

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PHARMACEUTICAL AND BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY IN MAURITIUS

Context

A year and a half since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the global economy is poised to stage its most robust post-recession recovery in 2021. The pharmaceutical industry, which has been at the forefront of the fight against the pandemic, is expected to drive this economic rebound.

The Government of Mauritius is emphasizing the development of a pharmaceutical and vaccine manufacturing industry to integrate biotechnology related R&D into the fabric of the Mauritian economy and diversify the manufacturing base towards such higher value activities.

To this end, a provision of MUR 1 billion (USD 25 million) has been made in the 2021-2022 National Budget for the setting up of the Mauritius Institute of Biotechnology. This Institute will partner with renowned pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies for the manufacturing of COVID-19 and other vaccines and/or other pharmaceutical products in Mauritius.

In this context, the Economic Development Board is inviting local or international companies, with relevant experience in the field to express their interests in implementing pharmaceutical and vaccine manufacturing projects in Mauritius.

Activities of Interest

Government has identified the following priority areas for pharmaceutical and vaccine manufacturing related activities:

- Covid-19 vaccines
- Vaccines for immunization programs in Africa, including inter alia:
 - polio
 - yellow fever
 - meningitis
 - measles
 - tuberculosis
- Preventive vaccines, including inter alia:
 - influenza
 - pneumococcal (pneumonia)
 - hepatitis B
- Therapeutic specialty areas, including inter alia:
 - tropical diseases therapy
 - antibiotics
 - antidiabetics
 - cardiovascular
 - oncology and immunotherapy
 - movement and neurodegenerative disorders
 - respiratory
 - pain management
 - stem cell therapy

The fields mentioned above are non-exhaustive. Interests submitted will be evaluated on their merits and the global standing of the company.

Submission

Interested companies are invited to submit their Expression of Interest addressed to the Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Board, at latest by **Monday 12th July 2021**:

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