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Dear Mr. Bakken:

As an environmental artist since 2003, I had devoted my self to communicate through my art work relevant issues regarding endangered species, climate change, deforestation and ecosystem & biodiversity lost, and more recently food & energy security promoting sustainable agro business.

Since 2008, I became cofounders of the Zero Pollution Alliance, helping implement Corporate Social Responsibility projects orient it to reduce, reuse, and recycle or elimination of at least 10 dangerous pollutants from our environment. As the first pollutant, we considered the voluntary reduction of grocery bags or non reusable plastic bags, as is happening around the world. We set a goal to reach in 12 months 20 thousand reusable bags and to be distributed among customers and employees of large supermarkets chains as stepping stones for bigger programs inside supermarkets and grocery stores, among others, in the republic of Panama. We had already achieved 90% of our goal and in the first year we created awareness among big users to change habits.

The next important pollutant is mercury-contained products, electrical products as well in medical instrument and dental amalgam. We just started to create awareness of the program and the impacts of mercury containing products on the environment & human health among the public.

This year we will start a project denominated "Mision Mercurio Cero" to reach at least 20,000 locations/persons in the province of Panama and collect 8 tones of mercury containing products or 200 kg of mercury in used batteries, thermometer, electric & medical instruments and dental amalgam in the next 12 months and create temporary warehousing, neutralize & cementation and rehabilitate a contaminated site in Panama as part of a public art project designed by me. We just started the program in June 5, 2009 celebrating the Environment World Day.

I look forward to be a positive partner of the Global Mercury Program as well as in other present and future programs regarding reduction of toxic pollutants in the world.

Best Regards,
Maria Gabriela Batista Rivera
Environmental Visual Artist



Panamá, February 8, 2010

Mr.
Michael Bender
Zero Mercury Partnership
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UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

Dear Mr. Bender:

Since 2009 I had been partner of the Global Mercury Partnership in the mercury waste management area. Since June 5, 2009 I joined a regional program as creative director & spokesperson named Zero Mercury Mission.

Actually I'm designer and director of all the creative workshops for kids and had reached at least 300 kids in the first 10 workshops in 3 months, with much more kids coming in the next school season (march-December 2010). On top of that I'm designing artistic ways to store, neutralize and dispose wasted batteries and other mercury containing products collected in our programs.

I'm interest it in be part of the supply and storage area, to learn, propose and share ideas and projects on mercury containing product`s final disposition as art work and squares for civic use.

I look forward for your response and to give me the opportunity to present artistic solutions and initiatives for local as well as global mercury containing product`s relate it problems as an alternative model.

Please have a nice day.

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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

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