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Q1 INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

Name of the party **SOUTH AFRICA**

Q2 Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited **Date** **29/04/2019**

Q3 Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party **-**

Q4 INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT

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Q5 INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTACT OFFICER SUBMITTING THE REPORTING FORMAT IF DIFFERENT FROM THE ABOVE **-**

Q6 DATE THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED **Date** **19/12/2019**

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Q7 1. Does the party have any primary mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party? (Para. 3.) **No**

Q8 c. If yes, please indicate Total amount mined _____ metric tons per year -

Q9 Additional information on this question if needed -

Q10 3. Has the party endeavoured to identify individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons and sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year that are located within its territory? (Para. 5.) **Yes**

Q11 If the party answered Yes to Question 3 above: i. Please attach the results of your endeavour or indicate where it is available on the internet, unless unchanged from a previous reporting round. -

Q12 ii. Supplemental: Please provide any related information, for example on the use or disposal of mercury from such stock and sources.

Kindly note that South Africa is finalizing the MIA project which has the inventory component in line with the requirements of guidelines of the sources, releases and emissions possible of mercury and also an additional or augmented inventory that South African stakeholders indicated that it needed to be done during the launch of the MIA. Currently the two reports are being merged and will be validated in the beginning of 2020 and subsequently transmitted to the Secretariat.

Q13 5. Has the party received consent, or relied on a general notification of consent, in accordance with article 3, including any required certification from importing non-parties, for all exports of mercury from the party's territory in the reporting period? (Para. 6, para. 7.) **Yes, exports to parties**

Q14 If yes, a. and the party has submitted copies of the consent forms to the secretariat, then no further information is needed. If the party has not previously provided such copies, it is recommended that it do so. Otherwise, please provide other suitable information showing that the relevant requirements of paragraph 6 of article 3 have been met. Supplemental: please provide information on the use of the exported mercury.

Kindly note that this notification came in under the Rotterdam Convention; yet it is only listed as a pesticide under the Rotterdam Convention. We have advised the client to resend this notification under the Minamata as Rotterdam Convention has only listed this chemical as a pesticide.

Q15 Kindly attach all relevant information here

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Q16 b. If exports were based on a general notification in accordance with article 3, paragraph 7, please indicate, if available, the total amount exported and any relevant terms or conditions in the general notification related to use. -

Q17 Kindly attach any relevant information here -

Q18 Part E. As per agreed reporting format, Parties are invited to provide additional comments on this article in free text. Kindly use the box below.

As the Technical Focal point I have not yet received any request for exports from the industry. South Africa shall continue to advocate for companies to send any relevant requests to the Technical Focal Point.

Q19 2. Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party's territory? **Yes**

Q20 If yes, if the information is available, how much waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds has been subjected to final disposal under the reporting period? Please specify the method of the final disposal operation/operations.

Currently there is no law that requires companies to mandatory report on mercury final disposal but voluntary reporting. South Africa shall envisage to make such reporting mandatory for this country report purposes.

Q21 Kindly attach any additional relevant information here -

Q22 Part E. As per agreed reporting format, Parties are invited to provide additional comments on this article in free text. Kindly use the box below.

There are various facilities even those that deal with CFLs they recover the mercury and send it to relevant disposal facilities. As the Technical Focal point I have not yet received any request for exports from the industry. South Africa shall continue to advocate for companies to send any relevant requests to the Technical Focal Point.

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Q23 Part C. Comments regarding possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention (Art. 21, para. 1)

The stakeholders are very concerned about the possible financial implications of technology needed to retrofit for reducing emissions when there is no assurance that indeed all the needed money for such will be available.

Q24 Part D. Comments regarding the reporting format and possible improvements, if any

There needs to be a section on mercury added products too as countries are required to undertake a minimum of 2 measures, but more since COP3.

Q25 Additional information to supplement that request -
may be attached
