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United Nations Environment Programme.
Palais des Nations
8-14 avenue de la Paix**

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MAYASA support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

Dear Sir / Madam,

Mercury and most of its compounds are unanimously recognized as persistent, very toxic and bio-accumulative chemicals having also long-range transport properties. Minas de Almadén y Arrayanes, S.A., S.M.E. (MAYASA) is aware of the health and environmental risks associated with mercury and therefore fully support the objective of the Global Mercury Partnership to protect human health and global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately elimination global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

In 2009 the Spanish Ministry of Environment, Rural and Marine Affairs (MARM), the regional Government of Castilla – La Mancha and the Company Minas de Almadén y Arrayanes, S.A. (MAYASA) (state operator of the worldwide know Almadén Mercury Mine) signed an agreement to establish the National Technological Center is for Mercury Decontamination, currently Mercury Technological Center (MTC). The main objective of this Centre is to research and promote technological development for a sound management of mercury, experts training, information exchange, capacity building and technological transfer. To reach this objective, the Center counts on the large expertise of a team highly specialized on mercury management (handling, transport, storage, wastes treatment and remediation). The Center, financed by MAYASA, mainly devotes its activity to research projects aiming to find reliable technological solutions for the true mercury management problems, such as environmentally sound storage or remediation of mercury polluted sites.

MAYASA is committed to work to achieve the goal of the Partnership and will contribute to it by sharing its expertise in mercury environmental techniques for a global mercury research development, enhancing the exchange of information and training as well as promoting capacity building and technical assistance, as resources allow.

Therefore, I would like to confirm the intention of MAYASA to be an active partner in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, particularly, in the area of Mercury Supply and storage, and Mercury waste management.

Yours sincerely,



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

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 2005¹, 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.

¹ 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
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United Nations Environment Programme**
Palais des Nations
8-14 avenue de la Paix
CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
E-mail: metals@un.org



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PARTNERSHIP AREAS

Please check the partnership area(s) 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 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:

Government	Industry
Intergovernmental Organization	Academia
Non-governmental Organization	Other, please specify

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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