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**British Petroleum (UK)**  
Plans to establish 100,000 hectares of jatropa plantations in Indonesia to feed the 350,000-tonne-per-year biodiesel refinery that it is building in the country.

**Van Der Horst Corporation (Singapore)**  
Building a 200,000-tpy biodiesel plant in Jurong Island in Singapore that will eventually be supplied with jatropa from plantations it operates in Cambodia and China, and possible new plantations in India, Laos and Burma.\*

**Mission Biofuels (Australia)**  
Hired Agro Diesel of India to manage a 100,000-heactare jatropa plantation and a contract farming network in India to feed its Malaysian and Chinese biodiesel refineries.

**D1 Oils**  
Among its many global jatropa operations, it has a joint venture in the Philippines with the Philippine National Oil Company for the operation of a 1,000-hectare jatropa mega-nursery.

**NRG Chemical Engineering Pte (UK)**  
Signed a US\$1.3 billion deal with state-owned Philippine National Oil Co. in May 2007. NRG Chemical will own a 70% stake in the joint venture which will involve the construction of a biodiesel refinery, two ethanol distilleries and a US\$600-million investment in jatropa plantations that will cover over 1 million hectares, mainly on the islands of Palawan and Mindanao.

\* Burma's military junta is implementing an extensive jatropa planting campaign in the country. It plans to have jatropa planted on 200,000 hectares within three years and eventually on 3.25 million hectares. See: <http://tinyurl.com/2hwroc>

The reality is that jatropa has already been converted into another plantation-based agribusiness commodity, tightly controlled from seed to fuel by transnational corporate networks.

UK-based D1 Oils is the world's leading developer of jatropa biodiesel. Although its biodiesel refinery in England currently relies on soya oil from Brazil, D1 says it will soon switch to jatropa oil, sourced from its own plantations. "As our plantations of primary feedstock, jatropa



curcas, begin to produce oil in volume over the next few years, we will increase significantly the import and refining of low-cost feedstocks sustainably produced overseas, particularly in developing countries”, said Elliott Mannis, Chief Executive of D1 Oils. [4]

D1’s jatropha plantations are located in Saudi Arabia, Cambodia, Ghana, Indonesia, the Philippines, China, India, Zambia, South Africa and Swaziland. In most cases, the plantations or contract growing arrangements are managed by D1’s local partners, such as the Williamson Magor Group, India’s largest plantation tea company, or the Philippine National Oil Company.

D1 is now working on the development of high-yielding jatropha varieties, with much of its breeding work focusing on India, an important centre of jatropha diversity and research. In 2005, in a storm of controversy, the company hired Dr Sunil Puri, one of India’s leading jatropha researchers. Puri had until then been head of the forestry department at the Indira Gandhi Agricultural University in Raipur in central India and, as co-ordinator of jatropha research and development in the Indian National Oil Seeds and Vegetable Oils Development Board, he had direct access to the University’s important collection of local jatropha germplasm. A subsequent investigation by the University found that Puri had at the time illegally passed on 18 varieties from that collection to D1. [5] As jatropha today is no longer a marginal crop but big business, this germplasm was certainly of great use to D1. Indeed, shortly before the Puri scandal broke, D1 had contracted India’s Labland Biotech to produce about 100 million high-quality jatropha clones through tissue culture techniques. [6]

In 2006 D1 hired one of the world’s most prominent corporate biotech plant breeders, Dr Henk Joos, to lead its jatropha breeding programme. According to Joos, “The challenge lies in identifying and developing the most promising wild varieties of jatropha and producing hybrids with enhanced yield, higher oil content, and drought resistance characteristics.” [7] Once they find such varieties, corporations like D1 will surely apply for patents, as they commonly do for other agrofuel crops.

Executives from the US-based company Xenerga Inc. say that they have already patented a Malaysian variety of high-octane jatropha that they will introduce for commercial production in the US in 2007. Xenerga and its associate company, German-based EuroFuelTech, also manage jatropha plantations in Kenya, where they say they have hundreds of thousands of hectares available for production. [8]

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