



Nomura Kohsan co.,LTD.

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Head, UNEP Chemicals Branch, DTIE
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Dear Sir/Madam/Ms,

Nomura Kohsan Co. Ltd, wishes to become an active supporter of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and we wish to commit to achieving the partnership goals.

Nomura Kohsan Co. Ltd, originally established in 1939 as Nomura Mining Ltd., is the only mercury recycler in Japan and has been engaged with disposal of mercury containing wastes and recycling of mercury. The extracted mercury is further refined to purity, and marketed as a product of Nomura. Our main facility is located in Hokkaido, northern Japan. The mining production was in operation for more than 30 years and it was called "the number one mercury mine in the orient world". However, due to the Minamata disease, total consumption of mercury was reduced and demand declined significantly which led to the closure of Nomura Mining Ltd. in 1970. Subsequently, Nomura Kohsan redirected the business towards mercury recycling which focuses on refining technologies and launched the business in 1973. Since then, the company has processed used fluorescent lamps and dry-cell batteries, in addition to other wastes containing mercury and mercury compounds.

As mercury will be regulated under the Minamata Convention, we conclude that the establishment of safe recycling technology is one of the necessary and effective solutions. We will continue to innovate on the technology to keep mercury in its stable state and improve technologies on the proper and safe storage of mercury.

We will participate in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership meetings to provide our recycling technology and experience.

In submitting this letter to you with the attached registration form we put Nomura Kohsan Co. Ltd, forward to be considered as a member of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours

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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.

ORGANIZATION NAME

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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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