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Letter of support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

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Dear Madam / Sir,

This letter of support is to express the commitment of the Esslingen University of Applied Sciences to join the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

The Esslingen University of Applied Sciences contributes to research and education in the fields of environmental protection, ecology, waste water treatment and emission reduction of fossil fuel fired combustion plants. All of these processes and scientific fields are closely linked to emissions and immissions of the heavy metal mercury. In future, the environmental department, responsible for the Environmental Laboratory and the postgraduate course "Environmental Protection" will focus even more strongly on dissemination and extension of the state of science in the context of mercury as a global pollutant. This goal will be targeted by intensifying all mercury related activities, such as extension of the Environmental Laboratory and the technical center by mercury specific test-rigs, deep-rooted integration of the topic in the curriculum, carrying out research projects and raising public awareness by publications.

Being a member of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership would clearly point out the commitment of Esslingen University to environmental protection and intensify its networking with the scientific community in the field of mercury related research and education.

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Barna Heidel



### 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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## 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	
NAME, FUNCTIONAL TITLE OF REPRESENTATIVE	
ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION	
TEL. No.	
EMAIL	
FAX No.	
WEBSITE/URL	
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION	<ul> <li>□ Government</li> <li>□ Regional economic integration organization</li> <li>□ Non-government Organization</li> <li>□ Industry</li> <li>□ Scientific community</li> <li>□ Other, please specify:</li> </ul>

\*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: