

# C21 INVESTMENTS INC.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the three months ended April 30, 2021

(Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

### GENERAL

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("**MDA**") is prepared as of June 29, 2021 and covers the operations of C21 Investments Inc. ("**C21**" or the "**Company**" or "**we**") and its wholly owned subsidiaries for the three months ended April 30, 2021. This MDA should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes for the three months ended April 30, 2021. The Company's financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**"). Financial information presented in this MDA is presented in United States dollars ("**\$**" or "**US\$**"), unless otherwise indicated.

C21 is publicly listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange ("CSE") under the symbol CXXI and on the OTCQX Best Market under the Symbol CXXIF.

Continuous disclosure and additional information is available on the Company website at <u>www.cxxi.ca</u> or on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>

# **UNITED STATES LEGAL CANNABIS INDUSTRY**

The Company operates in the cannabis industry and its operations are located in the United States. Cannabis operations are regulated at the state level. While the Company's operations are legal in the states in which it operates, on a Federal level in the United States, cannabis is not legal. Please refer to the Company's MDA for the years ended January 31, 2021 and 2020 for detailed disclosure in this regard.

#### **COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC**

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic and recommended containment and mitigation measures worldwide. While the ultimate severity of the outbreak and its impact on the economic environment remains uncertain, the Company is monitoring this closely. The Company's priority during the COVID-19 pandemic is the protection and safety of its employees and customers and it is following the recommended guidelines of applicable government and health authorities. Despite being deemed as an essential retailer in its core markets, the Company has experienced a negative impact on sales in certain markets.

The Company takes all reasonable steps to ensure staff are appropriately informed and trained to promote a culture of health, safety, and continuous improvement, especially during these difficult times for public health and safety due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wherever possible, the Company will continue to adopt generally accepted health and safety best practices from non-cannabis-related industries and follows all health and safety guidelines issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and all orders from relevant provincial, state and local jurisdictions and authorities.

# **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

The Company is a vertically integrated cannabis company that cultivates, processes, distributes and sells quality cannabis and hemp-derived consumer products in the United States. The Company is focused on value creation through the disciplined acquisition and integration of core retail, manufacturing, and distribution assets in strategic markets, leveraging industry-leading retail revenues together with high-growth potential, multi-market branded consumer packaged goods ("**CPG**").

Between January 2018 and May 2019, C21 acquired five US-based cannabis businesses, one in Nevada and four in Oregon. Our branded CPGs include Phantom Farms and Hood Oil, both produced in-house in both Nevada and Oregon. Due to the state by state regulations of the legal US cannabis industry, there is no ability to move cannabis product across state borders, therefore production in one state must be sold in that same state.

# Strategic Focus and Growth

Our flagship operation in Reno, Nevada under the Silver State Relief brand continues its strong financial performance generating healthy cash flow and satisfied customers. Building around this strong core we have accomplished much in the past 12 months.

The Company has optimized its Oregon operations, including:

- Shedding non-core assets, including the April 2021 sale of its Portland wholesale, processing and dispensary assets;
- Consolidating production, processing and wholesale operations into two general locations in Central and Southern Oregon; and
- Placing the remaining Oregon assets into management agreements to eliminate costs and facilitate future sale agreements.

The Company has strengthened our financial position by:

- Terming out the remaining balance on the \$30 million secured promissory note for a period of 30 months; and
- Entering into a debenture backstop agreement, relieving the Company of the obligation to repay the outstanding convertible debentures totaling \$6.6 million due on December 31, 2020 and January 30, 2021, which resulted in substantially all the outstanding convertible debentures converting into common shares.

The Company's strategic Initiatives over the next 12 months include extending our Nevada retail footprint where we have a proven track record of success, targeting \$100 million of annual revenue, continuing our disciplined approach to growth and financing, and internally producing product to expand our Nevada retail footprint, which includes the expansion of our Nevada cultivation operations.

The Nevada cultivation expansion is currently underway at a total cost of \$6 million dollars (Phase 1 and Phase 2), \$2 million dollars for Phase 1, which is slated for completion ahead of schedule for a Fall 2021 harvest. The total expansion will triple our annual production capacity to 10,000 pounds of high-quality flower, leaving a remaining 40% of our existing facility to be utilized for future expansion, and ensure increased margins as new Nevada retail comes online.

