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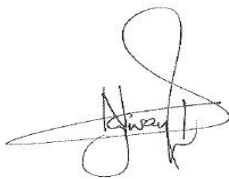
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Subject: Notification that Artisanal Small-Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) is more than insignificant in South Africa and the intention to develop the National Action Plan (NAP).

South Africa is a Party to the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The country has numerous gold mines, including abandoned and closed ones. It undertook the Minamata Initial Assessment (MIA), which determined that ASGM is more than insignificant in the country, whereby mercury amalgamation is used to extract gold from ore. In accordance with Article 7, paragraph 3 of the Convention, South Africa hereby informs the Secretariat that ASGM in the country is more than insignificant. The country would also like to develop the NAP in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,



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