

**NOTIFICATION
ON
ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE GOLDMINING AND
PROCESSING WITHIN SURINAME**

The Republic of Suriname hereby notifies the Secretariat to the Minamata Convention that, pursuant to article 7, paragraph 3 of this Convention, it has determined that it has artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing in which mercury amalgamation is used to extract gold from ore within its territory that is more than insignificant.

This determination was made taking into account the following national circumstances:

- The number of persons directly or indirectly earning income in this sector (\pm 30,000);
- The contribution of this sector to the GDP of Suriname. (Suriname National Development Plan 2017-2021).