

## **BOBIBENG CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS**

### **The Growth of Bodibeng Chemicals Manufacturer with FDC's Support**

Bodibeng Chemicals Manufacturer, established in 2003, has evolved into a thriving business thanks to the unwavering support of the Free State Development Corporation (FDC). Under the leadership of Managing Director Molelekeng Merriam Ngomane, the company has grown from a small, female-led enterprise into a trusted supplier of domestic and industrial cleaning products, as well as protective wear. The journey of Bodibeng is a testament to the power of partnership, resilience, and a shared vision for success.



### **A Journey of Women Empowerment**

From the start, FDC showed confidence in Bodibeng Chemicals by providing a rental space, demonstrating its commitment to supporting women-led businesses. The corporation's backing has been pivotal in giving Bodibeng a stable foundation on which to build, allowing it to grow steadily over the past two decades.

### **Overcoming Hardships with FDC's Guidance**

Like many businesses, Bodibeng Chemicals faced difficult times, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. When the business struggled to keep up with rent payments, FDC stepped in with understanding and practical advice. They encouraged Bodibeng to approach the Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) for assistance, which resulted in rent payments being covered during this challenging period.

### **Facilitating Future Growth**

Currently, FDC is once again playing a key role in Bodibeng Chemicals' development. The company is in the process of securing funding from the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) to achieve ISO 9001:2015 certification and conduct product testing through the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS). These initiatives will elevate the company's standing, build customer trust, and open new business opportunities, as many clients require this certification for approval as a supplier.

## **A Bright Future**

The longstanding relationship between Bodibeng Chemicals and FDC illustrates the power of collaborative support in building sustainable businesses. With FDC's ongoing commitment, Bodibeng Chemicals is well-positioned for future success and continued growth in the industry. This partnership showcases how organizations like FDC contribute to women empowerment, business resilience, and economic development.

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