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UNEP Chemicals Branch DTIE
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in support of Pact's application to join UNEP's Global Mercury Partnership.

Pact is an international NGO, based in Washington DC. Through our Mines to Markets Signature Initiative, we have become increasingly concerned about the issue of mercury's profound impact on human health and its contamination of the environment, particularly as a result of artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM). We are firmly committed to the GMP's objective of protecting human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

Pact currently has a portfolio of 18 projects in the mining sector in nine countries and we are already working to address mercury use in two of these – Colombia and Zimbabwe. However our global reach extends to almost 30 countries where we work on capacity development and civil society strengthening, good governance, health livelihoods and natural resource management. We use an integrated approach, deploying all our diverse skillset in a coordinated effort, to address the complex social, economic and environmental challenges facing the communities in which we work and I believe that this integrated approach could be of great use in reducing the use of mercury in ASGM.

As a member of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, I commit that Pact will collaborate with the other members and all relevant stakeholders to support the achievement of the Partnership's goals. I nominate our Senior Director of our Mines to Markets program, Karen Hayes, to represent Pact in the regular activities of the Partnership. I assure you of our acute concern for this issue and our firm intention to contribute in practical ways to achieve measurable results in mercury reduction.

I am grateful for your consideration of our request for membership.

Sincerely,

Christian Loucq
Chief Global Engagement & Strategy Officer/ EVP, Pact



UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

This information sheet provides an overview of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership for prospective partners. Further information is available at the following web address:
www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances

GOAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

PARTNERSHIP AREAS

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is a voluntary and collaborative relationship amongst various parties, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to take immediate actions to achieve the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Established in 2008, the partnership supports immediate actions on mercury in parallel to the negotiations of a mercury convention.

The following partnership areas have been initiated:

- 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; and
- mercury releases from cement industry.

OUR PARTNERS

More than 100 partners from IGOs, NGOs and private sector:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership;
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of partnership activities;
- Network with other organizations/agencies/individuals addressing mercury issues.

BECOMING A PARTNER

To become a partner, interested entities or individuals should submit a letter to UNEP signifying their support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and their commitment to achieving its goal, and specifying how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Letters should be submitted to :

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11-13, chemin des Anémones
CH-1219 Châtelaine - Geneva, Switzerland
E-mail: metals.chemicals@unep.org

In submitting this letter, UNEP requests partners to complete the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be acknowledged by UNEP. Your confirmation letter will be posted on the UNEP Chemicals Branch web site.



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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

NAME, FUNCTIONAL TITLE
 OF REPRESENTATIVE

ADDRESS OF
 ORGANIZATION

TEL. No.

EMAIL

FAX No.

WEBSITE/URL

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: