

South Africa, DNA Synthesis and Sequencing

Inqaba Biotechnical Industries (Pty) Ltd. co-founded in 2001 by Swiss and German molecular biologists is based in Pretoria, South Africa. The company's mission is to provide genomic services for laboratories in South Africa and the neighboring countries faster and at a better price than local importers. Its products are the basics for genomic research and diagnostic and might contribute in the future to research in disease diagnostics and treatment, or to yield increases in crops.

The first three years of operations were devoted to DNA synthesis and sequencing as well as to developing a new product. During this pilot phase, the product marketability, company cost structure and profitability were put to the test with good results. Inqaba Biotec has created new jobs for local employees. It is also providing invaluable know-how transfer in state-of-the art biotechnological processes.

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