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**MID-TERM REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROJECT « REDUCING MERCURY-
ADDED PRODUCTS AND PROMOTING IMPROVED MANAGEMENT OF MERCURY-
ADDED PRODUCT WASTE IN BURKINA FASO.**

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INTRODUCTION

The Burkina Faso has received financial support from the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the country has pledged to carry out activities contributing to the environmentally sound management of mercury through the project reducing mercury-added products and promoting improved management of mercury-added product waste in Burkina Faso. The objective of this project is to raise awareness to reduce the use of mercury-containing products and to promote the environmentally sound management of release of these end of life products.

The mid –term of report is as follows:

I. THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED

1. Writing a note to the Minister's attention

A note has been prepared to the attention of the Minister of Environment to provide information relating to the project “reducing mercury-added products and promoting improved management of mercury-added product waste in Burkina Faso”.

2. Conducting the Inception workshop on the project « reducing mercury-added products and promoting improved management of mercury-added product waste in Burkina Faso”.

This activity took place from 20 to 21 April 2015 at the Hotel des Ouagadougou Conference and was attended by forty participants from ministerial institutions, associations and non-governmental organizations involved in the mercury problem as well as the representative of UNEP, Dr Desirée NARVAEZ.

3. Transmitting the report of the project launch workshop.

At the end of the workshop, a written report was finalized and sent to the participants at the inception workshop. Then it was translated into English and sent to Dr. Desirée NARVAEZ, in early May.

4.Establishing the project team responsible for conducting activities

To carry out the project activities, a team was set up during May on memo from General Director of the Preservation of the Environment and Sustainable Development. The team consists of a coordinator, a supervisor, a technical assistant, a financial manager, a secretary and a liaison officer (see annex 1).

5.Preparation of terms of reference for the studies

For the realization of various studies, terms of reference were developed. These terms of reference provide the context and rationale for the study, specify objectives, tasks and obligations of the consultant and the expected products.

6. Recruitment consultants

In July, the Director General of the Preservation of the Environment and Sustainable Development who is the project coordinator, conducted the identification of consultants to carry out studies based on the experience and skills of selected consultants. These consultants are:

M. PARE Samuel for the survey on the trade in mercury-added products as well as waste management practices regarding end-of-life mercury-added products; Consultations on import controls for mercury-added products, promotion of alternatives and environmentally sound management of end-of-life mercury-added products.

M. TIENDREBEOGO Mahamoudou: Development of brochures for Awareness-raising activities on the hazards and risks of mercury.

M. TRAORE Abou: Development of training materials for training activities on the environmentally sound management of end-of-life mercury-added products.

7. Drafting of contracts for consultants

Consulting contracts have been developed by the project team for the chosen consultants, running August.

8. Amendment of consultants and signing of contracts

In early September, contracts were signed between the General Directorate for the Preservation of the Environment and Sustainable Development, structure housing the project and various consultants

9. Scoping Meeting with consultants

Held September 10, 2015, this meeting was to review, amend and validate the terms of reference for studies and consultants to validate the work methodologies and gather the concerns about the task entrusted to them.

10. Completion of the studies

Since September, the studies are in progress.

II. THE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES

The difficulties are political, related to the instability of the country. This has led to malfunctions at the administrative level. This has affected the implementation of the project. With the return of stability, we will strive to accelerate the implementation of the project to completion in a timely manner.

III. PROSPECTS

As prospects in the implementation of the project, there is the validation of study results which will probably be in late April. Then we will conduct outreach to stakeholders in the three regions and the training of competent authorities on the environmentally sound management of waste mercury-containing products throughout their life cycle as well as the organization of sessions advocacy with decision makers.

Annex 1: Note on the implementation of the project team

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Note de service

Dans le cadre de la mise en œuvre du projet « réduction de l'utilisation des matériels contenant du mercure et gestion des déchets de ces produits au Burkina Faso » il est mis en place une équipe pour conduire les activités dudit projet.

L'équipe se compose ainsi qu'il suit :

Coordonnateur national du projet : YAMEOGO Nonguema Désiré

Assistante technique : KIENDREBEOGO/ZABRE Honorine

Responsable financier : BADO/OUANDAOGO Sombé- Wendé Judith

Secrétaire : ROUAMBA Béatrice

Agent de liaison : PARE Moustapha

L'équipe du projet pourra faire appel à toute personne en cas de besoins.


Nonguema Désiré YAMEOGO