

## To the CEO of Apple:

Amnesty International research shows that major electronics brands are failing to adequately investigate their supply chains for human rights abuses as required by international standards.

Amnesty International is calling on companies to investigate their cobalt supply chain and prove they are addressing human rights abuses.

Accordingly, I request that **Apple** publicly disclose on its website the following:

- 1. Whether the cobalt in Apple's products has been mined by child labourers or adults working in hazardous conditions.
- 2. If not, the steps **Apple** has taken to verify this information.
- 3. If yes, the steps Apple has taken to address child labour or adults working in hazardous conditions in your supply chain (e.g. collaboration with governments, suppliers ...).
- 4. Provide the names of cobalt smelters/refiners in Apple's supply chain (including identification of where the cobalt was sourced), as well as their due diligence policies and practices.

This is too big an issue to ignore. Your immediate action is urgently required.



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Please submit petition by September 2016 to: Amnesty International 430-319 West Pender Street Vancouver, BC, V6B 1T3

Contact: fkoza@amnesty.ca

I wish to receive email alerts and updates about Amnesty's **Business and Human Rights program** 

Name (please print)	Address (include postal code)	Signature	Phone and Email

## Sign the petition calling on Apple to investigate their cobalt supply chain and prove they are addressing human rights abuses:

We all increasingly rely on rechargeable batteries to power our mobile phones, tablets, laptop computers, cameras and other portable electronic devices. We enjoy the benefits that these new technologies bring, but do you know where the raw materials come from that go into them and how those raw materials were extracted?

Cobalt is a key component in the lithium-ion rechargeable batteries that power these portable electronic devices.

Half of the world's cobalt comes from the Democratic Republic of the Congo where Amnesty International has documented adults and children as young as seven working in hazardous conditions without any protective clothing or equipment.

Miners risk their lives to mine this precious black rock when they go down into the pits.

One boy named Paul told Amnesty International that he often worked for 24 hours straight in an underground tunnel mining cobalt when he was only 12 years old. He was paid \$1-2 dollars a day.

Other children spend hours working on the surface sorting, sifting, washing and transporting heavy sacks of cobalt ore, which ends up in our smartphones, laptops and other portable electronic devices.

**Apple** is failing to do basic checks to ensure that cobalt mined by child labourers and adults working in hazardous conditions has not been used in their products.

It is time **Apple** took some responsibility for the mining of the raw materials that make their lucrative products.

Tell **Apple** that you want to know that your phone or a laptop is free of raw materials mined by child labourers and adults working in hazardous conditions.

Tell **Apple** that you want to buy a product that isn't linked to human rights abuses.

- **Deadline:** If the deadline to submit petitions has passed and you want to know if the petition deadline has been extended or if there is a new version of the petition available, please contact <a href="mailto:fkoza@amnesty.ca">fkoza@amnesty.ca</a>
- **Sending in petitions:** Once this petition is completed, please submit it within a week to the Amnesty address on the petition.
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