
Implementation of “BABS” in the Aloe industry

(South African Bioprospecting, Access and Benefit-Sharing Regulatory Framework)

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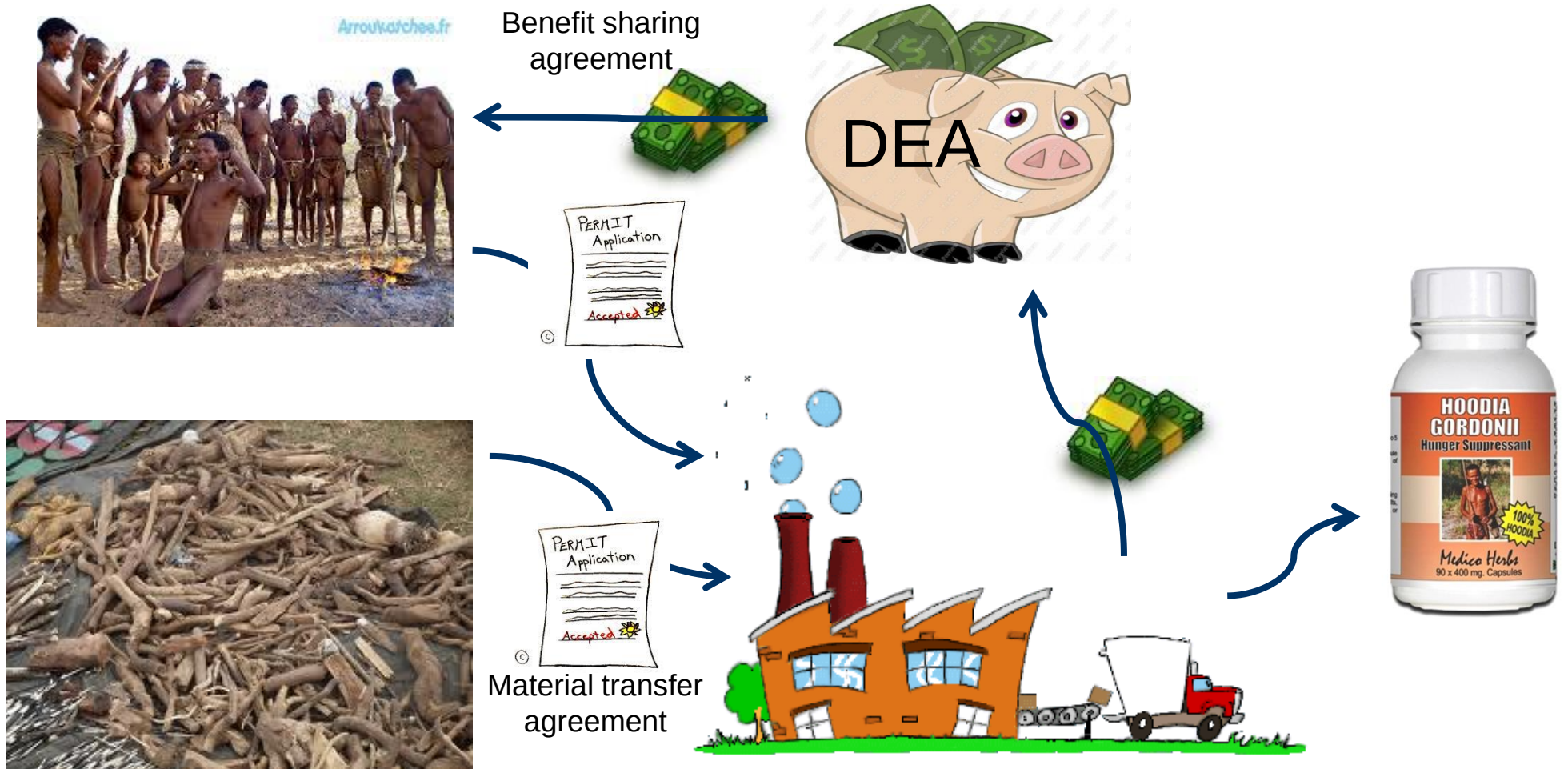
Ensure “sustainable use of biological resources and fair and equitable benefit sharing among stakeholders” – Minister Molewa



- Facilitate sustainable use of biological resources
- Protect the collective intellectual property of indigenous people
- Unlock the economic value of communal land for indigenous communities



Benefit sharing is regulated through a permit scheme managed by the Department of Environmental Affairs.



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There are a number of unique characteristics of the Aloe industry that constrain the implementation of BABS



- Aloe is an international commodity – *“a class of goods for which there is a demand, but which is supplied without qualitative differentiation across the market”*.
- Neither the Aloe, nor the traditional knowledge about its uses is indigenous to South Africa.
- The independent Aloe tapper and the unique heritage of the regional industry is neither catered for nor protected by the standard implementation of BABS.
- If not addressed, BABS will become a forced “corporate social responsibility” burden that may constrain the industry – further disenfranchising local communities.



