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**EICC-GeSI Announce Launch of Auditor Certification Program**

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 26, 2010 – The Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) and Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) are pleased to announce the formal launch of the IRCA EICC-GeSI Labor & Ethics Lead Auditor Certification program. Beginning August 26, 2010, auditors will be able to apply for certification on the International Register of Certified Auditors (IRCA) [website](#).

IRCA and EICC-GeSI have established auditor certification requirements including professional experience, education, training and auditing experience (described in IRCA 2002). The training requirement for certification can be met by successfully completing the IRCA-approved EICC-GeSI Labor & Ethics five-day Lead auditor course, available from Verité. A listing of upcoming classes and registration information<sup>1</sup> can be found at [www.verite.org](http://www.verite.org). There is an online pre-learning that must be completed prior to attending the live workshop. Please allow two to three weeks to complete the on-line module.

Beginning April 2011, audit teams performing EICC-GeSI Validated Audits must be led by an auditor who has successfully completed the IRCA-certified EICC-GeSI Labor & Ethics Lead Auditor course and has either achieved certification or has applied for certification as an EICC-GeSI Lead Auditor under the Labor and Ethics scope.

Note: The certification program and training course is currently only available for Labor and Ethics auditors. A full, five-day course for EICC-GeSI EHS Lead Auditors will be available by the end of March, 2011. Until the IRCA EICC-GeSI EHS Lead Auditor class is available, EHS auditors will continue to be approved by the Validated Audit Program Manager. The requirement for all EHS auditors to achieve certification will become effective one year after the course is launched.

For more information on the certification program and associated training, visit [www.irca.org](http://www.irca.org) and [www.verite.org](http://www.verite.org). For more information on interim EHS auditor approval, contact Patrick Neyts at [audits@vectra-ontl.com](mailto:audits@vectra-ontl.com).

**About Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC)**

The Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) was established in 2004 to improve social, economic, and environmental conditions in the global electronic supply chain through use of a standardized code of conduct. The EICC was incorporated in 2007 as an association to ensure greater awareness of the Code, and to expand its adoption across the industry. The EICC currently includes more than 50 global electronics companies. For more information or to view the EICC Code of Conduct, see [www.eicc.info](http://www.eicc.info).

**About Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI)**

The Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) is uniquely dedicated to information and communication technologies (ICT) sustainability through innovation. GeSI brings together leading ICT companies – including telecommunications service providers and manufacturers as well as industry associations – and non-governmental organisations committed to achieving sustainability objectives through innovative technology. In June 2008, GeSI became a legal independent entity, an international non-profit association (AISBL) with an office near the EU institutions in Brussels, Belgium. For more information, see [www.gesi.org](http://www.gesi.org).

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<sup>1</sup> Organizations that would like to host a course or would like a class delivered exclusively for employees of their company should contact Verité directly at +1.413.253.9227.