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To Whom It May Concern:

The undersigned, as Director and on behalf of Peerless Green Initiatives (PGI), affirms that it is familiar with and shall their support the mission and ethos of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and is committed to assisting the Partnership in achieving the overall goal of protecting human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and where feasible eliminating global anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

Specifically, PGI has been for the past year actively involved as a crisis management consultant to the Hindustan Unilever Mercury Thermometer Ex-Workers Welfare Association, is convener to the Tamil Nadu Alliance Against Mercury (TAAM), consultant to the Palni Hills Conservation Counsel and is actively consolidating and coordinating the actions of six other local and national NGO's in India as it relates to the remediation of environment and dead and injured workers as it relates to the Ponds/HUL Mercury Thermometer Plant at Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, India. The poisoning of water, land and air by this plant is particularly egregious due to its location in the fragile at-risk biodiverse 'hotspot' of the Palni Hills, Western Ghats; and the fact that the workers have been denied adequate medical and financial support due to being of poor Dalit families.

I have attached our recent petition to the Government for intervention, however it is the opinion of PGI, that without the weight of organizations such as the United Nations and the UNEPCB, DTIE, that yet another multinational will wash its hands of an environmental and human rights disaster with hardly a hand-slap.

PGI's role as consultant, legal support team, commissioner, evidence gatherer and coordinator of media and outreach exemplifies the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

PGI looks forward to a shared partnership with UNEP GMP.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Costanzo

Attachments:

- * Registration Application
- * Copy of Letter to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, *et al*

UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

Partnership Area	<p>Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> artisanal and small scale gold mining <input type="checkbox"/> mercury cell chlor alkali production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury air transport and fate research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury in products <input type="checkbox"/> mercury releases from coal combustion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury waste management <p>Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.</p>
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