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Dr. Per Bakken

Director, UNEP Chemicals Branch, DTIE
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Dear Dr. Bakken:

The Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) would like to join the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and looks forward to making an important contribution to the Partnership over the years ahead.

SETAC is a global scientific society with a membership of some 5,500 environmental toxicologists, chemists and life cycle experts from over 100 countries. SETAC's tripartite membership base, drawn from government, academia, and business, is a valuable asset in addressing objectively the key scientific issues facing the global environment today. That SETAC's governance structure is firmly based on this tripartite principle enables the organization to achieve recognized and respected credibility in its scientific activities.

We believe SETAC's particular strengths will contribute notably to the Global Mercury Partnership. Mercury receives considerable attention at our major meetings around the world and there is a newly active global working group on mercury. SETAC's worldwide presence, via geographic units based in North America, Europe, Latin America, Asia-Pacific and a growing branch organization in Africa, will support a range of activities consonant with the Partnership's objectives and global action plan. The successful UNEP-SETAC Life Cycle Initiative offers yet another vehicle by which SETAC will be able to work with UNEP on the global mercury agenda. SETAC is particularly looking to promote advances in mercury isotope chemistry, new mercury source apportionment models, and a well-defined Environmental Risk Assessment protocol for mercury.

SETAC Executive Director Michael C. Mozur will serve as the SETAC Focal Point for the Partnership; the required registration form is attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

Jane Staveley
President

UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

Partnership Area	<p>Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> artisanal and small scale gold mining <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury cell chlor alkali production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury air transport and fate research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury in products <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury releases from coal combustion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury waste management <p>SETAC is particularly looking to promote advances in mercury isotope chemistry, new mercury source apportionment models, and a well-defined Environmental Risk Assessment protocol for mercury. Other areas of possible SETAC contribution to the Partnership include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of advances in mercury isotope chemistry, new Hg source apportionment models • Promotion of a well-defined Hg Environmental Risk Assessment protocol • Dissemination of SETAC publications, including the SETAC book "<u>Ecosystem responses to mercury contamination</u>" • Consideration of training programs for regulators and risk managers (to deal with the complex aspects of Hg pollution) • Promotion of the creation of regional databases of Hg contamination
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