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Governing Council Decision 23/91V on mercury programme

Dear Sir or Madam,

With reference to your letter dated 16 March 2006, please find enclosed information from Norway related to supply, trade and demand for mercury.

Please apologize for exceeding the deadline for submission of information.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosure: Information on supply, trade and demand for mercury in Norway

Governing Council Decision 23/9 IV on mercury programme

SUBMISSION OF SUPPLY, TRADE AND DEMAND INFORMATION - NORWAY

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1. SUPPLY OF MERCURY

- Production: There is no production of mercury in Norway
- Recovered mercury from refining of natural gas: No such recovery takes place.
- Mercury recovered from spent products etc.: There is no recovery of mercury from spent products in Norway. Such products have to be treated as hazardous waste when taken out of use.
- Mercury in governments reserve stocks: No government reserve stocks of mercury exists in Norway
- Mercury recovered from chlor-alkali plants: Not relevant, all chlor-alkali plants have converted to mercury free technology, the last cells were shut down in 1997.

2. TRADE IN MERCURY

Additional information

- Producers and importers of hazardous chemicals are obliged to report to the Norwegian Productregister, i.e. mercury and all mercury containing chemicals has to be reported to the Productregister, information on product type and business/branch where the chemical is to be used has to be provided. However, this obligation does not apply to importers of articles containing mercury. On the other hand, mercury is a substance which is nationally prioritised, and the objective is to achieve a substantial reduction within 2010. Accordingly statistics on total national consumption and release of mercury are worked out on a yearly basis, based on trade statistics, information from industry and business etc. together with information from the Productregister.

3. DEMAND FOR MERCURY

- Batteries

There is no domestic production and no export of mercury containing batteries from Norway. Use of imported mercury containing batteries corresponded to a consumption of 5 kg mercury/year in 2003.

- Fluorescent, HID and other lamps containing mercury

There is no domestic production or export of mercury containing lamps. Use of imported mercury containing lamps gave a consumption of 160 kg mercury/year in 2003. Further 5 kg mercury was found in electrical components used in 2003.

- Other mercury containing products

Domestic consumption of mercury for dental use was 139 kg in 2003

Consumption in measuring devices other than thermometers was 40 kg in 2003

Mercury in laboratory chemicals: 30 kg in 2003.

- Mercury based chlor-alkali facilities

Not relevant as all Norwegian chlor-alkali plants have converted to mercury free technology

- Other facilities using mercury or a mercury compound as a catalyst

Not relevant, no such facilities are known.

4. ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE GOLD MINING (ASM)

Small scale gold mining activities using mercury does not occur in Norway.