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Head, Chemicals and Health Branch Economy Division
United Nations Environment Programme
Palais des Nations
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Dear UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Representative,

As Executive Director for Mercury Free Mining (MFM), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, I am requesting that MFM be accepted as a valuable partner in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. MFM is founded upon the shared goals of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. We are similarly devoted to protecting humans and our environment from the undeniable devastation caused by mercury pollution. Our organization specializes in combatting mercury pollution associated with artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) through our work inspiring the jewelry industry to take action to reduce and eliminate mercury pollution in the gold supply chain while also researching and deploying mercury-free mineral processing technology.

As a partner in the Global Mercury Partnership, Mercury Free Mining will uniquely provide the coalition with valuable knowledge derived from our novel research and symbiotically work between partners and our network of respected jewelry industry leaders, their companies, and customers to accomplish our shared goals.

A sample of our most current efforts include the following initiatives and programs:

- Piloting a remote testing program designed to evaluate key performance indicators of mercury-free mineral processing technologies. We intend to compile a comprehensive database able to indicate the effectiveness of differing processors with respect to variable mineral processing parameters for implementation within ASGM. This work will enable us and other like-minded organizations to confidently deploy effective mercury alternatives throughout the broad spectrum of ASGM operations.
- An educational outreach program expanding the jewelry industry's awareness of the prevalence and harms of mercury pollution from ASGM while inspiring an industry commitment to responsible gold sourcing. Our program includes international speaking engagements, industry presentations, press interviews, trade publication articles, webinars, podcasts, and social media posts. Our organization also collaborates with jewelry organizations to bolster and facilitate the development of responsibly sourced artisanal gold.
- Collaborating on a joint project with the Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM), and the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) to research and implement mercury-free gold processing in the Ananea District of Peru with the intention of improving the profits and well-being of the region's artisanal and small-scale miners as well as reducing mercury use and pollution within Ananea.
- A partnership with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM) as grant recipients of a three-year, \$493,750 US State Department grant to reduce mercury use and strengthen supply chains in Colombia's ASGM sector.

Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to supporting the achievements of the Global Mercury Partnership goals as partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toby Pomeroy', with a stylized, cursive script.

Toby Pomeroy

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Yellowfin Tuna, Courtesy NOAA Fisheries, © Photo by Jeff Muir

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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