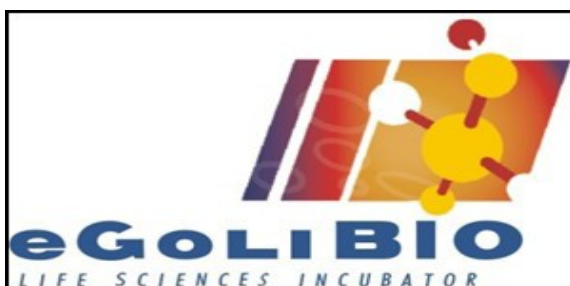


eGoliBIO LIFE SCIENCES INCUBATOR

“WE EXIST FOR OUR CLIENTS”



NBIA CONFERENCE

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SA delegation: Mtheza Mtyopo, Luyanda Jack, Sphiwo Soga and Nosipho Mkosana

Mtheza Mtyopo attended the NBIA's 25th International Conference on Business Incubation held on April 10-13, 2011, Fairmont hotel San Jose, California. The event featured sessions on the future of the industry, best practices in incubation, coaching clients, helping entrepreneurs find investors and much more. Incubation and economic development professionals from around the world gathered to learn, share ideas, network with colleagues and have a little fun. Highlights of the conference included:

- Tours of the Plug and Play Tech Center, the Environmental Business Cluster and the San Jose Biocenter.
- Networking with incubator professionals, especially through the Opening Reception and NBIA Expo, Tech Museum Reception and Vendor Mixer.
- Key note speakers from the US economic development.



eGoliBIO NEW CEO

Kenny Masobe has been appointed CEO of eGoliBIO as from July 1 2011. Kenny was previously employed at Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) where he was responsible for four incubators (chemicals, mining, Life sciences and ICT) funded by SEDA, where he liaises with centre managers/ CEO on the centre's governances and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) deliverables. He brings a wealth of experience to eGoliBIO ranging from Food Beverage

industry to being a managing director of his own company. In addition to his engineering qualification, Kenny also holds a Management Advancement Programme (MAP) Qualification from Wits Business School.

Kenny says, his immediate goal is "to ensure that the centre becomes one of the best recognised Life Sciences business incubator nationally and that there will be value derived from it and its key stakeholders in the future, since bioscience is not an easy sector to penetrate"

Everpix participation at In-Cosmetics Conference in ASIA

Dr Elizabeth Goyvaerts, the founder and executive Director of Everpix attended the In-Cosmetics Asia conference from the 2nd to the 4th November 2010, through the assistance of the DTI-EMIA and eGoliBIO. The In-Cosmetics is a large trade fair which acts as a platform where ingredient manufacturers, brokers and cosmetics formulators come together under one roof. It offers multiple learning curves for individuals partaking in the natural oils value chain one way or another, before attending the larger In-Cosmetics EU.

Everpix's stand at the exhibition had an African feeling where a colour silk scarf, African baskets and other African artefacts were used for decor.

There was substantial interest in the African oils. The people liked the marula oil particularly due to the fact it lacks a smell, which is due to the stabilization process and also because of its emollient properties, a heavy oil with a light touch" explained, Dr Goyvaerts.



Everpix: Exhibition stand at In-Cosmetic conference, Asia

The conference was beneficial to the entrepreneur as she got significant insights into the natural oils industry, as well as the opportunity to establish contacts with some of the large industry players in the oil ingredient supply chain.

eGoliBIO Client Workshop 29th June 2011



eGoliBIO CEO, Kenny Masobe, Boardmembers, Thomas Mashatile from STP ,eGOLIBIO `s Clients and Staff

On the 29th of July, the second networking session was held at the innovation hub. The main objective of the workshop was to introduce the new entering CEO, Mr Kenny Masobe to our clients and bid farewell to the interim CEO, Mr Colin Mkhonta. The workshop was well attended and amongst the attendees were our clients, eGoliBIO's board members, staff and a representative from SEDA.

Mr Thomas Mashamaite, who was a representative from the SEDA Technology Transfer office, made a presentation on how to apply for the funding of equipment. He spoke of the requirements for the technology transfer fund as well as the selection criteria. This information was of value to eGoliBIO's clients since some of the clients have already applied for this grant to purchase their required equipment and there are some clients who are in the process of applying for this fund.

Following the presentation by Mr Mashamaite, Mr Rodney Blower, eGoliBIO's chairman, introduced eGoliBIO's new CEO, Kenny Masobe to the clients. He outlined the process which was followed, which led to the appointment of the new CEO.

Mr Blower said *"Kenny has experience in managerial positions and the most important factors that positioned him as the ultimate candidate are his experience in the SEDA environment, the fact that he is an entrepreneur in his own right and he has been actively involved in eGoliBIO's operation, making sure that the incubator received the necessary support from SEDA."*



Dr Neville Comins, Board Member of eGoliBio.

Dr Neville Comins was the last speaker, whose closing speech was that eGoliBIO should be recognised as a strong brand with which our clients should be proud to be associated with. He mentioned that the eGoliBIO brand should be able to open doors for our clients.

He further explained that eGoliBIO is equipped with the necessary skills through its staff, however, for skills that the incubator lacks in, mentors and business advisors should be brought in to fill the skills gap.

He emphasized that, eGoliBIO is a family, hence *“clients should feel free to pick up the phone and contact anyone in the incubator, when they are faced with trials and tribulations that come as part of being an entrepreneur “*

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