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### **Pollution Control and Prevention in Afghanistan National Stakeholder Workshop for Public and Private Sector Counterparts**

**Kabul, Afghanistan** – On Tuesday 3 October NEPA in association with UNEP will be holding a stakeholder workshop to develop a collaborative approach to the management and control of hazardous chemicals and pollution in Kabul. The aim of this next step in UNEP's capacity building programme is to develop public and private partnerships with small and medium scale enterprises developing in Afghanistan. To date a number of industrial parks are being proposed with an array of industry being encouraged to co-locate in these facilities. To address the most polluting industries NEPA will be proposing to undertake points source polluter surveys in facilities. This process relies on a joint approach across Government agencies including the Ministries of Trade, Mines and Industries, the Customs Department, and others. The work will be undertaken in collaboration with private sector companies.

To support this programme of work UNEP, in coordination with NEPA, held 2 capacity building training workshops with reference to pollution control and prevention. The first training workshop was held on 19 September 2006 and the second training workshop was held on 27 September 2006. The workshops were attended by 18-25 representatives from the relevant divisions of NEPA. The objective of the first training workshop was to introduce steps how to conduct a walkthrough and environmental audit in industrial facilities as well as steps and requirements of inventory analysis for assessment of raw materials and waste streams in the factories. The second training workshop was focused on classification of hazardous waste streams according to the guidelines of the Basel convention and the UN hazard classification system (UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, UNTRDG). The aim of the second training workshop was to introduce how to utilize the hazardous waste streams listing of the Basel convention in determining hazardous chemical waste streams in the most polluting industries in Afghanistan.

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