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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Canadian International Resources and Development Institute (CIRDI) is pleased to submit our formal request to become a partner of the United Nations Environment Global Mercury Partnership (GMP) in the partnership areas of artisanal and small-scale gold mining and mercury waste management.

CIRDI is an independent centre of expertise on natural resource governance that is housed at the University of British Columbia. CIRDI responds to requests from partners that seek to strengthen capacity to govern and manage natural resources in line with principles of environmental sustainability and in ways that generate inclusive and equitable benefits for all, with specific attention to gender equality and indigenous rights. In responding to these requests, CIRDI provides technical support, training, applied research and advice on leading practices. CIRDI focuses its efforts on three strategic areas:

- 1) Public Sector Capacity and Governance
- 2) The Environment and Climate Change
- 3) Inclusive Growth and Community Engagement

CIRDI's ASM Program touches on each of the above strategic areas. Artisanal and small-scale mining of development minerals for manufacturing, construction and agriculture has tremendous potential for poverty alleviation and facilitating economic inclusion for rural and marginalized populations. However, CIRDI believes that the ASM sector requires enhanced coordination, collaboration, and trust between miners and government, along with educated practitioners to manage and sustainably share benefits from mineral resource endowments. Our ASM program views the education of miners and government as a critical entry point to improve organization of the ASM sector through alliances and partnerships, which can enable well-regulated, equitable and inclusive employment opportunities. CIRDI aims to safeguard vulnerable populations, eliminate worst practices, and develop strategies on formalization.

To support the transformation and formalization of ASM, CIRDI offers national governments assistance on meeting their obligations to the Minamata Convention on Mercury by reducing mercury use. Our service offerings include a series of ASM training courses targeting miners, government, and industry, on topics such as gender in ASM, environmental impact assessment and mine closure, cooperative management, drilling and blasting, and mercury-free processing.

We thank you for considering a partnership with CIRDI in achieving the goal of protecting human and environmental health from the use of mercury, and we look forward to hearing from you.



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Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elaine Pura'.

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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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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: