
GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 330 OF 2014

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 10 OF 2004)

BENEFIT SHARING AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND THE TRADITIONAL HEALERS COUNCIL

I, Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, hereby give notice of the Benefit Sharing Agreement submitted by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Traditional Healers Council, under regulation 17(3)(c) of the Bioprospecting, Access and Benefit Sharing Regulations, 2008, read with Chapter 6 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No.10 of 2004). The Benefit Sharing Agreement involves the utilisation of the following plant species: *Monsonia angustifolia* (Crane's bill, malengoana, Tee ya thaba), *Elephatorrhiza elephantina* (Dwarf Elephant-root, Elandsboontjie, Intolwane, Mositsane) and *Siphonochilus aethiopicus* (Natal Ginger, Gemmerhout, Indungulu) to develop potential commercial products. The stakeholder, which is party to the agreement, is the Traditional Healers Committee as traditional knowledge holders associated with the three species listed above.

Members of the public are invited to submit to the Minister, within 30 days after the publication of the notice in the *Gazette*, written comments or objections to the agreement together with evidence to the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General:
 Department of Environmental Affairs
 Attention: Acting Director: Bioprospecting and Bioeconomy
 Private Bag X447
 PRETORIA
 0001

By hand at: 2nd Floor (Reception), Fedsure Forum Building, 315 Pretorius Street, Pretoria, 0001, or

By fax to: 086 530 9607/ 012 320 4087, for attention: Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni

Any enquiries in connection with the published Notice or Benefit Sharing Agreement can be directed to Mrs Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni at 012 310 3986 or email: lmabadahane@environment.gov.za; or Mr Ntambudzeni Nepfumembe at 012 310 3065 or email: nnepfumembe@environment.gov.za.

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.


BOMO EDITH EDNA MOLEWA
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS