

Artisanal Gold Council

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Dear UNEP Chemicals,

The Artisanal Gold Council (AGC), a registered non-profit organisation based in Canada but operating internationally would like to become a partner in UNEP's Mercury Partnerships program.

The Artisanal Gold Council creates sustainable development in artisanal and small scale gold mining communities. It's three primary focuses contribute directly to UNEP's mercury reduction goals:

1. Reduction of Mercury Use. Expertise and experience in gold extraction methods and mercury science enables AGC to provide advice and technological solutions towards reduction of mercury emissions in Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining communities (ASGM). AGC undertakes projects (e.g. the mercury watch project: www.mercurywatch.org) to provide technology, design, and education for ASGM miners and the world to emit less mercury.
2. Managing the relationship between large scale mining (LSM) and artisanal and small scale mining (ASM). LSM companies need help engaging with ASM miners to move towards a system of peaceful coexistence and cooperation that leads to sustainable socio-economic relationships and environmental stewardship including chemicals and waste management.
3. Marketing ASM Gold. For positive development in ASGM to be sustained, viable markets need to be created to bring incentives to ASGM miners to adopt better practices such as the elimination of mercury use; and funds need to be raised and made available for ASGM community improvement programs. AGC is striving to create, market, and sell a gold brand from ASM gold that will generate revenues that can be re-invested in creating sustainable solutions in ASGM communities.

Please let me know if the AGC can become a member of the partnership programme.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kevin Telmer, Ph.D.
Director, Artisanal Gold Council

UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

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| 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 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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