and all interested stakeholders were taken into account. Throughout the process all parties displayed openness and transparency regarding individual needs therefore expediting the path to a final solution.

One item of particular import is the clear need, as outlined in the OECD guidance, for processors to own their due diligence process and not rely solely on data and information from any upstream mechanism such as ITSCI. Clarity around this requirement should come from discussions with their particular upstream mechanism as well as the RMI.

This positive result will help maintain and improve stability and confidence in the supply chain and will allow processors to move forward with business plans (purchases, export, etc.) as previously managed.

The T.I.C. is pleased to have been involved in these negotiations, on behalf of its members, and the industry, and will continue to engage with both ITSCI, other upstream mechanisms, and the RMI, moving forward.

Links to documents:

ITSCI/RMI Joint Announcement, publications on the ITSCI and the RMI websites:


ITSCI/RMI Agreement:

Sincerely yours,

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