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On the 8th of April 2016, Cefetra, Royal de Heus and BPH signed an agreement for the acquisition, each, of 25 percent shareholder ownership in MoSagri. Maropa, the parent company of MoSagri, will hold the remaining 25 percent of the shares. Maropa will also act as the management company of MoSagri.

MoSagri, founded in 2011, is active in the Moringa value chain in the Nampula province in Mozambique through operating plantations and a processing unit. Currently the company exploits two moringa plantations in Mozambique, an experimental plantation of 2 hectares in Lumbo (Ilha de Mozambique) and a 1000 hectare plantation in Naguema (Mossuril), of which almost 200 hectares were planted at the beginning of 2016.(see website: www.mosagri.com)

Moringa, also known as the tree of life, is a tree that provides many positive benefits that stimulates human health thanks to the high nutritional value and medical characteristics contained in its leaves and fruits. The leaves of the Moringa tree are very rich in nutrients like vitamins, minerals and amino acids. Furthermore, the leaves contain a high level of anti-oxidants and anti-inflammatories. Because of these nutritional benefits, moringa can play an important role in providing food security and contribute in solving the problem of malnutrition. The moringa leaves can be consumed, once dried, as herbal tea. Alternatively, the moringa leaf powder can be consumed as superfood or as food supplement. Next to producing leaves, the moringa tree also produces seeds, of which the oil is used in the cosmetic industry. The moringa seed meal can be used as a feed ingredient as well.

The new shareholders have a long term orientation. The main reason for their participation in the moringa value chain is to contribute and to support the development of local agriculture. Next to that it is in the ambition of the shareholders to provide new healthy products to the food and feed industry. Via MoSagri the local farmers will be supported with advanced knowledge and experience. The combination of global insights with local experience will lead to a more efficient production, processing and distribution. By creating awareness around moringa and stimulating local moringa production the nutritional value of moringa will become more accessible for the people of Mozambique.

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