



Please complete this nomination form accurately, completely, but succinctly.

1. Contact details

Nominator (Person)	Nominating Organisation	Signature	Date	e-mail address

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2. Short description

±100-word description of what the innovation / solution is and who needs to be recognised for which parts of the solution.

(e.g. new service /product /solution /regulation /infrastructure /institutional capacity)

Immobazyme is a pioneering biotechnology firm addressing South Africa’s reliance on imported biologicals by establishing robust local manufacturing capacity for high-value proteins and peptides. Our innovation lies in a proprietary platform that enables cost-effective, scalable production tailored for the food and beverage, cosmetic, agricultural, and medical sectors.

3. Detailed description

Please answer all the questions (a) to (j) below, and **place answers** in the **prescribed place** as indicated in the **table below** (to construct a results chain).

For instance, the answer to question (a) should be written in the third column next to (a).

- a. What is the target business group/s that this innovation serves and improves?
- b. How many of these target businesses have already utilised this new solution?
- c. How did these businesses access and receive the new solution?
- d. What did this new solution help these businesses become better at?
- e. How did this help to improve their business performance? *Increased sales, lower costs, increased investment, increased employment, increased exports?*
- f. What exactly is this new innovative solution?
- g. What makes it new, compared to what existed before? (Novelty in WC economy)
- h. What makes it better than what existed before?
- i. How is/was the new solution made available to the target market / business group?
- j. What will ensure that the financial viability / sustainability of providing the innovative solution and the beneficial consequences remain intact over this period? *E.g. profitable business with an enduring competitive advantage in the market.* What is the expected longevity of this solution? *E.g. 5yrs, 10 yrs, 10+ years*

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<p>f. A localized, high-precision microbial fermentation platform and immobilization technology for the custom synthesis of proteins and peptides.</p> <p>g. Previously, most high-spec biologicals were imported. We are the first in the region to offer a scalable, end-to-end "Biotech-as-a-Service" model at this technical level.</p> <p>h. It is better because it offers shorter lead times (days vs. months), eliminates currency volatility risks, and provides localized technical support.</p>	<p>i. Made available through a hybrid model of direct sales, strategic distribution partnerships, and collaborative research agreements.</p> <p>c. Businesses access our solution through direct B2B consultation, customized protein expression contracts, and off-the-shelf biological product supply.</p>	<p>a. Manufacturers in the food & beverage, cosmetic, agricultural, and medical sectors.</p> <p>b. > 6 commercial partnerships</p> <p>d. The solution allows businesses to become better at securing their supply chains, reducing lead times for essential biologicals, and conducting rapid R&D.</p> <p>e. Improved performance through lower input costs (avoiding import duties/shipping), increased sales via faster time-to-market, and increased investment in local R&D.</p>	<p>j. Sustained by a high-margin, IP-protected business model with recurring supply contracts. Expected longevity is 10+ years as biotech becomes the backbone of the "green economy."</p>

After completing the table, read from left to right. Check for coherence and improve if needed.

4. Declaration of Evidence to verify the results chain

What supporting evidence can you provide to verify that the results stated above are as stated?

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What evidence can be provided? e.g. Records, reports, peer reviews, and so forth	Filed patents, ISO 22 000 registered facility that produces regulated recombinant proteins.	By providing local access to high-grade proteins, we have stabilized supply chains that were previously vulnerable to port delays and price fluctuations.	South African food & beverage companies, cosmetic companies, agricultural companies.	Multi-year service level agreements (SLAs) and a 10-year scaling roadmap.

5. Select the best category of award for this innovation

Sector	Award	Mark with "X"
Private Sector	6 x Catalytic innovations that contribute to growth	X
Public Sector	1 x Provincial- or National-government systemic innovation most impactful on economic growth	
	1 x Local & District Municipal innovation that is impactful on growth of their local economy	
	1 x Public-sector innovation, enhancing good governance	
Safety & Security	1 x Innovation enhancing safety & security	
Labour Market	1 x Labour market efficacy award Reducing impediments to increased employment	
Academia	1 x Research the most impactful on competitiveness of Industry	
	1 x Tertiary education best aligned to Industry / market needs	
	1 x Most successful start-up / spin-out	
	1 x Entrepreneurship development in higher education	
Industry Sector Bodies	1 x Institution/s strengthening stakeholder cooperation to enhance competitiveness of their Industry	
Organised Business	1 x Institution/s strengthening stakeholder cooperation to enhance competitiveness of their business precincts	

6. Check that you completed all that is necessary.

7. Submit this documented and/or video-recorded to innovation@capechamber.co.za.

Thank you for helping us discover and celebrate the champions shaping a better WC economy!