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**Sixty-four Civil Society Organizations worldwide
call for Envista to exit manufacturing amalgam**

Dear Mr. Huennekens:

Virtually isolated among major dental products companies, Envista is one of only two publicly traded companies in the world still manufacturing dental amalgam, a toxic product (50% mercury) whose use is not allowed for children in almost 40 nations, of which a dozen have phased out amalgam entirely or set a definitive end date to do so. In your nation, fully 500 days ago, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) called for the end of amalgam use in children, in young women, and in patients with kidney, neurological, or metal sensitivity issues – effectively, one-third or more of all consumers.

Envista's chief U.S. rival Dentsply Sirona prudently exited immediately after that FDA decision. If your plan is to corner the market on this toxic device by annexing Dentsply's market share, it could be a penny-wise and pound-foolish decision because potential reputational harm could affect overall sales. Envista issued a sustainability report congratulating itself about its environmental record – hiding the fact that Envista continues to manufacture this barbaric relic of the 19th century.

As the rich countries move to phase out amalgam, we are alarmed that companies like yours continue manufacturing – lest you shift focus on dumping this mercury product into markets in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Dental mercury is a black-marketed product – it being able to clear customs – to the gold fields of the Amazon, of Southeast Asia, and of West Africa. Such mercury in gold mining communities is wreaking havoc on humans and on all living things. Here is your opportunity to make the world a better place via 21st century dentistry (i.e., mercury-free dentistry).

With annual sales of more than two billion U.S. dollars, and now manufacturing other filling materials and all manner of dental supplies, Envista could rapidly exit amalgam. We Civil Society Organizations call on Envista to cease manufacturing this toxic device immediately and to cease sales 90 days hence. The contact point to reply to this letter is Charles Brown, Consumers for Dental Choice, 316 F St., N.E., Suite 210, Washington DC 20002 USA; email charlie@mercury-free.org; telephone 202.544.6333.

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