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The Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: DEVELOPMENT OF ARTISANAL AND SMALL SCALE GOLD MINING NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR SWAZILAND

At its sixth session held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 3 to 7 November 2014, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Mercury requested the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to revise the eligibility criteria for providing financial support to developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to include even countries that have not yet signed the Convention but are taking meaningful steps towards signing and ratifying this treaty.

In accordance with the Global Environment Facility eligibility criteria, Swaziland hereby confirms that it is taking meaningful steps towards accession and implementation of this Convention.

In line with Article 7, paragraph 3 of the Convention text, Swaziland also confirms that there is more than insignificant Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) in its territory. Therefore Swaziland hereby expresses its interest in being part of the above-mentioned project.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration of this request.

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