# **Financial Highlights**

Select data for C21	Quarters ending									
	30-Apr-21	Jan 31, 2021	31-Oct-20	31-Jul-20	30-Apr-20					
Revenue	\$ 9,150,268	\$ 9,145,984	\$ 9,469,199	\$ 9,366,279	\$ 8,145,824					
Cash operating expenses	1,750,136	1,947,934	1,725,322	1,623,573	1,841,392					
Net income (loss) for the period	4,371,225	(6,581,640)	1,903,769	(38,183)	(1,789,263)					
Income from operations	2,458,964	3,019,987	2,160,501	1,747,223	594,602					
Adjusted EBITDA ***	2,599,343	2,890,480	2,731,927	3,110,138	1,046,638					
Cash	6,124,016	6,237,182	3,402,871	2,709,090	1,314,632					
Working capital deficit	(342,356)	(144,720)	(24,335,811)	(27,404,766)	(26,888,165)					

\*\*\*Adjusted EBITDA is a non-IFRS financial measure, and as such there is no standardized definition for the term. The Company's adjusted EBITDA included above is unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. See "Non-IFRS measures" below for additional information.

Revenue for Q1 was up 12% vs the prior year Q1, and sequentially flat due partly to less operating days in the quarter. Q1 is the shortest quarter in the year with 89 operating days. Nevada achieved record daily revenues with over \$98,600/day in Sales compared to \$95,200/day in Q4.

Cash operating expenses continue stable, these are general selling and administration expenses, but exclude depreciation and amortization and share based compensation.

Net income for the period of \$4.4 million was a record for C21. This is affected by non-cash items, the largest is the change in fair value of derivative liabilities, which was a gain of \$2.7 million for the quarter, discussed below.

Slight increase in the working capital deficit is mainly caused by capital spending on the expansion of the Nevada cultivation operations (increase in long term assets), somewhat offset by cash created from operations.

# Summary of Quarterly results

The following table presents selected financial information for the most recently prepared quarters:

#### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

	30-Apr-21	31-Jan-21	30-Oct-20	31-Jul-20
Total assets	\$ 67,918,505	\$ 68,809,509	\$ 59,984,843	\$ 60,473,493
Working capital (deficiency)	\$ (342,356)	\$ (144,720)	\$ (24,335,811)	\$ (27,404,766)
Shareholders' equity (deficiency)	\$ 29,761,816	\$ 25,338,501	\$ 17,416,199	\$ 1 4,932,563
Revenue	\$ 9,150,268	\$ 9,145,984	\$ 9,469,199	\$ 9,366,279
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,371,225	\$ (6,106,017)	\$ 2,303,069	\$ (38,183)
Net income (loss) per share	0.03	(0.06)	0.01	0.00
	30-Apr-20	31-Jan-20	31-Oct-19	31-Jul-19
Total assets	\$ 59,453,124	\$ 61,450,085	\$ 88,350,852	\$ 94,829,941
Working capital (deficiency)	\$ (27, 125, 130)	\$ (26,954,549)	\$ (22,183,831)	\$ (14,712,253)
Shareholders' equity (deficiency)	\$ 14,339,866	\$ 13,579,554	\$ 30,770,235	\$ 35,575,028
Revenue	\$ 8,145,824	\$ 9,512,225	\$ 10,576,555	\$ 9,859,293
Net income (loss)	\$ (1,789,263)	\$ (21,307,833)	\$ (5,155,945)	\$ (2,964,862)
Net income (loss) per share	(0.25)	(0.25)	(0.06)	(0.04)

# **Financial Highlights**

Summary derived from the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

PROFIT AND LOSS		3 months ended April 30,				
		2021	2020			
Revenue	\$	9,150,268 \$	8,145,824			
Inventory expensed to cost of sales		4,700,838	5,237,254			
Net FV adjustments		(383,996)	(328,946)			
Gross profit		4,833,426	3,237,516			
Expenses	-					
General and administration		1,707,584	1,766,529			
Sales, marketing, and promotion		42,552	74,863			
Depreciation and amortization		482,610	488,952			
Inventory impairment		-	276,820			
Share based compensation		141,716	35,750			
Total expenses		2,374,462	2,642,914			
Income from operations		2,458,964	594,602			
Other items						
Interest expense		(429,268)	(777,220)			
Accretion expense		(21,207)	(94,719)			
Transaction costs		-	-			
Other Income (loss)		70,999	18,002			
Acquisition reorganization costs		-	(1,204,740)			
Gain on sale of assets		375,912	-			
Change in fair value of derivative liabilities		2,716,722	264,802			
Income (loss) before income taxes		5,172,122	(1,199,273)			
Current income tax expense		(800,897)	(589,990)			
Net income (loss)	\$	4,371,225	(1,789,263)			
Other comprehensive income						
Cumulative translation adjustment		(17,640)	129,472			
Income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) for the period		4,353,585	(1,659,791)			

"**Revenue**" in the quarter ending April 30, 2021 increased versus prior year Q1, due to record sales in the Nevada dispensaries and improving conditions after the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Q1 2021 business results.

"Gross profit" rose in the current quarter for similar reasons, Q1 last year was adversely impacted by the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Expenses**

"General and administration" expenses remain steady at \$1,707,584 (prior year Q1-\$1,766,529). The largest item included in this category are Salaries and wages, which remained steady versus prior year Q1 (\$794,000 vs \$792,000).

"**Depreciation and amortization**" includes provisions for fixed assets, intangibles and amortization of right-of-use assets (leases of buildings, warehouses and offices). The total depreciation and amortization during Q1 is \$694,770, of which \$482,610 is included in expenses, with the remainder of \$212,160 included in Inventory and therefore is included as part of 'Inventory expensed to cost of Sales'.

"Share based compensation" is a non-cash item and reflects the issuance of stock options to employees and officers and directors.

**"Interest expenses"** declined from \$777,220 in the prior year Q1 to \$429,268 in the current Q1. This reflects the effect of two short term liabilities being reduced over the past 12 months. A Promissory note bearing interest at 9.5% has been paid down from \$19,400,000 to \$12,666,667. Convertible debentures outstanding at prior year Q1 of \$6,787,097 and bearing interest at 10% per annum were all converted to common shares or repaid.

"Acquisition reorganization costs" are zero in Q1, and in the prior year Q1 were \$1,204,740. This cost resulted from the completion of the restructuring of the terms of the purchase agreement with Phantom Farms.

"Gain on sale of assets" in Q1 of \$375,912 (prior year Q1 - \$0) resulted from the completion of the sale of noncore Oregon assets on April 23, 2021.

"Change in fair value of derivative liabilities" is a periodic revaluation of the earn out shares outstanding to vendors of businesses purchased by the Company. These earn out shares are revalued using a Monte Carlo simulation. The fair value of this liability will increase with an increase in the stock price of the Company and vice-versa. The change in fair value must be recorded through the Companies profit or loss statement. As a result, a share price increase period over period, will result in a reduction in net income. The change in fair value was immaterial in Q3.

"Other comprehensive income (loss)", specifically the cumulative translation adjustment, comes about in IFRS when translating the balances between the parent company (investments made in C\$) and the US subsidiaries (US\$). These foreign exchange gains or losses at each reporting date result from translation of the C\$ amounts to US\$ (which is our reporting currency).

#### **Non-IFRS Measures**

#### Adjusted EBITDA

"Adjusted EBITDA" and "After tax operating cash flow" are both supplemental, non-GAAP financial measures. The Company defines EBITDA as earnings before depreciation and amortization (excluding rent classified as lease amortization), income taxes, and interest. Additionally, the Company's Adjusted EBITDA presented above excludes fair value adjustments, accretion, impairment charges, one-time transaction costs and all other non-cash items. The Company has presented "Adjusted EBITDA" and "After tax operating cash flow" because its management believes these are useful measures for investors when assessing and considering the Company's continuing operations and prospects for the future. Furthermore, "Adjusted EBITDA" is a commonly used measurement in the financial community when evaluating the market value of similar companies. "Adjusted EBITDA" and "After tax operating cash flow" are not measures of performance calculated in accordance with IFRS, and these metrics should not be considered in isolation of, or as a substitute for, the measurement of the Company's performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. "Adjusted EBITDA," as calculated and reconciled in the table above, may not be comparable to similarly titled measurements used by other issuers and is not necessarily a measure of the Company's ability to fund its cash needs. Figures have been restated to match current presentation.

ADJUSTED EBITDA										
	Th	ree months end	ed April 30							
		2021	2020							
Income from operations	\$	2,458,964	\$ 594,602							
Net impact, fair value on biological assets		(383,996)	(328,946)							
Depreciation and amortization		482,610	488,952							
Share based compensation		141,716	35,750							
Inventory impairment		-	276,820							
Lease interest included in interest exp		(99,951)	(20,540)							
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	2,599,343	\$ 1,046,638							

# After Tax Operating Cash Flow

Included in the Financial Statements for April 30, 2021 is the "**Statement of Cash Flows**." In this statement is "**Cash provided by Operating activities**," which includes working capital changes. Some of these working capital changes relate to the timing of payments and not cash generated by the day-to-day operations during a particular period.

