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Dear Sir or Madam,

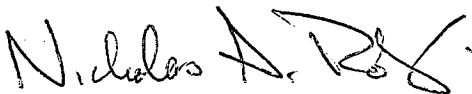
Please find enclosed the application of the Environmental Health Council (EHC) to join the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. By participating in the Partnership, the EHC looks forward to contributing expertise on issues concerning mercury air transport and fate as well as mercury waste management challenges. In so doing, we look forward to both contributing to the overall mission of the Partnership, and to networking with other organizational partners.

The Environmental Health Council is an international, interdisciplinary, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to detecting, measuring, analyzing and remediating the effects of environmental toxins in affected communities. By examining specific environmental health issues from distinct perspectives, the Council collaborates to develop innovative, integrated, interdisciplinary, comprehensive, measurable, mutually reinforcing, culturally relevant and feasible strategies and programs to reduce community exposures to environmental toxins and improve their health and quality of life. The focus of the Council's work is on mercury contamination in the Andean region, specifically in the cities of Huancavelica, Peru, and Potosí, Bolivia.

The Council reflects decades of experience of its members who represent diverse fields, including but not limited to, air quality and modeling, public health, risk assessment, biostatistics, soil science, chemistry, engineering, anthropology, community development, human rights and ethnohistory. In addition, the Council benefits from expertise in other fields, such as environmental remediation, toxicology, medicine and ecology. Most Council members are affiliated with universities or scientific organizations, thus enabling the Council to benefit directly and indirectly from broad-based, inter-institutional linkages. Uniting experts from such diverse fields allows for the synergies, innovations and insights which such interdisciplinary approaches foster, while building a highly focused momentum to solving multifaceted and complex environmental problems.

Please direct correspondence or questions to me at robins@ehcouncil.org or to the address above.

Thank you for your consideration,



Nicholas Robins, Ph.D.
President, Environmental Health Council

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

Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.

Organization Name

Environmental Health Council

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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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