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Dear Global Mercury Partnership,

Transparence is a company promoting transparent and ethical supply chains from mine to consumer in the luxury jewellery value chain. Our customers are luxury brands, retailers and end consumers, who wish to buy responsibly.

Transparence is proud to be the first industry partner in the United Nations Environment Programme Global Mercury Partnership, supporting the GMP's overall goal to protect human health and our environment from the release of mercury to air, water and land. We seek to collaborate in order to develop solutions in Artisanal Gold Mining, which are scalable and have meaningful impact to deliver sustainable development in the mining communities. Our engagement goes beyond ending the use of mercury in ASM. We see the opportunity to also reduce conflict, reduce child labour, improve productivity and thus alleviate poverty in the mineral rich countries.

Transparence supports this goal, through its sourcing strategy for ethical gold /clean gold from the artisanal, small and medium scale mining sector. We actively promote these gold sources among leading brands, jewellers and designers in Europe, because we understand that we need the demand from many to drive the change we are looking for.


We are committed to encourage the development and adoption of mercury- free technology in ASM gold mining and push for technological innovation in small and medium scale mining, to empower mining communities so that they can protect and conserve better their environment and health and develop more fulfilling livelihoods.

We are actively supporting the development of our supplying producer groups, so they can adopt a business model that transforms artisanal mining from a poverty driven activity to an enabling economic activity which drives sustainable development and creates social welfare through economic growth and social stability.

We consider it our moral obligation to help communities maximise the benefits of their mineral resources and minimise the harm of mining on their health and our environment.

This is an integral part of our value proposition to our customers.

Veerle van Wauwe



Founding Director
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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

Partnership Area	<p>Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> artisanal and small scale gold mining <input type="checkbox"/> mercury cell chlor alkali production <input type="checkbox"/> mercury air transport and fate research <input type="checkbox"/> mercury in products <input type="checkbox"/> mercury releases from coal combustion <input type="checkbox"/> mercury waste management </p> <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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* 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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