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Side Event
at the Sixth Intergovernmental Negotiation
Committee meeting of The Minamata Convention
on Mercury

**“Preliminary Dialogue on Mercury
Trade in Southeast Asia: Mercury
Trade Control under the Minamata
Convention”**

Thursday, 6 November 2013

Time: 13:15 – 14:45

Venue: Meeting Room F
UNCC Building, Bangkok

ABOUT THE SIDE EVENT

A preliminary study on mercury trade in the ASGM sector conducted in Indonesia and the Philippines in 2012 by BaliFokus and BAN Toxics revealed that mercury enters both countries through legal and illegal channels.

The study showed that both countries' export-import data and export misdeclarations, among others, resulted in discrepancies with the data released by international trade database such as the UN Comtrade and Global Trade Information System (GTIS).

Improve government coordination, data recording and timely reporting of trade data, and on the ground assessments are some of the essentials for a reliable and accurate mercury trade assessment. As countries gear up for the ratification and eventual implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, a regional dialogue and coordination among mercury exporting and importing nations is needed.

As part of the regional effort in supporting the early ratification and implementation of the Minamata Convention, BaliFokus of Indonesia, BAN Toxics of the Philippines, with support from IPEN and the Zero Mercury Working Group, would like to invite all interested delegates to attend a preliminary dialogue on mercury trade in the Southeast Asian region.

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Preliminary Program
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| Time | Program |
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| 13:15 – 13:25 | Registration & Lunch |
| | A light lunch will be served to the participants (outside of the room) |
| 13:25 – 13:45 | Opening of the event |
| | Global context of mercury trade by Minamata Convention Interim Secretariat |
| | Southeast Asia context: Indonesia and the Philippines by Yuyun Ismawati, BaliFokus and Richard Gutierrez, Ban Toxics! |
| 13:45 – 14:30 | <p>Panel discussion moderated by Richard Gutierrez, Ban Toxics!:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indonesia delegate, Yunik Kuncaraning, Head of sub Division for Evaluation of Hazardous Substances, Deputy Minister for Hazardous Substances Ministry of Environment of Indonesia 2. Philippines, Department of Environment and Natural Resources 3. Singapore, International Policy Division, Ministry of the Environment and Waste Resources 4. European Union, DG Environment European Union 5. China delegate, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Environmental Protection 6. United States, Air Pollution and Chemicals Office of Environmental Policy Division, US Department of State 7. IPEN, Lee Bell, Senior Policy Advisor for Mercury 8. Natural Resources Defense Council/ZMWG, David Lennett |
| 14:30 – 14:40 | Wrap up and possible next steps |
| 14:45 | Closing remarks |

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