

VICK AGRICARE LTD.

COMPANY PROFILE

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SUMMARY

Vick Agricare Ltd. was established on 24th November, 2014 by Dr. George Muhia Kariuki as an Agribusiness company. Vick Agricare LTD. The company provides agricultural extension services to farmers, and is accredited by the Kenya Pest Control Product Board (PCPB) to conduct efficacy trials on fungicides, insecticides, herbicides and nematicides on vegetables and flowers. In addition, Vick Agricare LTD is approved to carry out efficacy trials on biofertilizers by the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS).

The company offices are located in Kikuyu town in K-Unity Building, 2nd Floor; No. S4. The contacts for the company are;

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VICK AGRICARE TEAM

The Vick Agricare Board of Directors appointed a Manager, Dr. Lilian Waiboci, to oversee the day to day operations of the company. She has a vast scientific background in microbiology and is supported by a team of technical and administrative experts who work towards the efficient implementation of activities that support the efficacy trials that it conducts. The Vick Agricare team is made up of:

- The Manager
- The Technical Lead
- Technical Consultants
- Agricultural Assistants
- An Administrative Officer
- A Data Specialist
- An Office Assistant

- Drivers
- Farm Managers

EFFICACY TRIAL PROCEDURES AND SITES

The procedures that are used to conduct the company's trials are adopted from the PCPB guidelines, as highlighted in the *Protocol for Evaluating the Efficacy for Pest Control Products in Kenya*. The trials are initiated once the PCPB approves a protocol on the product to be tested, and these are conducted in various farms and greenhouses that the company works with. Some of these farms and greenhouses are in:

- Muguga (Kiambu County)
- Mwea (Kirinyaga County)
- Kagio (Kirinyaga County)
- Kinangop (Nyandarua County)
- Kiandu (Nyeri County)

The company has detailed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that guide the conduct of the trials, and that the team is familiar with.

EFFICACY TRIAL CROPS

Some of the crops on which the trials are conducted are:

- Cabbage
- Capsicum
- Carrots
- Celery
- Chilies
- Coriander
- Cucumber
- French Beans
- Garden peas
- Maize
- Onions
- Parsley
- Potatoes
- Roses

- Snow Peas
- Spinach
- Tomatoes
- Watermelons

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

The team takes several health and safety measures into account when conducting the trials to ensure that no harm comes to the individuals supporting the trial and the environment. These include wearing the appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) such as gloves, masks and gumboots, using the correct chemicals in the correct proportions, and properly storing and disposing unused chemicals.

CLIENT PORTFOLIO

Over the years, Vick Agricare has been able to grow its client portfolio through excellent and efficient service delivery. Some of its clients include:

- Amiran Kenya Ltd.
- Bayer East Africa
- Fresh Care East Africa Ltd.
- Greenlife Crop Protection Africa Ltd.
- Jubaili Agrotec Kenya Ltd.
- Koppert Biological Systems (K) Ltd.
- Osho Chemicals Ltd.
- Rizobacter Argentina
- Syngenta East Africa Ltd.