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Rahel Heruy is the founder and managing director of Damascene Essential Oil. Rahel is a senior pharmacist, an Agribusiness Entrepreneur and an advocate for Sustainable Agricultural business for social and personal development with over 12 years' experience in coordinating and leading different Natural Resource Conservation projects.

Inspired by the history of the use of aromatic plants in Ethiopian culture, Damascene Essential Oil Processing PLC produces and supplies essential oils, herbs, spices and other body care products.

As part of its efforts to bridge the gender gap and to ensure that raw materials are readily available to feed the product needs, Damascene supports ten women cooperatives with 3,000 women farmers to plant more than 15 types of spices including green cardamom, lemon verbena, rue, lavender and turmeric over an area of up to 2,000 hectares.



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