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Dear UNEP Chemicals,

The International Commission on Geosciences for Environmental Management (GEM), a commission of the International Union of Geosciences (IUGS) would like to become a partner in UNEP's Mercury Partnerships program.

IUGS-GEM (www.iugs-gem.org) is an international group of geoscientists focussed on communicating geosciences based policy called. It is a commission of the 120 nation strong International Union of Geosciences (IUGS - www.iugs.org/). It currently has 16 officers from 5 continents, and as one of only a few commissions of IUGS, it has great outreach and networking capacity – it delivers news and publications directly to policy makers, geosciences institutes, geoscientists, miners, and the general public across the world.

IUGS-GEM supports the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and is committed to helping the partnership achieve its goals. IUGS-GEM will contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership by:

- i. Forming an official working group on ASGM. To this end, experts on ASGM and mercury have already been recruited from Ghana, India, and Canada, and others from Southern Africa and Indonesia have been contacted.
- ii. Exploring and developing innovative solutions to reducing mercury use in ASGM that span the areas of science and engineering, policy development, education, and field intervention.
- iii. Leveraging its significant networking and outreach capacity to communicate to policy makers, geoscientists, the general public and miners the goals of UNEP's Mercury Partnership and the activities and outputs of the GEM working group on ASGM.
- iv. Seeking out and leveraging funds to implement site specific field projects that work with mining communities to develop better environmental and socio-economic practices in ASGM.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kevin Telmer,
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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

Partnership Area	<p>Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> artisanal and small scale gold mining <input type="checkbox"/> mercury cell chlor alkali production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury air transport and fate research <input type="checkbox"/> mercury in products <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury releases from coal combustion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury waste management </p> <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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