Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

Minnesota Public Benefit Corporation / Annual Benefit Report

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 304A

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Must be filed by March 31
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The Annual Benefit Report covers the 12 month period ending on December 31 of the previous year.
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1. File Number

2. Corporate Name: (Required) Vetiver Solutions dba Vetiera Fair Trade

3. The public benefit corporation's board of directors has reviewed and approved this report.

4. In the field below, enter the information required by section 304A.301 subd. 2 or 3 for the period covered by this report, (see instructions for further information): Note: Use additional sheets if needed. (Required)

See Attached

5. I, the undersigned, certify that I am the chief executive officer of this public benefit corporation. I further certify that I have signed this document no more than 30 days before the document is delivered to the secretary of state for filing, and that this document is current when signed. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature of Public Benefit Corporation's Chief Executive Officer

3/31/26

Date (Must be dated within 30 days before the report is delivered to the Secretary of State for Filing)

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Enter an email address to which the Secretary of State can forward official notices required by law and other notices:

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List a name and daytime phone number of a person who can be contacted about this form:

Jesse Abelson	9522014288
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Yes ☐ No ☑

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Annual Benefit Report

of

Vetiver Solutions (Vetiera Fair Trade)

A Minnesota Specific Public Benefit Corporation

March 2026

History

Vetiver Solutions began its journey in 2018, when the organization earned the Social Impact Prize and Fourth Place overall in the Schulze Entrepreneurship Challenge. The $25,000 award provided the foundation to formally establish the company as a public benefit corporation in Minnesota, dedicated to advancing sustainable agriculture and economic resilience in rural Haiti.

In January 2019, during a visit to the community of Moreau, the Moreau Farmers' Association—our long-standing partner cooperative—identified an opportunity to expand both their income streams and the environmental benefits of their farming practices through beekeeping. Recognizing the alignment with our mission, we began purchasing honey and beeswax from the cooperative that same year. The Farmers' Association, a collaborative group committed to community-led innovation, has continued to drive this initiative as part of their broader efforts to address environmental degradation and economic instability.

By 2020, our partnership had grown significantly. We completed our first bulk purchase of more than two hundred pounds of honey and beeswax, coordinating with additional farmers in the region, managing export logistics through Port-au-Prince, and scaling our Minnesota operations to support increased production. This expansion strengthened our commitment to a community-driven supply chain and reinforced our investment in sustainable farming practices that improve soil health and mitigate the impacts of deforestation. The beekeeping program remains entirely community-developed and community-managed.

In 2022, Vetiver Solutions became an official member of the Fair Trade Federation, joining a global network of enterprises dedicated to equitable, transparent, and sustainable trading partnerships. This recognition affirmed our long-term commitment to ethical sourcing and dignified livelihoods for our partners.

In 2023, the organization adopted the name Vetiera Fair Trade to better reflect our evolving identity and mission, while retaining Vetiver Solutions as our official corporate name.

Specific Benefits

Vetiver Solutions was incorporated on June 5th, 2019 as a Specific Benefit Corporation with a Specific Public Benefit under Minnesota's Public Benefit Corporation Act (the "Act"). Pursuant to Section 304A.101 of the Act, Vetiver Solutions' public benefit purpose as stated in its Articles of Incorporation is:

- Promoting sustainable agricultural practices in Haitian communities through the sales of Haitian-based products;
- Decreasing poverty and malnutrition through community projects and local partnerships;
- Partnering with local organizations to promote self-sustainability; and
- Raising awareness of the beauty of Haiti within local Minnesota communities

With regard to the period covered by this report, January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, Vetiver Solutions pursued the specific public benefit purpose stated in its articles of incorporation in the following ways:

1) Sustainably decreasing poverty and malnutrition

We strive to alleviate poverty and malnutrition by creating reliable income opportunities for our Haitian partner community. We purchase all our beeswax and honey from Haitian farmers, increasing sustainable income and promoting long-term environmental sustainability. In 2025, we spent $11,818 in Haiti. Of the funds we spent in Haiti, over $10,000 of which went directly to individuals in Moreau, with the goal of decreasing the poverty rate in Moreau. In addition, another $1,000 was donated to a charity working to provide education and internet access in Moreau, Haiti. Through this donation, the community now has stable access to the internet. Since 2019, we have invested over $28,000 into the community of Moreau.

