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Subject : Mercury Programme

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Dear Sir,

Considering supply, trade and demand information for mercury program, the comments of General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration (MTA) are enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

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General Director

Enc: Supply, trade and demand information (2pages)

SUBMISSION OF SUPPLY, TRADE AND DEMAND INFORMATION

Background

*Name of the country and the organization

Republic of Turkey, General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration General Directorate

*Timeframe and units for the data

There is no available information.

SUPPLY OF MERCURY

*There is no available information about production of primary mercury, recovered mercury from refining of natural gas, mercury recovered from spent products, catalysts etc.

*Mercury in government reserve stocks or inventories:

Mercury reserves of Turkey are found in the following regions:

Bahkesir, İzmir, Manisa and Konya. The estimated amount of the total reserve in Turkey is about 9,100 tonnes.

*Other stocks or sources of mercury, such as mercury recovered from a chlor-alkali factory that has closed or converted to a mercury -free process:

In Turkey there was three facilities namely, Etibank Halıköy Facility, Konya Sızma-Sarayönü Mercury Facility and Uşak-Banaz Mercury Facility. Uşak-Banaz Mercury Facility has closed and mercury production was finished in 1980. Konya-Sızma Mercury Facility was closed in 1989 and Halıköy Mercury Facility continued mercury production activities until 1990. In 1990 Halıköy Mercury Facility was also closed.

Today, in Turkey there is no any active mercury facility or mining activities.

*Are there national systems in place to collect and periodically publish data such as those above on mercury supply, and if so, how complete are the data?

There is no any known system.

DEMAND FOR MERCURY

*Production of mercury containing batteries-annual domestic production and use and export:

According to the data obtained from Prime Ministry Turkish Statistical Institute, there is not any relevant figures about import and export of mercury.

*Fluorescent, high-intensity discharge etc.-annual domestic production, domestic consumption, export and import:

There is no available information.

*Any other mercury containing products (especially mercury for dental use, thermometers, barometers etc.) annual domestic production, domestic consumption, export and import:

There is no available information since the information required is not related with the interest of General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration.

*Mercury based chlor-alkali facilities-annual mercury demand,number of facilities:
There is no available information.

*Any facilities(such as for production of vinyl chloride monomer) that use mercury or a mercury compound as a catalyst, and total yearly demand for mercury:
There is no available information

ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE GOLD MINING (ASM)

*Do artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASM) activities using mercury occur in your country?
There is no available information.

*Any views or suggestions on measures that could be implemented at national or global level to better understand this mercury trade, and to take steps to reduce the potential health effects of mercury on ASM miners, their families and communities?
No suggestion since lack of information.