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WEB PORTAL

Conflict Minerals web portal, the Enough Project’s comprehensive compendium of information, policy analysis, legislative and executive actions, multimedia, broadcast and online journalism, and photography on conflict minerals (updated daily)

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Consuming the Congo - A special slideshow series from VII

[Click here](#) to explore the slideshows, featuring exclusive commentary from VII photographers.

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