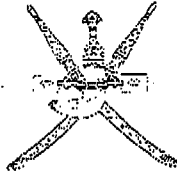


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Date: 8/2/2010

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After Compliments,

Subject: Information Request on National Activities  
Related to Mercury.

With reference to your letter number: DTIE/PMB/Mercury dated 9/12/2009 regarding the abovementioned subject.

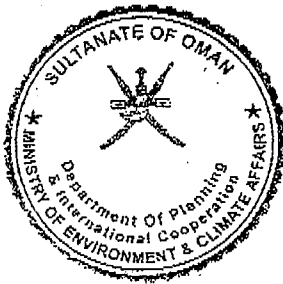
It gives me great honor to inform you that a national team was formed involving various competent authorities in the Sultanate of Oman to collect information and data about the sources and uses of mercury, as well as preliminary inventory by using the guidance and documents provided by United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).


We will provide you with the reports after the completion of data collection which is expected in the second half of this year.

In the area of public awareness, we have published some information regarding the risks of mercury to the environment and human health and the suitable alternatives thereof. We prepared a bulletin about mercury to be distributed among the different categories in the society. Also, a number of lectures have been delivered about mercury and its risks.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Sincerely,



  
Zuhaira Ali Dawood  
Director of Planning  
And International Co-operation

**Annex C – Work-plan**

Activities	Timeline
1. Initiate work	By signature of this agreement, 18 December
2. Develop work-plans and an outline of the report according to List of Tasks (Annex A).	December 2009
3. Consultations with relevant experts (IEA CCC and national experts)	Continually as appropriate
4. MEP to complete collection of information on coal, power plants and other related data	28 February 2010
5. MEP to have the first draft overview of information on Project activity 2, see Annex A	15 March 2010
6. Review of the information (consultation with IEA CCC and national experts)	1 May 2010
7. Compilation of comments and revised draft	15 May 2010
10. MEP submit draft technical report for Activity 2 (incl. information from part 1 of the project)	15 May 2010
11. Information seminar presenting Activity 1 and 2 results	30 October 2010
12 MEP submits final technical report	30 October 2010
12. MEP submits final certified financial statement	30 November 2010