2) Sustainable business partnerships

We have formed several sustainable partnerships, both in Haiti and within the US. Through a local non-profit, MIJABA, we successfully funded the installation of solar panels on the local school in 2019. In 2020, we helped to fund the installation of tile flooring in a local community center. This flooring provides the community with a resilient space for gathering that is not at risk of flooding, which is especially important during hurricane season in Haiti. In 2021, we funded the expansion of the solar panel system at the local school, funding the purchase and installation of additional panels and four additional batteries. In 2022, we funded a pilot program for micro-credit for community members. The entirety of these funds were donated to MIJABA from Vetiver Solutions through our community development fund. These projects are chosen by the community, and our only requirement is that the project benefits the community as a whole. Beyond that requirement, the community is welcome to choose any project they feel fills the greatest need in the community and/or will provide the largest benefit for the community.

In addition, we have formed a partnership with SPAM FC Scholarship Foundation, a Minnesota organization that has supported soccer teams in Moreau with funds to rent a soccer field as well as many in-kind donations of soccer gear. Since 2018, the SPAM FC Scholarship Foundation has been financially supporting the rental of a soccer field for the community in a nearby village. SPAM FC Scholarship Foundation continues to support our work with donations on an annual basis.

In 2022, we became official members of the Fair Trade Federation. The Fair Trade Federation is a global network of "fair trade enterprises fully committed to equitable and sustainable trading partnerships" and endeavors to create equity, justice, and dignified livelihoods for all. We are very excited about this membership and are looking forward to creating sustainable partnerships with like-minded organizations.

In 2023 we formed an additional partnership with Haiti Projects, a Fair Trade organization that has been working to provide access to jobs at fair trade wages, education, health care, and avenues for building sustainable community in Fond Des Blancs since 1994.

In 2025, we developed a partnership with MIJABA US to provide the community with Starlink access so that they are able to access the internet.

In addition, in 2025, we began selling our products to Feed My Starving Children. Through the profit of products sold by FMSC, they were able to provide 9,984 meals in 2025, enough to provide 27 children a nutritious meal a day for an entire year.

3) Sales of Haitian-based products

2025 was our fifth full year of sales of Haitian-based products nationwide. From January 1 to December 31, 2025, we sold over $20,000 in Haitian-based products. Combined, we spent over $8,000 on raw materials, purchasing straight from farmers and artisans in Haiti. Supporting bee-based products in Haiti is incredibly important as bees play a vital role in the farming ecosystem. Overall, we estimate that we are supporting between 50 and 100 hives. We have already purchased another order from the farmers in Moreau and will ship the raw materials once conditions are safe and appropriate.

4) Raising awareness

Through our website and social media channels, we share our story, products, and educational content about Haiti with our customers and followers. In 2025, we engaged 4,309 unique web visitors who viewed our online store, blog posts, and news updates. By posting 45 Facebook posts in 2025, we reached 5,165 unique users, while our 35 Instagram posts reached 5,347 unique users. These digital platforms allow us to reach a wide audience around the world each year to share the natural beauty of Haiti, highlight sustainability initiatives, and raise awareness of the history of Haiti.

Ongoing Challenges

This year posed many challenges to our company. Due to scheduling difficulties and additional unrest in Port-Au-Prince, we were unable to travel to Haiti in 2025 to work with the farmers of Moreau in person. Instead, we relied heavily on cellular communication to check in with our partners. Additionally, due to the unrest in Port-Au-Prince, we were only able to complete a single shipment of beeswax and honey to the US. Thankfully, this shipment was large enough to provide us with sufficient honey and beeswax for the entire year. We have another shipment ready to be sent to us. Until safety is assured for travel between Moreau and Port-Au-Prince, we cannot ask our partners to travel to ship the already-purchased order of honey and beeswax.

With the expansion of international flights to Les Cayes, in Southern Haiti, we are optimistic that it will be safe to return to Moreau in the upcoming year.

CERTIFICATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned, being all the directors of Vetiver Solutions, hereby acknowledge and certify that we have reviewed and approved the enclosed Annual Benefit Report.

Jesse Abelson, President

Dalton Schutte, Vice President

Leeore Levinstein, Vice President

Elizabeth Alonzi, Treasurer

Rebecca Desens, Secretary

Van Hong, Board Member

SUBMISSION

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Jesse Abelson

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