Income taxes has an outsized effect on the finances of US cannabis companies due to the application of U.S. Internal Revenue Code (the "**Code**"), Section 280E, which denies most deductions except for cost of goods sold. In general, U.S. federal income taxes cost the Company about 20% of its gross profit.

Below we itemize cash provided by operating activities, before working capital changes, and after current income tax expense. Both tax expense figures below are adjusted from what appears on the income statement due to the reversal of a prior year excess accrual. The tax figure below represents current income taxes. We note that some analysts have started calculating similar numbers in the cannabis sector and calling it Operating Cash Flow and After tax Operating Cash Flow (see **Non-IFRS Measures** above).

Aft	er tax operat	ing cash flow	I		Quarter ended	Quarter ended
					30-Apr-21	30-Apr-20
Fro	om the Statem	ent of Cash F	lows			
	Cash provided by operating activities				1,943,406	1,358,284
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	chan	ges in non-ca	961,755	(198,158)		
		Ор	erating Cash	Flow (OCF)	2,905,161	1,160,126
		Ded	uct: Income t	ax expense	(800,897)	(589,990)
	A	fter tax oper	ating cash flo	w (ATOCF)	2,104,264	570,136
-			OCF Mar	gin/Sales%	31.7%	14.2%
			ATOCF Marg	gin/Sales %	23.0%	7.0%
		ATOCF pe	r average sha	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.01	

## NEVADA

The Company acquired Silver State Relief and Silver State Cultivation on January 1, 2019. The Nevada business operates in Sparks and Fernley, Nevada, and is the flagship operation of C21. The Silver State Relief dispensary in Sparks, Nevada was the first dispensary in Nevada and opened in July 2015 selling medical cannabis. In July 2017, the sale of recreational cannabis commenced, and in January 2019 a second dispensary location was opened in Fernley, Nevada. Silver State operates indoor cultivation and processing which produces our own retail products for sale in our two dispensaries. We lease 104,075 sq ft in a warehouse separate from the dispensaries, this lease includes an option to buy the whole 158,000 sq ft warehouse. Construction of the indoor grow rooms commenced in 2015 with an initial 7 grow rooms. Today there is 17 grow rooms producing approximately 5,000 pounds of biomass, flower ~3,450 pounds, and trim ~1,550 pounds which is primarily sold within the Company's Silver State Relief dispensaries, with an expansion underway for both retail and wholesale distribution under the Silver State and partner brands.

Almost all this production is sold through the two Silver State dispensaries. Excess production is sold into the wholesale market. Wholesale sales amounted to \$0.6 million in sales during the year ended January 31, 2021. Silver State had total sales of \$33.5 million during the year ended January 31,2021. Hood Oil and Phantom Farms brands are two of the brands purchased via the Oregon acquisitions by the Company. Commencing in the second half of 2019, we started to manufacture and package these branded products at Silver State. These brands now make up two of the three largest selling brands in our dispensaries.

Our two dispensaries, the 8,000-square foot retail dispensary in Sparks and the 6,000-square foot dispensary located in Fernley, collectively serviced a total of more than 140,000 recreational and medical cannabis customers during the three months ended April 30, 2021, with over 700 SKUs in each store.

Consistent quality, market-leading pricing, and superior customer service translate to industry-leading sales per square foot (\$3,224/sq. ft. during Q1 2022). Likewise, because of its substantial purchasing leverage, Silver State consistently offers customers among the lowest prices within the state.

The Sparks dispensary captured 17.5% of Washoe County, Nevada sales during the eight months to March 31, 2021 (the latest available data). The two dispensaries captured 3.6% of Nevada cannabis sales during the same period.

# Nevada Dispensary Statistics

The table below highlights two metrics for dispensary performance, the average dollars spent by customers in our stores (\$/transaction) and the average sales per day.

