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Head of Unit

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Dear Madam/Sir,

**Subject: Stakeholder Consultation Workshop – Study on the potential for reducing mercury pollution from dental amalgam and batteries – Brussels, 26/3/2012**

The European Commission is currently reviewing in further detail the issue of mercury pollution from dental amalgam and button cell batteries, two important remaining uses of mercury in the EU. The need for this work has been identified in the recent review of the Community Strategy Concerning Mercury ([COM/2010/723final](#)) and endorsed by the 3075th Environment Council in its [14 March 2011 Conclusions](#).

[Bio Intelligence Service](#), a consultancy firm based in France, assists the Commission in this task within a service contract signed in May 2011 and expected to finish by May 2012.

The Commission is organising a stakeholder meeting in Brussels where the contractor will present the draft report. Interested parties are invited to attend. Feedback provided either during the meeting or in writing will be discussed and, to the extent possible, incorporated into the final version. The report will be finalised by May 2012 and the Commission will use this as a basis for potential further steps.

I have the pleasure to invite experts to the stakeholder meeting which will take place on:

26 March 2012

at the

European Commission Charlemagne building  
(Rue de la Loi 170, B-1000 Brussels, Sicco Mansholt Room)

The meeting will start at 09:00 and we will aim to finish by 16:30. All presentations will be in English and no interpretation has been foreseen. Please be aware that travel expenses will not be reimbursed.

**May I kindly ask you to return the attached registration form before 16 March 2012.**

I attach a draft agenda. An electronic copy of the draft final report will be made available the second week of March. For any further information, please contact Pavlos Mouratidis (tel. +32-2-295.1938, e-mail [Pavlos.Mouratidis@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Pavlos.Mouratidis@ec.europa.eu)).

I look forward to meeting you in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,

*signed*

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