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UNEP Global Mercury Partnership,

This letter is to acknowledge our commitment to support the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership in protecting human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds, and to submit a request to join the Partnership.

EX Research Institute (EXRI) is a consulting firm supporting the Government of Japan towards the development of policies and regulations throughout the lifecycle of mercury both at the national and international level, since the initiation of the negotiation process of the Minamata Convention on Mercury. EXRI has also supported the implementation of the Convention in developing countries through, *inter-alia*;

- ✓ capacity-building for relevant stakeholders in Indonesia to address ASGM;
- ✓ feasibility studies of the process conversion for chlor-alkali production facilities and technical support to ensure the environmentally sound management of mercury wastes to be generated from the conversion in Brazil and Iran;
- ✓ technical assistance for the environmentally sound management of mercury-containing medical devices in Indonesia and the Philippines; and
- ✓ technical assistance to control mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants in Indonesia and Vietnam.

In order to support the leads of the Mercury Waste Management Area of the UNEP-Global Mercury Partnership, EXRI has coordinated Area activities such as collaboration with other Partnership Areas including Mercury Supply and Storage and Products, the compilation of the “Catalogue of Technologies and Services on Mercury Waste Management” and the development of the Area activity plan. With its commitment to the sound management of mercury and experiences gained from the Mercury Waste Management Area, and by officially becoming a Partner of other areas, EXRI intends to further support the implementation of Area activities and promote collaboration with other Partnership Areas.

We look forward to continued engagement with the Partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Hiroshi Naito'.

Hiroshi NAITO

President, EX Research Institute Ltd.



UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

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

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 200 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



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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
- Intergovernmental Organization
- Non-governmental Organization

- Industry
- Academia
- 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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