ALOE FARMING IN KENYA

Improving local economy and empowering communities through sustainable aloe farming, processing, usage and marketing

Prepared land for
planting aloe

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Kitui County, Kenya, aloe farming project is led by a community-based, non-government organization partnered with a local university and the Kenyan Ministry of Agriculture. It provides rural income and facilitates the rehabilitation of wasteland by producing and transforming aloe to create skin care products sold to local markets. Special focus is on training women in the culture and creation of aloe-based products as they are traditionally linked with this kind of activity.



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The Aloe Council believes it is possible to implement BABS in such a way that it not only embraces the peculiarities of the industry, but further unlocks value for its stakeholders

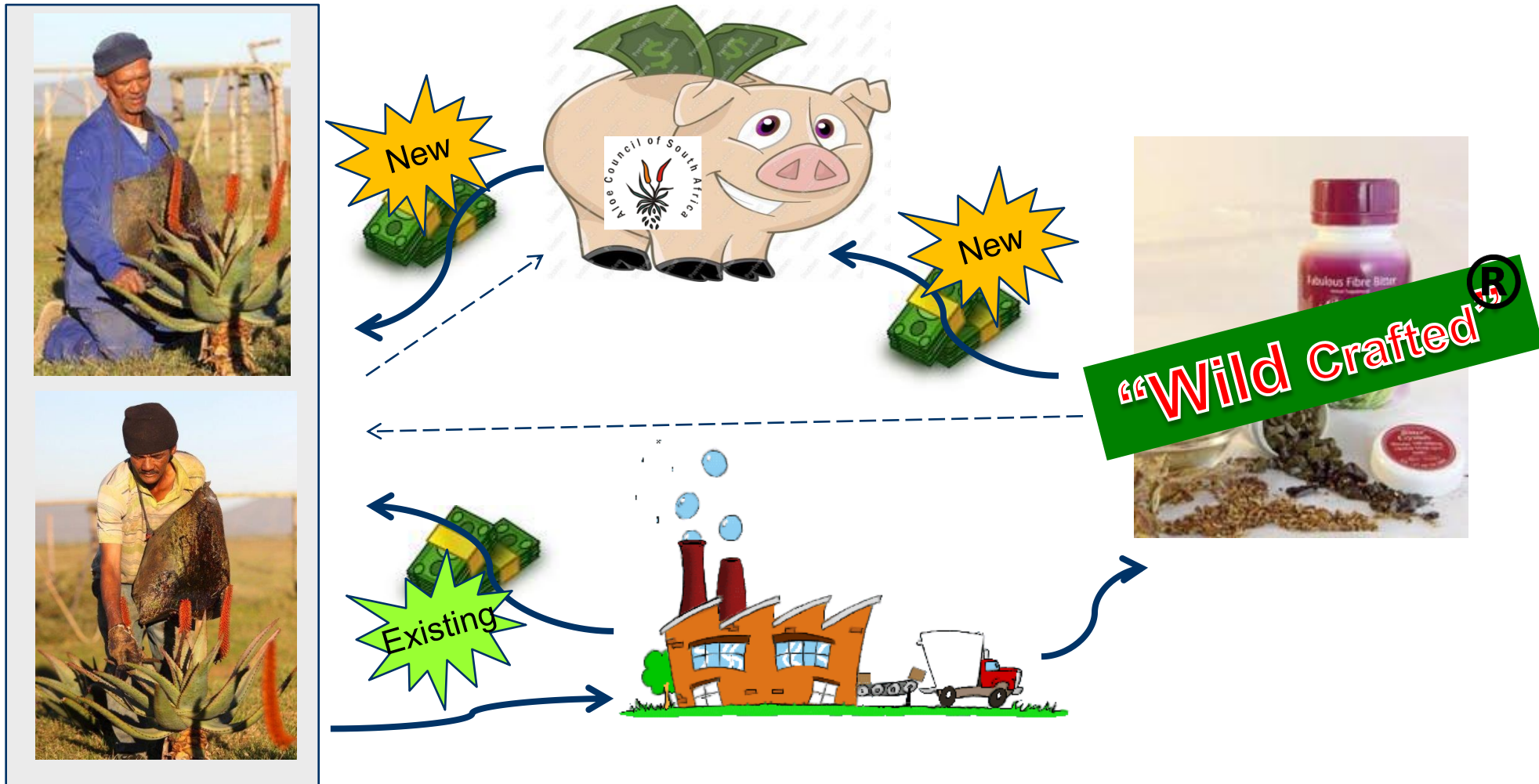


"Better than Fair Trade"
+
"Better than Organic"



“Wild Crafted”

Benefit sharing is linked to the additional value created by the “Wild Crafted” mark, which is owned by the tapper community.



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