

15<sup>th</sup> of June 2007

**QUESTIONNAIRE for the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Committee on Contaminated Land**

Sweden will host the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Committee on Contaminated Land (formerly the Ad Hoc International Working Group on Contaminated Land). *We are pleased to welcome you to Stockholm on the 10<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> of September 2007!*

In order to make the meeting as interesting as possible we would like to compile information from different countries in some specific areas. The aim of this questionnaire is to collect an overview of existing or upcoming strategies and systems dealing with the following topics:

- *How to reach remediation objectives?*
- *How to keep track of information on contamination?*
- *How to secure remediation results and costs?*

Further, the answers of the questionnaire are meant to constitute basis for presentations at the ICCL meeting. Please let us know if you are interested in giving a speech on one of the topics.

We would be grateful if you would take time to fill in this questionnaire (appendix 1). It will take approximately 10-15 minutes. The more participation the more we can learn from each other.

Thank you for your contribution!

Best regards

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*If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!*

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organisation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Definition:** Below, the expression “information on contamination” is used in the meaning of information about inventories and/or investigations of contaminated sites, types of contaminants, contamination levels, amounts, redevelopment of contaminated sites etc.

1. *How is the responsibility of contaminated sites regulated in your country?*

- By environmental legislation
- Agreements between the problem owners and authorities
- In civil process in court
- By law of torts
- Else, namely (*please shortly describe*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. *Are remediation objectives for remediation projects applied in your country?*

- Yes
- No

*If yes, please shortly describe the strategy:* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

3. *What is the starting point of working out remediation objectives in your country?*

- A risk assessment
- Generic guidelines
- Site specific guidelines
- Else, namely (*please shortly describe*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

4. *Does your country have a system for following up of remediation objectives?*

- Yes
- No

*If yes, please shortly describe the follow up system/s:* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

5. *Is existing information on contamination available for the public of the country?*

Yes, the information is publicly available. *(Please mark how):*

- Real estate register
- Contamination register/soil register
- Internet
- Else, namely *(please describe shortly):*

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Yes, but only on request

No, it is not publicly available

6. *How does your country guarantee information on contamination is maintained for the future and used in a relevant way? (Many options may apply):*

- The information is stored in a digital land register or corresponding, exclusively containing information on contamination.
- The information is stored along with other relevant information about the estate.
- The information is maintained by the authorities, for example in an archive.
- The information on contamination is handled together with physical planning.
- The issue of contamination situation is handled along with building permit.
- In connection to real estate transactions there are demands for information transference.
- Else, namely *(please describe shortly):* \_\_\_\_\_

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Today the country has no established system for keeping information on contamination for future knowledge and use.

7. *How can someone responsible for contamination take his/her responsibility in your country?*

- Compensate the state or the damaged for the remediation costs.
- Carry out remediation measures to restore the soil, water etc.
- Compensate for remediation costs or carrying out remediation measures, both alternatives are relevant.
- Else, namely *(please describe shortly):*

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8. *How is your country assuring remediation costs are not unreasonably high?*  
Please describe the course of action: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. *Are governmental subsidies available for remediation measures?*

- Yes, without exception.  
 Yes, under certain circumstances, namely: \_\_\_\_\_

No

10. *To what extent are costs for remediation actions in the country covered by governmental means?*

- >50 %  
 ~50 %  
 <50 %

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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11. *Are insurances, or corresponding, available for polluters to finance remediation measures?*

- Yes, governmental.  
 Yes, private.  
 No

*If yes, what are the insurances covering?*

- Only valid for contaminants added after the insurance was signed.  
 Only valid for contaminants originating before the insurance was signed.  
 Valid for contaminants originating both before and after signing the insurance .

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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12. *Is there a possibility to demand potentially polluting activities to establish financial security for possible future contamination, for example in connection to permit applications?*

- Yes  
 No

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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13. *Are financial securities used in connection to real estate transactions to assure remediation measures on contamination?*

- Yes  
 No

14. Can the actual authority request remediation measures/investigations at any stage (in time)?

- Yes, also during on going activity.
- Yes, but excluding in connection to activity closure.
- Else, namely (*please describe*): \_\_\_\_\_

15. Is there a possibility for the polluter to receive a governmental loan to finance remediation measures?

- Yes, it is currently occurring.
- Yes, but it is rare.
- No

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*In case of complementary questions, can we please come back to you by email or telephone?*

- Yes, by email: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Yes, by telephone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other contact person corresponding information: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for taking your time to fill in the questionnaire!**

We would appreciate your answer before the **15<sup>th</sup> of August 2007**. Kindly return by e-mail, fax or post to:

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