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Transmitted via email to: lead-cadmiumchemicals@un.org and noleadinpaint@who.int

Re: Partner Application for Lead Paint Alliance

To Whom It May Concern:

ASTM International is pleased to submit this letter of application to be a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Partner of the Lead Paint Alliance. A tobacco/arms disclosure statement is attached. ASTM International, which has been granted Consultative Status under the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), will adhere to the principles of the WHO Framework for Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA).

ASTM International is a global leader in the development of voluntary consensus technical standards across 90 industry sectors. Several ASTM International standards – developed and maintained by ASTM Committee D01 on Paint and Related Coatings, Materials, and Applications and ASTM Committee D22 on Air Quality – are included in the Lead Paint Alliance Model Law.

The additional contributions ASTM International would like to make to the work of the Lead Paint Alliance are described below:

- Host and co-produce a free webinar for interested stakeholders in Africa about standard methods for testing for lead in paint. This event is being developed for delivery on 21 September 2022.
- Host and co-produce a free webinar for interested stakeholders in Latin America and the Caribbean about standard methods for testing for lead in paint. This event is being developed for delivery on 29 September 2022.

The objectives of each webinar include providing:

- an overview of the importance of internationally accepted standards and the role of standards bodies
- an overview of the lifecycle of the sampling process including choosing a good laboratory, best practices, and determining proper methods
- technical information on sample preparation and testing methods for lead in new paint
- opportunities to ask questions of technical experts about specific methods.

As ASTM standards continue to be relevant in this area, ASTM would be open to dialogue on developing and delivering additional standards and technical training/capacity building events and programs in support of the Alliance. In addition, ASTM technical committees – including Committee D01 on Paint and Related Coatings, Materials, and Applications and Committee D22 on Air Quality – are open to participation by any interested stakeholder.

I understand that this letter of intent is not legally binding and that a copy of this letter of commitment and the name of ASTM International will be publicly listed on the Lead Paint Alliance website.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Tobacco/Arms Disclosure Statement

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TOBACCO /ARMS RELATED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR NONSTATE ACTORS

Pursuant the WHO Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors, WHO does not engage with the tobacco industry or non-State actors that work to further the interests of the tobacco industry. WHO also does not engage with the arms industry.

For the purposes of this statement:

- tobacco industry means any entity involved in the manufacture, sale or distribution of tobacco and related products, and any affiliate of such entity; and

- arms industry means any entity involved in the manufacture, sale or distribution of arms, and any affiliate of such entity.

This disclosure statement needs to be provided by any nongovernmental organization, private sector entity, philanthropic foundation and academic institution prior to engaging with WHO.

In view of the foregoing, please answer the following questions:

1. Is your entity, or was your entity over the last four years, part of the tobacco or arms industries (as defined above)? Yes| | No|X| Unable to answer | |

2. To the best of your entity's knowledge, is your entity, or has your entity over the last four years, engaged in activities that are aimed at furthering or supporting the interests of the tobacco industry? This includes, but is not limited to, supply contracts, contract work, services and lobbying. Yes| | No|X| Unable to answer | |

3. To the best of your entity's knowledge, does your entity currently, or did your entity over the last four years, have any other association or relationship with the tobacco industry (as defined above). This includes in particular investment interests (other than general mutual funds or similar arrangements whereby your entity has no control over the selection of the investments), commercial business interests, the provision or receipt of financial and/or other support. Yes| | No|X| Unable to answer | |