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RE: SafeMind's Participation in the Global Mercury Partnership

Dear UNEP's Mercury Partnership Programme,

SafeMinds enthusiastically supports the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and its goals to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

We are committed to helping UNEP achieve its goals, and we are both willing and able to contribute resources and expertise, and share and exchange information. We fully support all partnership activities designed to meet the goals of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, and would be honored to join UNEP and become a partner in the network united in support of controlling mercury in the areas of Products, Fate and Transport, Waste, and Coal Emissions. In addition to this letter of support, we have completed and enclosed the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Registration Form.

About SafeMinds:

SafeMinds is a non-profit organization founded to scientifically investigate, support research, raise awareness, change policy and focus national attention on the growing evidence of a link between mercury and neurological disorders such as autism, attention deficit disorder, language delay and learning difficulties. Our mission is to end the health and personal devastations caused by the needless exposure to mercury, one of the most neurotoxic substances on earth. We envision a future of optimal health for pregnant women, infants and children through eliminating unnecessary exposure to mercury in all its forms.

Our goals include:

- **Educating the public and policymakers** on the urgent need for mercury's removal from all manmade sources such as power and cement industry, lighting, food, and medicine;
- **Funding life-changing research** and coordinating peer-to-peer review opportunities that improve the scientific understanding of mercury to protect future generations and encourage creation of effective treatments;
- **Reviewing, evaluating, critiquing, authoring and disseminating research** to media and policymakers to raise awareness on mercury and its harmful effects;
- **Advocating for open investigations** free from conflicts of interest into mercury's use in widespread industrial processes, agricultural applications, household products and routine medical products, despite its known neurotoxicity.

For more information please visit our website www.safeminds.org.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding SafeMinds participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership in the areas of Products, Fate and Transport, Waste, and Coal Emissions.

In solidarity,

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Enclosure (1): UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Registration Form.

UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM*

PARTNERSHIP AREA

Please check partnership areas that 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

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:

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