



April 16, 2010

Head, UNEP Chemicals Branch, DTIE
11-13, chemin des Anémones
CH-1219 Châtelaine – Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Head, UNEP Chemicals Branch, DTIE,

RE: Pollution Probe request to join the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

On behalf of Pollution Probe, I am writing to express our interest in joining the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, and more specifically the Partnership Area for Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining. Pollution Probe supports and is committed to the overall goal of the Partnership 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.

Pollution Probe is a Canadian non-profit environmental organization that works in partnership with all sectors of society to protect health by promoting clean air and clean water. Pollution Probe's vision is to achieve positive and tangible environmental change by influencing government policy, inspiring leadership in business and motivating the public to act responsibly.

Pollution Probe was established in 1969 following a gathering of 240 students and professors at the University of Toronto campus to discuss a series of disquieting pesticide-related stories that had appeared in the media. In its 40 year history, Pollution Probe has been at the forefront of leading environmental change through sound scientific research and active partnership with government, industry, academe, other non-governmental organisations and the broader public. From helping ban DDT, to cleaning up the Don River, to helping found Ontario's Blue Box Recycling and Drive Clean programs, we are committed to finding practical solutions to the environmental challenges we face. Pollution Probe currently operates five program areas: Chemicals Management; Climate Change; Energy; Transportation; and Water.

Since 1996, Pollution Probe has been a national leader in actions and policies aimed at fighting mercury pollution in Canada and North America. Pollution Probe has developed a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to achieving this goal, through advocating the elimination and reduction of mercury use and release, and setting the stage for corporate mercury reductions. Based on our experience working with industry and government to achieve significant changes in mercury use in Ontario, we have developed a high level of leadership and credibility internationally. More recently, Pollution Probe has expanded its focus to include the international elements of mercury management through our engagement in UNEP Mercury meetings, such as the most recent Open Ended Working Group meeting in October, 2009.

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Pollution Probe has been active on ASGM since 2009. To the ASGM Partnership Area , we would contribute the ability to forge partnerships amongst organisations of diverging perspectives, our proven ability to engage the broader community and the relevant experts on ASGM, and significant experience with the Canadian mining sector. With this in mind, please consider our request to join the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership for ASGM. Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Oliver', with a small dot at the end.

Bob Oliver
Executive Director
Pollution Probe

UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

Partnership Area	<p>Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> artisanal and small scale gold mining</p> <p>Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.</p>
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Type of Organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-government Organization

* 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:

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