



OUR COMMUNITY SHAREHOLDERS

One of the most important shareholders in Zuplex is an African village community trust that owns 32% of the company – a significant portion. The village is called Dakeni and is situated on the banks of the famous Thukela River in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. The Trust operates a medicinal and cosmetic plant gardening project and this allows for the employment of rural women from the village.

Zuplex allows for two diverse income streams for the Dakeni villagers: firstly they receive direct

income from sales of plant material to Zuplex, then when the plants are beneficiated into cosmetic ingredients and sold, dividends from Zuplex can be ploughed back into community development projects. Such projects could include clean drinking water, food gardens, schools and creches.

This unusual arrangement makes Zuplex a social enterprise in that we use commercial strategies to maximise improvements in financial, social and environmental wellbeing.

PROTECTING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

A sustainable global economy must combine long-term profitability with environmental care. We therefore strive to minimise adverse environmental effects across all processes, including sourcing, manufacture, packaging and transportation. This includes reducing energy consumption, and minimising and managing waste responsibly.

Zuplex complies with national and international bioprospecting regulations under the framework of the Nagoya Protocol, and ensures that its suppliers are also compliant.

Zuplex works to ensure that all botanical material, whether cultivated or harvested, is fully traceable, and that the supply of each species is managed to ensure sustainability. Our cosmetic extracts are Cosmos approved.



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