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We strongly believe that mercury releases elimination in the ASM sector is a priority but perceive also that the sector needs recognition, visibility and capacity building in order to achieve this ambitious objective. Our company is involved in industrial projects promoting zero mercury technologies for ASM mineral processing. Being part of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership would allow us to share our expertise in the ASM gold supply chain and collaborate with other partners to propose innovative ways to achieve mercury releases drastic reduction.

Let us know if you need any additional information in support of our application. We look forward to working in the partnership.

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