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Supporting interest for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

Dear Sir or Madame,

By the present, we hereby express our interest in supporting the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership in achieving its goal.

Our company, Xcell Security House and Finance S.A, has been working in West Africa for over seven years now and we do acknowledge the hazardous dangers of Mercury exposure to people and nature. It is for this reason that we have developed the “**Xcell Gold Standard**”, a unique procedure which the only purpose is the well being of the Artisanal Miners, both physical and economical.

The **Xcell Gold Standard** is composed by the following procedures:

- **Production and environmental:** increasing production capacity of the ASM community using environmentally beneficial methods and machinery (invented by Xcell) to replace the need for child labor and the use of toxins. Additionally, **Xcell Gold Standard** process employs an anti-hazardous materials policy (Mercury, Cyanide etc....). Every single deposit of gold will be tested against hazardous materials ensuring the well-being of the miners as well as of the environment.
- **Traceability:** The ability to track the production and sales from the mine to the refinery in a verifiable manner and thus, preventing illicit trade flows and promoting the use of legal practices and proper taxation benefits to the Government.
- **Compliance:** Bringing Swiss procedures to Africa for the benefit of the ASM within the Country
- **Transparency:** Providing ASM with ability to sell product at market prices without the need for middlemen. At the same time, also providing buyers the confidence they need to buy knowing the history of the products, from mine through refinery, to help prevent conflict gold or child labor issues. Auditing is essential.
- **Data Collection:** Creating a real-time database that can better quantify and qualify production and environmental needs of the ASM community.
- **Security:** Gold bought, processed and shipped from a secure site in-country that can be monitored 24/7.



Based on our experience and the feedback from the in-country Governmental agencies, **Xcell Gold Standard** ensures and brings a solution concerning Mercury exposure to humans and environment. The **Xcell Gold Standard** therefore eliminates the use of Mercury or other hazardous materials by the Artisanal Miners for their processing of Gold.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. We humbly request entry into the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Kind regards,

Lynnwood Farr

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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

This information sheet provides an overview of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership for prospective partners. Further information is available at the following web address:
www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances

GOAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

PARTNERSHIP AREAS

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is a voluntary and collaborative relationship amongst various parties, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to take immediate actions to achieve the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Established in 2008, the partnership supports immediate actions on mercury in parallel to the negotiations of a mercury convention.

The following partnership areas have been initiated:

- artisanal and small scale gold mining;
- mercury cell chlor alkali production;
- mercury air transport and fate research;
- mercury in products;
- mercury releases from coal combustion;
- mercury waste management;
- mercury supply and storage; and
- mercury releases from cement industry.

OUR PARTNERS

More than 100 partners from IGOs, NGOs and private sector:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership;
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of partnership activities;
- Network with other organizations/agencies/individuals addressing mercury issues.

BECOMING A PARTNER

To become a partner, interested entities or individuals should submit a letter to UNEP signifying their support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and their commitment to achieving its goal, and specifying how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Letters should be submitted to :

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In submitting this letter, UNEP requests partners to complete the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be acknowledged by UNEP. Your confirmation letter will be posted on the UNEP Chemicals Branch web site.



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PARTNERSHIP AREA

Please check the partnership areas to which your organization intends to contribute to:

- artisanal and small scale gold mining
- mercury cell chlor alkali production
- mercury air transport and fate research
- mercury in products
- mercury releases from coal combustion
- mercury waste management
- mercury supply and storage mercury supply and storage
- mercury releases from the cement industry

Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- Government
- Regional economic integration organization
- Non-government Organization
- Industry
- Scientific community
- Other, please specify:

*UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Registration Forms are to be accompanied by a letter to UNEP signifying support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and commitment to achieving the partnership goal. The support letter should specify how the organization intends to contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. Please submit the support letter and registration form to: