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The Head
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Dear Sir/Madam,

APPLICATION BY MRA-SMALL SCALE MINING TRAINING CENTER TO THE UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP.

On behalf of the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA), we are pleased to convey our support for the Global Mercury Partnership (GMP) under the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and its commitment to addressing this Global concern on the reduction and eventual elimination of Mercury.

The Government of Papua New Guinea through the Mineral Resources Authority's Small Scale Mining Training Center (SSMTC) has developed course material on Mercury and has been conducting Awareness and Training programs to artisanal and small scale mining (ASSM) communities throughout the country.

The programs conducted include knowledge and skills training on the dangers of mercury to human health and the environment, safe mercury handling practices, alternative local retorting techniques and appropriate disposal methods. The training and awareness programs aim to educate miners in these areas to safeguard their health and the environment and to eventually opt to other appropriate and cost-effective mercury-free techniques of retorting and separation.

Partnering in the Global Mercury Partnership program is valuable and the right step forward to working collaboratively with other global partners to enhance our activities to meet internationally recognized standards and also to share our expertise for the purpose of achieving the UNEP GMP's goals.

Finally, we would like to extend our appreciation towards UNEP's commitment and dedication through its various activities to reducing mercury and we look forward to working together with UNEP and other Inter-governmental Organizations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Philip Samar", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

PHILIP SAMAR
Managing Director



UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

PARTNERSHIP AREA

Please check the partnership areas to which 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
- mercury supply and storage mercury supply and storage
- mercury releases from the cement industry

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

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Regional economic integration organization <input type="checkbox"/> Non-government Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific community <input type="checkbox"/> 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: