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UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Support Letter

Dear Head of Branch

The International Institute of Industrial Ecology and Green Economy (hereinafter: “the Institute”) with its head office in Geneva is an NGO which consists of three poles: academic research; expertise, engineering and project management; research of financing solutions. These 3 poles are structured around the 4 principles of Industrial Ecology:


1. The valorization of waste as a resource
2. Closing the material loops and minimization of dissipative losses
3. The decarbonization of flows
4. The dematerialization of the economy

In its fight against dissipative losses of material the Institute has concentrated its studies on the gold industry, by developing a report titled “The Gold Market, the sustainable development as a common vision¹”. Being aware of the harmful impacts of the use of mercury in the ASGM² on environment and health, our NGO is designing a program for less noxious techniques in Guinea and Mali. Our goal is to introduce the use of innovative techniques that aren't expensive and easy to perform. Furthermore they will be adapted by the local miners to their context in order to display the maximum utility for the economic interests and health of miners and to have a cleaner surrounding environment.

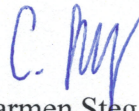
The project aligns itself with the article 7 and the appendix C of the Minamata Convention and we envision to accomplish their realization by our program “Introduction of an environment-friendly gold extraction technique in Guinea and in Mali”.

We are delighted about the existence of a global network that allows governments and different stakeholders to collaborate and to exchange research results and best practices in order to achieve the common purpose of diminishing health and environmental problems due to the release of mercury. By introducing techniques that guarantee less exposure to mercury and which are accepted in long term we will contribute whole-heartedly to the achievement of the goals of the UNEP Mercury Partnership, in case of acceptance of our Institute as a partner.

Yours sincerely


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¹ Rossy, M., “Marché de l'or, le développement durable comme vision commune” (2017) ; Université de Genève & Institut International de l'Écologie Industrielle et de l'Économie Verte

² Artisanal and Small scale Gold Mining



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 :

Head of Branch
UNEP Chemicals Branch DTIE
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: