

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012

Member organisation's name:	Blue Sky Botanics Ltd
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### COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Blue Sky Botanics manufactures botanical extracts for the soft drinks and cosmetic industries. Blue Sky is committed to improving biodiversity both in its own activities and in its supply chain. To achieve this all crops at Castle Farm are grown to certified Organic standards and all production processes employ green chemistry. Through membership of the UEBT Blue Sky aims to bring strong ethical and environmental standards to its supply chain.

### UEBT MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

Steps	Dates <i>Historical/expected</i>	Verification Body
UEBT audit 1	2009-04-02	Soil Association
Provisional Membership, if applicable	NA	
Work-plan approval	2010-03-25	Soil Association
Membership status granted	2010-05-28	
Annual report 1	2010-10-15	
Annual report 2	2012-01-31	
Audit 2	2013	
Annual report 3	2013-03-11	
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Implementation indicators submitted to UEBT? Yes  No

Documents annexed for public use? Yes  No

If so, number of annexes:

Description of the annexed documents:

## PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF UEBT MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

### **Progress made in the implementation of the Ethical BioTrade Sourcing Targets**

*Please provide a short up-date on where your organisation stands in the development and then implementation of its Ethical BioTrade Sourcing Targets. In case of development process, please provide a target date when they will be publically released.*

Work on Blue Sky Botanics Ingredient Portfolio assessment has been ongoing since the summer of 2012 and is now virtually complete and it is intended to set the Ethical Bio Trade sourcing targets by the middle of 2013.

### **Progress made on the Biodiversity Management System (BMS)**

*Please provide a short summary on the progress made in the creation and/or implementation of your organisation's BMS based on the previous audit key findings.*

During the final 6 months of 2012 Blue Sky Botanics had been working on a new, more sophisticated raw material management system. This system was designed to be able to incorporate the full requirements of a BMS at the stage when new products are developed but has not yet been incorporated.

### **Progress made in the use of the Ingredient Portfolio Assessment (IPA)**

*Please provide a short update on where you stand in the completion of the Ingredient Portfolio Assessment.*

Work on this started in the summer of 2012 and by the end of the year was 80% completed.

### **Progress made on the implementation of the UEBT principles on patents and biodiversity**

*When applicable, please provide a short update on the implementation of the UEBT principles on patents and biodiversity in your patent policy and portfolio.*

Work on this question has not yet been started and at the present time has low priority given that no Blue Sky products are patent protected.

### **Percentage of the Ethical BioTrade work-plan implemented**

*Which % of your organisation's total Ethical BioTrade work-plan has been implemented? Please provide a realistic estimate.*

**25%**

### **Progress in the implementation of the Ethical BioTrade work-plan**

*Please indicate what are your prioritized supply chains.*

These have not been identified but this work will be completed during the first half of 2013

*Please provide a brief indication of the progress that your organisation has made in the implementation of the Ethical BioTrade work-plan.*

*Progress should be reported upon at the level of the Principles of the Ethical BioTrade Standard. If possible, please distinguish between the work carried out at the level of your organisation's management system and at the level of your prioritized supply chains.*

### **Principle 1. Conservation of biodiversity**

Management	During 2012 Blue Sky carried out an internal assessment of all raw
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system	materials purchased. All these botanicals which exceeded 100kg in volume were added to the IPA and during the year about 80% of the IPA was completed.
Supply chain	No direct work was carried out on this but the self audit questionnaires that were returned by some suppliers in previous years will help further work in this area.

**Principle 2. Sustainable use of biodiversity**

Management system	As above
Supply chain	As above

**Principle 3. Fair and equitable sharing of benefits**

Management system	As above
Supply chain	As above

**Principle 4. Socio-economic sustainability**

Management system	As above
Supply chain	As above

**Principle 5. Compliance with national and international legislation**

Management system	As above
Supply chain	As above

**Principle 6. Respect for the right of actors**

Management system	As above
Supply chain	As above

**Principle 7. Clarity about land tenure, right of use and access to natural resources**

Management system	As above
Supply chain	As above

### **Changes in Ethical BioTrade work-plan**

*If any significant changes have been made in the Ethical BioTrade work-plan, please indicate them here, together with the nature of these changes and the rationale.*

The workplan is undergoing a radical change as the new emphasis is towards a risk based step wise approach with prioritised supply chains and internally set targets. This revised workplan will be completed during 2013.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Blue Sky Botanics now has an operational ABS agreement which all customers using that particular material are requested to agree to and sign. To date all existing customers for this material have signed the agreement.