**Supplier Notification Letter**

Dear Supplier,

The intent of this letter is to inform you of recent regulations impacting the defense and shipbuilding industries and other industries to which you may supply products and materials, including Huntington Ingalls Incorporated (“HII”), and to request your cooperation in addressing this important matter.

On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) adopted final rules implementing Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. These rules impose disclosure and due diligence requirements on publicly-traded companies that manufacture products containing certain minerals designated as “conflict minerals”: gold, columbite-tantalite (coltan), cassiterite, wolframite, and their derivatives, tantalum, tin and tungsten, that have been mined or smelted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (the “DRC”), Republic of Congo, Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda or Zambia.

As a result of these rules, HII is required to conduct due diligence inquiries of its supply chain regarding conflict minerals that are included in any products, materials or supplies that are delivered to HII after, and were not “outside of the conflicts minerals supply chain” prior to, January 31, 2013.

At this time:

(1) if you have any active orders with HII that require delivery of a product after January 31, 2013; and

(2) the order pursuant to which you are providing the product references NNS’s “Appendix A – DoD Contracts,” or “Appendix A-DoD Commercial,”[[1]](#footnote-1)

we are asking you to identify whether any of the products you supply under those orders contain conflict minerals by downloading and completing HII Form SBF P9516, Conflict Minerals Disclosure, available at <http://spars.huntingtoningalls.com/procurement/forms/SBFP9516.docx>, and returning the completed form to the HII purchasing representative identified in the order **prior to January 31, 2013**.

We recognize that in order to complete this inquiry you may be required to ask your suppliers (and they may have to ask their sub-tier suppliers) for this information. By completing this disclosure form, you will assist HII in creating an efficient approach to addressing these new regulations.

As a condition of all purchase orders issued under HII’s contracts with its customers, beginning on January 7, 2013, HII will require its suppliers to complete form SBF P9516, Conflict Minerals Disclosure if their products contain conflict minerals.

We recognize that you may be receiving similar queries from several of your customers, and that each may be requesting information in different formats. If you will be undertaking a conflict minerals inquiry apart from this one for HII and if you expect to prepare a detailed disclosure that would include the product(s) you do or expect to supply to HII, please submit a copy of that disclosure or report to the HII purchasing representative identified in your purchase requisition or request for quotation and we will quickly determine whether it also satisfies HII’s due diligence process. Otherwise, we encourage you to begin the process necessary to put you in a position to respond in a timely manner to the new regulatory compliance procedures described above.

In order to learn more about the subject of conflict minerals, please review the SEC’s final rules, which can be found at <http://www.sec.gov/rules/final/2012/34-67716.pdf> . Feel free to contact the HII purchasing representative identified in your purchase order if you have any further questions.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this important matter.

1. This requirement does not apply if you supply products pursuant to an order that references “Appendix A – IT Products and Services,” Appendix A – Commercial Supplies,” “Appendix A – Commercial Supplies Services,” or “Appendix A – Construction.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)