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The Institute for Sustainable Mining (aka Artminers) is pleased to offer our support to the UNEP Partnership, and offer our resources and expertise to the development and implementation of Partnership activities.

Founded in 2003 as a US-based 501c3 NGO, Artminers' mission is to promote sustainable, clean mining methods to artisanal and small-scale miners to stop environmental and health risks caused by the misuse of toxins, to work cooperatively with local and global NGOs to promote sustainable mining, and to improve the working conditions of artisanal and small-scale miners, particularly in areas of child labor, education, gender equality and health.

The majority of our work has been focused on the introduction of the simple, inexpensive, toxin-free recovery system Cleangold to gold mining communities in countries where the practice of using mercury is widespread.

Cleangold recovers smaller gold particles than mercury does, resulting in a higher yield for the miner and eliminating the need for the ongoing purchase of mercury, thereby improving the miners' income. The miners' return on investment for the one-time cost of a Cleangold product is within a matter of days to weeks.

Cleangold's efficacy has been independently lab and field tested by the University of British Columbia, University of Uppsala in Sweden, Danish and British Geologic Services and has been proven to outperform mercury and the industries' state of the art centrifuge (which requires power, maintenance and large amounts of particulate-free water). More information about our work can be found at [artminers.org](http://artminers.org), and [cleangold.com](http://cleangold.com).

We look forward to joining with UNEP and its Partners to continue progress on the reduction of mercury use in ASGM.

With Warmest Regards,

Kristina Shafer  
Director, Institute for Sustainable 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:

[web.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership](http://web.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership)

### 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 between various parties, governmental, non-governmental, public and private, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to achieve its goal.

Initiated in 2005<sup>1</sup>, the Partnership today focuses its work on supporting timely and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; on providing state of the art knowledge and science on mercury; and on delivering outreach and awareness raising towards global action on mercury.

<sup>1</sup> UNEP Governing Council Decision 23/9

The Partnership is structured around eight areas:

- 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 releases from the cement industry

### OUR PARTNERS

Over 190 partners from governments, IGOs, NGOs, private sector and academic institutions:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership.
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of Partnership activities.
- Network with other organizations, agencies, entities and 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. The letter should also specify how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the Partnership.

Together with this letter, UNEP requests interested entities or individuals to also complete and submit the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be confirmed by UNEP. Partners' letters of support will be made public through the UNEP's website.

### SUPPORT LETTER AND REGISTRATION FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

**Head, Chemicals and Health Branch  
Economy Division  
United Nations Environment Programme**

Palais des Nations  
8-14 avenue de la Paix  
CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland  
E-mail: [metals@un.org](mailto:metals@un.org)



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## PARTNERSHIP AREAS

Please check the partnership area(s) to which your organization intends to contribute to:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artisanal and small-scale gold mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercury releases from coal combustion     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mercury cell chlor-alkali production             | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercury waste management                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mercury air transport and fate research          | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercury supply and storage                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mercury in products                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercury releases from the cement industry |

> Please specify in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the selected partnership area(s).

## ORGANIZATION APPLYING TO BECOME A PARTNER

Name of Organization:

Type of Organization:

<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry
<input type="checkbox"/> Intergovernmental Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Academia
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-governmental Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="text"/>

Mailing Address:

Postcode:  City:  Country:

E-mail:

Telephone:  Website:

## ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Mr.  Ms.

First Name:  Last Name:

Functional Title:

Section / Department:

E-mail:

*\* 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 its 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:*

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