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17th November, 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

Notification that artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing is more than insignificant within Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone hereby notifies the interim secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury that artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing in which mercury amalgamation is used to extract gold from ore is more than insignificant within its territory.

Yours faithfully,

Alie Dukuray Jalloh
SAICM National Focal Point



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Subject: Endorsement for the Development of Minamata Initial Assessment and National Action Plan in Sierra Leone


In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Sierra Leone, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with my government's national priorities and our commitment to the relevant global environmental conventions; and (b) was discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points.

I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the GEF Agency(ies) listed below. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Environment Protection Agency of Sierra Leone. I request the GEF Agency(ies) to provide a copy of the project document before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

The total financing (from GEFTF, LDCF, or SCCF) being requested for this project is US\$766,500, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and Agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for Sierra Leone is detailed in the table below.

Source of Funds	GEF Agency	Focal Area	Amount (in US\$)			
			Project Preparation	Project	Fee	Total
GEFTF	UNEP	Chemicals and Wastes	0	700,000	66,500	766,500
Total GEF Resources			0	700,000	66,500	766,500

Sincerely,


Mr. Abdul Bakarr Salim
Operational Focal Point
Assistant Deputy Director Climate Secretariat

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