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Re: Support letter

Dear Sir or Madam,

Projekt-Consult GmbH (PRC) is a German development consultancy company specialised on responsible mining practices in the field of international cooperation.

Founded in 1979, Projekt-Consult has gained a unique experience in its core business area responsible mining which encompasses technical solutions, capacity building and strategic advice on environmental and social dimensions of resource extraction (www.projekt-consult.de).

With regard to artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM), PRC has been pursuing a holistic approach to project implementation, and comprehensive solutions are always developed in close collaboration with ASM miners, mine owners, cooperatives, civil society organizations, mining authorities, regional initiatives, and international development agencies according to their specific needs.

Our company has dealt with the issue of mercury and has advised several governments in Africa and Latin America through projects in the ASGM sector. Among other projects, since 2013, we have been implementing a very significant project in this area, called the "Better Gold Initiative (BGI)", funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) in three Latin American countries (Bolivia, Colombia, and Peru).

Thus, by joining the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, PRC will support the partnership and also commit to achieving the objective of the partnership.



More specifically, the contribution to the achievement of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership objective envisaged by Projekt Consult GmbH will have three components:

- *Sharing information and experience*

Together with the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and other interested parties, PRC will contribute to the sharing of knowledge and experience gained during its 40 years of activities as well as on its ongoing projects in the field of ASGM;

- *Networking*

Upon request, PRC could mobilise its network to disseminate specific information and/or contribute in some specific mercury-free actions and campaigns undertaken by the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership;

- *The promotion of mercury-free gold mining*

In gold producing countries where it has projects under implementation, PRC intends to promote the use or introduction of standards for mercury-free artisanal and small-scale gold mining and market-based mechanisms or marketing tools.

In view of the above, with its knowledge, dedication and network, Projekt Consult will definitely contribute to the achievement of UNEP Global Mercury Partnership objectives.

Sincerely,



The Managing Director,
Moritz Lörcher



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 the following web address:
www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances

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 amongst various parties, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to take immediate actions to achieve the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Established in 2008, the partnership supports immediate actions on mercury in parallel to the negotiations of a mercury convention.

The following partnership areas have been initiated:

- 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; and
- mercury releases from cement industry.

OUR PARTNERS

More than 100 partners from IGOs, NGOs and private sector:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership;
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of partnership activities;
- Network with other organizations/agencies/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, and specifying how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Letters should be submitted to :

Head of Branch
UNEP Chemicals Branch DTIE
11-13, chemin des Anémones
CH-1219 Châtelaine - Geneva, Switzerland
E-mail: metals.chemicals@unep.org

In submitting this letter, UNEP requests partners to complete the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be acknowledged by UNEP. Your confirmation letter will be posted on the UNEP Chemicals Branch web site.



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PARTNERSHIP AREA

Please check the partnership areas 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 supply and storage
- mercury releases from the cement industry

Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.

ORGANIZATION NAME

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NAME, FUNCTIONAL TITLE OF REPRESENTATIVE

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- Government
- Regional economic integration organization
- Non-government Organization
- Industry
- Scientific community
- Other, please specify: **Private Consulting Company**

*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 the partnership 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: