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Dear Stakeholder,

RE: UNDP Project “Exploring Seaweed Cultivation and Value Chains for Enterprise Development”: Appointment of Bio Solutiones Technicas

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) South Africa recently appointed Bio Solutiones Technicas (Pty) Ltd (BST) to implement a project in 2024 entitled “*Exploring Seaweed Cultivation and Value Chains for Enterprise Development in the Coastal Communities of Saldanha Bay and St. Helena Bay*” in the Western Cape.

The project is intended to inform the design of future enterprise development programmes to support entrepreneurs to develop seaweed cultivation businesses, supported by local market analysis research. Activities will include local seaweed market and value chain research and conducting training and engagement workshops with local community members around seaweed cultivation and use.

BST may engage with you as a stakeholder in the South African seaweed sector. Data sought and sourced will remain confidential unless otherwise agreed to with you, or if the information gathered is in the public domain. The UNDP South Africa will appreciate your support of this initiative by assisting BST through sharing relevant information, key insights and perceptions regarding the South African seaweed industry.

Should you have any queries or for further information, please contact:

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Your support in this regard would be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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