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To Whom It May Concern:

REQUEST TO BE CONSIDERED AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE WORK OF THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT

Inclusion Ghana endorses the mission and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and wishes to be considered a contributor to the work of the Global Alliance.

Inclusion Ghana is the peak organization for persons with intellectual disabilities in Ghana. We advocate for the rights and needs of persons with intellectual disabilities and engage in public awareness campaigns, trainings and research. We currently have 19 member organisations and we support more than 500 parents of persons with intellectual disabilities through the creation of 60 parent self help groups. Find more information on Inclusion Ghana's website at www.inclusion.ghana.org

The findings in the recent report, 'Lead in Enamel Paint', have highlighted to Inclusion Ghana the serious risk of lead exposure faced by young children in Ghana, and the associated risk of cognitive impairment. We feel that after reading this report we cannot sit idly by while the children of Ghana face such serious health and environmental dangers.

The contribution that we would like to make to the work of the Global Alliance is described below:

- Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint, particularly through our 19 member organizations, 50 parent self help groups and the numerous trainings Inclusion Ghana conducts each year e.g. to health professionals and teachers.
- Discuss and build capacity on how to reach health providers, caretakers and parents on how
 to minimize children's exposure to lead from lead paint hazards as part of efforts to
 minimize exposures to all sources of lead exposure in the household
- Contribute to the activities that supports national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
- Mobilize national or local support for lead paint elimination within civil society and/or the health professions through a petition which specifically calls for Leylac and Azar paints to end production of their paints which contain lead.
- These actions will be carried out by June 2014.

We understand that this letter of intent is not legally binding and that a copy of this letter of commitment and the name of Inclusion Ghana will be publicly listed on the Global Alliance website.

We look forward to receiving your response and working towards the end of the use of paints containing lead in the world.

Kind regards,

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