



CANNABIS REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PRESS CONFERENCE

Issuance of Licenses and Permits

Background

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you may be aware, Government of Malawi enacted a law, Cannabis Regulation Act 2020, to decriminalize the cultivation, production, processing, storage, distribution and use of the Cannabis plant for medicinal, industrial and scientific applications. This law does not in any manner advocate, authorize or promote use of cannabis for recreational purposes.



The Cannabis Regulatory Authority (CRA) was therefore established to regulate the Cannabis industry as provided for in the Cannabis Regulation Act 2020.

Requirements for a Cannabis License

Ladies and Gentlemen,

the Cannabis Regulation Act 2020, makes provision that CRA shall issue a license only to a **qualifying legal person** in respect of the activity for which he is licensed to do under this Act and the license shall bear particulars as prescribed in section 27 of the Act. Based on this definition the following entities stand a chance to be awarded a license upon meeting all requirements:

- (a) Farmer organizations
- (b) Cooperatives
- (c) Corporate companies



(d) Corporate partnerships

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

the Cannabis Regulatory Authority (CRA) issued a call for applications on 30 November 2020, requesting all those interested to venture into the cannabis business to submit their applications. Following this call, 41 applications comprising of companies, cooperatives, research institutions and farmer organizations submitted their applications.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to inform you that the cannabis Regulatory Authority (CRA) has approved issuance of licenses to 35 applicants.

These comprise;

- a) Farmer organizations,
- b) Cooperatives
- c) Corporate companies



- d) Corporate partnerships and
- e) Research institutions

These adequately met the requirements following an exhaustive evaluation process as provided for in the Act.

Names of applicants and license categories awarded are provided in the **Table** that follow.



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ID	APPLICANT	No. of Licenses	Licenses to Cultivate and sell	Licenses to Process Cannabis	Processing of industrial hemp	Storage (ware housing) License	License to Distribute Cannabis	Permit to Conduct Research on Cannabis	Permit for Laboratory Testing
1	Medigrow	2	X			X			
2	Malawi Mangoes (MM)	2		X	X				
3	Africa Gold Ltd	2	X	X					
4	Ortusol Ltd	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	
5	Invegrow Ltd	5		X		X	X		
6	SADM	4	X	X			X		
7	Tilimenawo Cannabis Club	1		X					
8	Unity Cooperative	1		X	X				
9	Banana 2017	2		X	X				
10	Hempharmaceuticals	2	X		X			X	
11	ARET	1							
12	Cannasun Ltd	2	X						
13	SABA Agro Ltd	1	X	X					
14	SIKELLELA COMMODITIES Ltd	2	X	X					
15	Lesta International	6	X	X	X	X	X		
16	PROFIX ECO-INDUSTRIES LTD	1	X						
17	BIO SIL TECHNOLOGY AFRICA LIMITED	4	X	X	X				
18	B&M LANDSCAPING & GENERAL	2	X	X					
19	GREENWAY	5	X	X	X	X			
20	MED-CAN LTD	2	X	X					
21	ORGANIC CANNABIS FARMERS COOPERATIVE	1		X					
22	AKA	1		X					
23	Kuwala Agricultural Ltd	1	X						
24	Prime Pharmaceuticals	2	X	X					

25	M'ibelwa Investment Limited	2	X		X														
26	Pharmanova	5	X		X		X		X		X		X						
27	Dynamic Traders	5	X		X		X		X		X		X						X
28	Capital Food Ltd	4	X		X		X		X		X								
29	Bio-lab Agencies	1	X																
30	Milanzi Holdings	2	X		X		X												
31	Pollen Farm Limited	1	X																
32	Women of Vision	2	X		X														
33	Mg Labs Limited	4	X		X		X		X		X								
34	College Of Medicine	1																X	
35	Rasmusking Company Limited	4	X		X		X		X		X								
	TOTAL	86	26	18	15	10	8	5	3	1									

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The remaining 6 applicants will be communicated to address a few issues and then resubmit their applications for consideration by the Board.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to thank you very much for your attention.



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