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Sir, Madame,

I am writing on behalf of "**i d m**" - the International Dental Manufacturers' Association requesting membership of the UNEP Mercury Partnership. **i d m** is a global organization of regional dental associations which together represent the interests of more than 4 000 small and medium sized manufacturers. Our members include manufacturers of dental restorative materials such as mercury containing amalgam and amalgam separators for use on the waste outlets of dental surgeries. **i d m** members can contribute to the UNEP-GMP goals in two ways:

1. Retain amalgam as a proven and affordable restorative material.
Encourage research to develop an alternative to amalgam as a dental restorative material which will protect human health and over time, phase down the release of amalgam into the environment.
2. Supply a range of equipment compliant with *ISO 11143* Amalgam Separators to capture the amalgam waste and thus prevent mercury release to waterways and landfill.
3. **i d m** will also be actively encouraging it's members to engage with their domestic waste management companies to ensure the captured amalgam waste is handled according to UNEP guidelines.

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Amalgam will continue to be released from the mouth for many years to come as it was a popular material in the era of the baby boomer, and as adults they are still dentate and have amalgams removed for a variety of reasons. **idm** will **idm** has a well-established relationship with **f d i** - the World Dental Federation, and is working with **f d i** to promote the goals of the UNEP to the dental community.

idm joining the UNEP-GMP would add another important stakeholder to the existing partners and will assist in achieving the UNEP goals of protecting human health and the global environment.

Sincerely,



Pam Clark
idm President

Copy: **f d i** Dr. Julian Fisher, *Associate Director, Science & Professional Affairs*
idm Board and Member Associations

UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM*

PARTNERSHIP AREA

Please check partnership areas that 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

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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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- Government
- Regional economic integration organization
- Non-government Organization
- Industry
- Scientific community
- Other, please specify: _____

*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:

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