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Sirs,

LETTER OF INTENT TO BE CONSIDERED A CONTRIBUTOR TO GAELP

The LivingScience Foundation hereby wishes to become a Contributor to the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GAELP). We have carefully gone through the broad objectives of the Alliance, and we are happy to identify with them and commit to their realization globally.

Considering the extensive and extended use of leaded gasoline in Nigeria (as late as 2003), together with other ongoing largely unregulated sources – with paint being a major source; and a combination of several vulnerability factors (including Nigeria having the largest pool of the Sickle cell trait in the world), there is probably no other country in the world at more risk to lead toxicity than Nigeria.

Personally, I have been involved in measuring blood lead levels in Nigeria for more than 10 years. The studies were mainly in context of Coordinated Research Projects commissioned by the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna. My appalling findings in these studies were my major motivation for mobilizing like-minds to form the LivingScience Foundation in October 2016. This non-governmental organization is committed to promoting public health and sustainable development in Nigeria through a comprehensive and holistic management of the environment.

To achieve this broad objective, we engage in Research, Communication, and Advocacy. All the 57 Activities in the 5 focal areas listed on the Annex of the GAELP are therefore of interest to us, and we would be grateful if accepted into the Alliance. We are already involved in some of these activities, notably in the peer-review technical journal which we have floated to bridge the gap between science, practice, and policy in Environment Health issues in Nigeria, as well as our national conference with the same objectives. Kindly refer to our website www.lsfnigeria.org for more details on these. In the areas where we currently lack capacity, we hope we would be able to build up such in course of our participation in the GAELP.

Kindly find attached our completed questionnaire as required.

Thanks and best regards.

Joshua Ojo (PhD)