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### Letter of support – UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

This letter of support is to acknowledge our desire to join the Global Mercury Partnership facilitated by the UN Environmental Program (UNEP) with thematic focus on the reduction of mercury production and supply and mercury use in the artisanal gold mining.

Kyrgyz Mining Association is a non-governmental, self-governing, independent organization unrelated to political parties and movements. The mission of Kyrgyz Mining Association is to provide a broad, legal and technical expert support to the development of the mining industry of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Kyrgyzstan is the only country in the world, still producing mercury on industrial scale for export. In view of the UN efforts aimed at reduction of world's production and use of mercury, our Association would like to draw attention of the international experts and officers to the problem of economic transitioning of the Khaidarkan Mercury Plant. The simple cessation of mercury production at the Khaidarkan Mercury Plant without replacing the economic activities with sustainable alternatives would deprive the livelihoods of the mining town and its community of 10 thousand people, thereby causing a negative social impact. Local environmental issues should be resolved in parallel to the employment problem. In our country there is also a problem of uncontrolled use of mercury in artisanal gold mining.

Kyrgyz Mining Association fully aware that the production of mercury is a global challenge and it requires the sustained joint efforts to be addressed properly.

We would like to express our commitment to work within the framework of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, sharing knowledge and experiences with other members to halt the use of mercury in artisanal gold mining, and to reduce mercury production and supply.

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# UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM \*

<b>Partnership Area</b>	<p>Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> artisanal and small scale gold mining</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> mercury cell chlor alkali production</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> mercury air transport and fate research</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> mercury in products</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> mercury releases from coal combustion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> mercury waste management</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>reduction of mercury production and supply</i></li> </ul> <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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\* 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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