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Feral Mercury Recovery Specialists

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Dear Sir/Madam/Ms,

Hg Recoveries Pty Ltd wishes to become an active supporter of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and we wish to commit to achieving the partnership goals.

Our company was formed last year to begin the process of removing mercury (feral mercury) from the 400+ mercury contaminated gold mining sites across Australia and the 40+ sites existing throughout the Pacific Islands. Our current estimate is that there could be in excess of 500,000 tonnes of feral mercury warranting recovery from these contaminated areas. Many of the mining areas in Australia are also heavily contaminated with extreme levels of arsenic and there is strong evidence of these two contaminants existing right through the food chain in the first of the catchments we have examined.

Our company is currently funded by mining industry investors who have grave concerns about these mining industry legacy issues.

Our company has first-hand experience in the recovery of feral mercury from historical gold mining sites after having project managed several projects in Asia over the last 20 years.

Hg Recoveries Pty Ltd's goal over the next 10 years is to refine the systems and procedures for the recovery of mercury from historical gold mining areas and to make these systems and procedures available for use in other areas, such as historical gold mining areas in the Pacific Islands.

Both State and Federal Governments in Australia have been ignorant of the extent of the mercury contamination issues in Australia and Hg Recoveries is currently scoping projects to measure how much of the Australian feral mercury is being transported into the Pacific and Antarctic regions. In addition the company is supporting initiatives to establish a National Center for Mercury Research at Swinburn University in Melbourne, Australia.

The company received an Australian Government permit for its first feral mercury recovery project in the Upper Goulburn River Catchment in the State of Victoria, last year. This project involves the removal of some 4,900 tonnes of mercury from the rivers and streams of a 2700 square kilometer catchment.

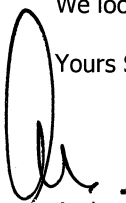
The company has received significant interference in this project from the Victorian State Government who are maintaining a view that mercury does not need to be removed from the environment despite the Commonwealth Government's present initiatives to the contrary, and as a consequence are attempting to use the State Court System to reinforce this view. Our company, whilst being hugely handicapped by these Victorian State Government actions, views this entire obstructive process as part of the *"learning experience"*.

Hg Recoveries Pty Ltd is interested in developing a core skill set in the area of long term mercury containment facilities.

Additionally, our company also wishes to support the UNEP Global Partnership by providing case studies on the issues and challenges surrounding feral mercury recovery from historical mining areas.

We look forward to your response,

Yours Sincerely,



Andrew G. Helps
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REGISTRATION FORM

- Partnership Area:
1. Artisanal, small scale and large scale gold mining.
 2. Mercury air transport and fate research.
 3. Mercury in products.
 4. Mercury waste management.
 5. Mercury supply and storage.

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