

# VeriCycle

Verified Value for a  
Circular Economy



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# The Problem



South Africa has **90,000+** informal collectors who recover **80-90%** of all packaging waste yet remain unbanked. This is a **verified humanitarian and economic crisis** that requires a Web3 solution.

## Economic Exploitation

They are trapped in an untrustworthy, cash-based system with no transparency or fair pay.



## Social & Financial Exclusion

This system offers no formal financial history. They are invisible to banks. No proof of income = no bank loans, no credit, no future.

## A "Bad & Big" Problem

This is a systemic failure that traps generations in poverty and stunts the growth of a vital circular economy.



# The Solution

- The web3 platform that replaces an untrustworthy cash system with a verifiable, token-based reward



## A Digital Wallet for Every Collector

We provide an easy-to-use app that automatically creates a secure Hedera account for every user.



## Instant, Fair Rewards

Collectors earn "EcoCoin" (an HTS token) for every drop-off, replacing vague cash payments.



## The "Proof of Income" Report

This is our key innovation. Using HCS, we create an immutable, auditable log of their earnings, a document they can take to a bank.

# Why This Problem Demands a Hedera-Based Solution

A standard Web2 ‘points app’ cannot solve this. Trust is the problem.

Verifiability is the only answer.

## The Immutable Logbook

The HCS is the only tool that lets us build a low-cost, high-throughput, and permanent logbook. This is the Proof of Income. It is the trust layer that Web2 cannot provide.

## Token & Account Services

HTS allows feasible micro-transactions for rewards (no high gas fees), and the Account Service lets us instantly create a wallet for every user, onboarding thousands to Hedera.



## The Sustainability Track

We are on the Sustainability track. Hedera's low-carbon, energy-efficient network is the *only* responsible choice for an ecological project.

## Instant Finality

A collector gets paid in 2-3 seconds. This instant gratification builds the trust that the cash system broke.



# The VeriCycle User Journey

01

## Sign Up & Auto-Wallet

Collector signs up. A Hedera account is instantly created for them in the background

02

## Drop-off & Scan

The collector shows their QR code. Centre scans it.

03

## Verify & Reward

Centre verifies the weight. EcoCoin is transferred via HTS, and the record is submitted to HCS.

04

## Redeem via HashPack

The collector imports their VeriCycle wallet into HashPack, swaps their EcoCoin for HBAR/USDC on a DEX (like SaucerSwap), and cashes out to their bank. This is a feasible, working, Web3-native cash-out path.

# Live Product Demo

- Click Here to Watch the Full Demo on YouTube:  
<https://youtu.be/Tj-i2-C7dGQ>
- Live App Link: <https://vericycle.onrender.com>
- Demo Account:
  - Demo Login: demo@vericycle.com
  - Password: H3deral2025
- Demo Account:
  - Demo Login: mpact@vericycle.com
  - Password: Centerh3deral!

# Future Roadmap: From App to Infrastructure

This MVP is the foundation. The mock-ups simulate the next logical steps.



## Finalize

### Bank API

Our current model uses HashPack/DEXs. Our future plan is to use our user data to build a direct EcoCoin → ZAR API, streamlining the redemption from a 4-step process to a 1-click button.

## Launch Smart Logistics

Build a logistics engine using our 'Request Pickup' data. This optimizes routes, making recycling convenient and profitable while fighting public litter.



## Roadmap & Business Model

B2G Revenue Model: We charge municipalities a Data Service Fee (R0.10/kg) for verified waste diversion reports, saving them millions in landfill costs.

# Sustainability Model (How We Scale)

- **B2G Data Fees:**
  - We charge municipalities a Data Fee of \$0.01/kg for verified waste diversion reports.
  - Impact: At 100 tonnes/day, this generates ~\$1,000/day while saving cities millions in landfill costs.
- **EPR Credits (B2B):**
  - We sell "Verified Plastic Credits" to brands (e.g., Coca-Cola) at \$30 per tonne for regulatory compliance.
- **Financial Leads (B2B):**
  - Banks pay a \$3.00 Referral Fee for every unbanked collector verified via our "Proof of Income."
  - Opportunity: 90,000 users = \$270,000 immediate revenue potential..

*Note: These figures represent the South African Minimum Obtainable Market. The platform is designed to scale to the 20 million informal recyclers globally.*

# A Global Blueprint for Incentivized Recycling

- This isn't just a South African solution; it's a **global model**.
  - **It's for Everyone:** VeriCycle's model is a universal incentive. It empowers **informal collectors** who do this for a living, but it also rewards **formal households** who already recycle and **encourages new people** to start.
  - **The Model is Universal:** The problem of "incentive vs. convenience" is global. Our Hedera-based blueprint—a trusted, low-cost, verifiable rewards system—can be deployed in any city worldwide.
  - **Network Impact:** Recycling is high-frequency. 90,000 Users x 5 Daily Drops = **450,000 Daily Transactions** on Hedera Consensus Service.

# On-Chain Proof

- The project is **live** and **auditable** on the Hedera Testnet.
  - EcoCoin (HTS): <https://hashscan.io/testnet/token/0.0.7189125>
  - VeriCycle Logbook (HCS): <https://hashscan.io/testnet/topic/0.0.7191601>
  - VeriCycle Operator Account: <https://hashscan.io/testnet/account/0.0.7108458>
  - HTS Token Script: <https://github.com/commit-to-Noma/VeriCycle/blob/main/create-token.js>
  - HCS Logbook Script: <https://github.com/commit-to-Noma/VeriCycle/blob/main/logbook.js>
  - HCS Record Script: <https://github.com/commit-to-Noma/VeriCycle/blob/main/submit-record.js>
  - Account Creation Script: <https://github.com/commit-to-Noma/VeriCycle/blob/main/collector-account.js>
  - Token Transfer Script: <https://github.com/commit-to-Noma/VeriCycle/blob/main/transfer-reward.js>

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