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## UANI Commends Siemens' Decision Not to Pursue New Business in Iran and Calls on Siemens to End All Current Contracts

**New York, NY** - <u>United Against Nuclear Iran</u> (UANI) commends <u>Siemens</u> for its decision not to pursue further business in Iran, but calls on Siemens to go further and sever all current contracts in Iran.

UANI lists Siemens on the <u>Iran Business Registry</u> (IBR) for its business dealings in Iran, and has pressured Siemens through a number of campaigns to stop its business in Iran.

UANI President, Ambassador Mark Wallace, said of the Siemens decision "UANI commends Siemens for refusing to engage in new business in Iran. UANI's supporters have sent a clear message to Siemens that its continued business in Iran is unacceptable, and Siemens has responded to that message. While refusing to conduct new business is a good first step, we call on Siemens to go further. Siemens must end its current contracts in Iran and sign the Iran Business Declaration in order to publicly affirm its commitment. Siemens' decision should serve as a wakeup call to all companies that the American people will not do business with those companies that work in Iran."

UANI has worked with a number of companies that have agreed not to do business in Iran. In September, the <u>Helmsley Hotel</u>, <u>Gotham Hall</u>, and <u>The Jumeirah Essex House</u> refused to host Mahmoud Ahmadinejad during his visit to the United Nations. <u>General Electric</u> signed UANI's <u>Iran Business Declaration</u> and affirmed its commitment not to do business in Iran. <u>Huntsman</u>, this week, announced that it would sever its business ties in Iran, including all current contracts.

In July, UANI launched a successful campaign that called on the Los Angeles Metro Transit

Authority (LA MTA) to preclude Siemens from bidding on a new rail car contract. UANI also worked with Congress to introduce the *ABC Iran Act of 2009* that would preclude multinational companies that do business in Iran, such as Siemens, from conducting business with the U.S. Government. That piece of legislation was added as an amendment to the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act of 2009, which the U.S. House of Representatives passed in December. A similar version is up for debate in the Senate. UANI's supporters have sent tens of thousands of messages calling on Siemens to halt its business in Iran.

Click <u>here</u> to call on Siemens to stop its current business in Iran.

Click here to read about Huntsman's decision to halt business in Iran.

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