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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 10 0F 2004)

BIO-PROSPECTING BENEFIT SHARING AGREEMENT

I, Buyelwa Patience Sonjica, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs hereby publish under section 100 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004), read with regulation 17(3)(c) of the Bio-prospecting, Access and Benefit Sharing Regulations, 2008, non-confidential information from a Bioprospecting Benefit Sharing Agreement received for approval in terms of section 83 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act for public comment in the Schedule hereto.

Any person who wishes to submit written representations and/or objections to the proposed Benefit Sharing Agreement are invited to do so within 30 days of the publication of this notice. All representations and comments must be submitted in writing to the Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs:

By post to: The Director-General: Environmental Affairs

Attention: Mrs C Malherbe

Private Bag X447 PRETORIA, 0001

Delivered to: The Director-General: Environmental Affairs

Attention: Mrs C Malherbe

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By fax to: (012) 320 4087, and

By email to: cmalherbe@environment.gov.za

Any enquiries in connection with the Bioprospecting Benefit Sharing Agreement can be directed to Mrs Carina Malherbe at Tel: (012) 310-3799.

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.

BUYELWA SONJICA

MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

SCHEDULE

The following non-confidential information of a Bioprospecting Benefit Sharing Agreement received for approval in terms of section 83 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act is published for public comment:

- 1. The parties to the Benefit Sharing Agreement are Parceval (Pty) Ltd, Schwabe Extracta GMBH & CO.KG and the Imingcangathelo Development Trust.
- 2. The Imingcangathelo Development Trust intends to cultivate the indigenous biological resource (*Pelargonium sidoides and Pelargonium reniforme*) to which the Bioprospecting permit application relates.
- 3. The Benefit Sharing Agreement provides monetary, non-monetary and in-kind benefits to the Imingcangathelo Development Trust.
- 4. The Benefit Sharing Agreement between the parties is based on access to the resource, not use of traditional knowledge.