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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

Qa³ Limited wishes to become an active supporter of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and we are committed to promoting and achieving the partnership goals.

Established in 2011, Qa³ provides on-site and laboratory testing services that are primarily focused on the quantification of natural trace contaminants in support of the oil, gas and petrochemical industries. Within these industries, Qa³ is recognised internationally as a leading authority on mercury and has conducted mercury surveys at facilities in many countries throughout the world.

Through their experience and expertise, Qa³ chemists have gained a unique insight into the mercury concentrations observed in oil and gas production and the routes by which this mercury may be emitted to the environment. The Qa³ team consult with clients about minimising environmental releases and, to expand awareness, actively promote discussion around mercury issues within the industry via client reports, industry publications and attendance at international conferences. Indeed, members of the Qa³ team have attended the last four ICMGP international conferences and presented at the last three. Additionally, most recently, the team have provided assistance to the GMP with compilation of the draft study report on mercury from oil and gas.

Qa³ is very open to sharing our knowledge and vast practical experience of mercury within the oil and gas industry with the ultimate goal of protecting human health and the global environment from the release of mercury to air, water and land and would therefore welcome the opportunity to participate in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership meetings

In submitting this letter to you with the accompanying registration form, we put ourselves forward to be considered as a member of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

We look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Baker', written over a white background.

Stuart Baker
Analytical Consultant



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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 releases from coal combustion

Mercury cell chlor-alkali production

Mercury waste management

Mercury air transport and fate research

Mercury supply and storage

Mercury in products

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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