	FY-2022		FY-2022 Year ended January 31, 2021								Yea	r ended .
	Q1		Q4		Q3		Q2		Q1		Q4	
\$/transaction	\$	61.6	\$	59.7	\$	57.2	\$	63.3	\$	61.7	\$	47.3
Sales \$000/day	\$	98.6	\$	95.2	\$	96.5	\$	92.7	\$	76.8	\$	87.4

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\$/transaction	\$	60.0	\$ 62.6	\$	62.5	\$	59.3	\$ 61.2	\$ 60.0
Sales \$000/day	\$	93.5	\$ 100.0	\$	102.3	\$	92.7	\$ 96.4	\$ 96.6

Review of the historical \$/transaction in the table above shows the effects of the pandemic restrictions. Prior to the restrictions, the dispensaries averaged just under \$50/transaction.

With the delivery only pandemic restrictions starting in mid-March 2020, spending shot up over \$150/transaction on some days. Customers were increasing their spend due to uncertainty of supply. As customers became more comfortable with the restrictions this number has receded. Pandemic restrictions have ended in the dispensaries, except a requirement to wear a mask if staff or customers are not vaccinated.

Currently, delivery and curbside pick-up account for about 21% of transactions and 24% of revenue.

Nevada dispensary revenues hit several records this quarter including record daily sales for the quarter of \$98,600/day and a monthly sales record in March 2021 of \$102,300/day. This compares to prior year Q1 sales of \$76,800/day trailing Q4 sales of \$95,200/day.

NEVADA Income from operation	ons	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
		30-Apr-21	31-Jan-21	31-Oct-20	31-Jul-20	30-Apr-20
Revenue	\$	8,797,350	8,811,046	8,994,301	8,547,532	7,113,184
Cost of Sales		3,981,627	4,244,900	4,061,728	3,901,953	4,213,746
Gross Margin before undernoted		4,815,723	4,566,146	4,932,573	4,645,579	2,899,438
		55%	52%	55%	54%	41%
Realized fair value adj. biological as	sets	1,179,663	1,963,444	1,443,865	3,297,236	1,236,276
Unrealized fair value adj. biological	assets	(1,641,861)	(2,437,330)	(1,952,984)	(2,698,117)	(1,743,159)
Gross profit		5,277,921	5,040,032	5,441,692	4,046,460	3,406,321
		60%	57%	61%	47%	48%
Expenses						
General and administration		948,115	934,536	916,937	940,356	714,680
Sales, marketing, and promotion		15,997	27,741	21,628	29,989	57,339
Depreciation and amortization		401,922	373,738	429,099	431,124	433,378
Total expenses		1,366,034	1,336,015	1,367,664	1,401,469	1,205,397
Income from operations		3,911,887	3,704,017	4,074,028	2,644,991	2,200,924
		44%	42%	45%	31%	31%

Derived from the quarterly segmented reporting, above is a summary of the last five quarters for Nevada operations.

### OREGON

Our restructured Oregon business now operates from the Phantom Farms locations in Central and Southern Oregon. We operate outdoor and greenhouse active canopy totaling 80,000 square feet. We also operate a 7,700 square indoor foot grow facility with three grow rooms and a 5,600 square foot warehouse facility which includes an extraction facility and wholesale distribution. The Company has a total cultivation capacity of approximately 5,100 pounds of cannabis which produces "A" grade Phantom flower and extracts the remainder of its biomass in its CO2 extraction facility.

## Divestment of non-core Oregon assets

On January 7, 2021, the Company announced a definitive agreement to sell select non-core Oregon assets for \$1.3 million. After approval by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to the transfer of the licenses the sale was closed on April 23, 2021. This sale included the Company's Portland processing and dispensary licenses, some processing equipment, one brand, and the assumption by the buyer of two building leases.

One Oregon location remains under third-party management pursuant to management agreements which commenced June 15, 2020 whereby the management company has assumed all leasehold liabilities and costs at the facility.

## CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The following table includes the Company's obligations to make future payments for each of the next five years that represent contracts and other commitments that are known and committed:

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS											
	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	Under 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years					
As at April 30, 2021											
Trade and other payables	\$ 2,105,083	\$ 2,105,083	\$ 2,105,083	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Finance lease payments (1)	10,024,384	17,142,497	1,463,148	2,933,506	2,688,501	10,057,342					
Convertible debt (2)	2,494,906	2,494,906	2,494,906	-	-	-					
Notes and other borrowings (3)	13,176,632	13,176,632	6,136,344	7,040,288							
Total	\$ 27,801,005	\$ 34,919,118	\$ 12,199,481	\$ 9,973,794	\$ 2,688,501	\$ 10,057,342					

(1) Amounts in the table reflect minimum payments due for the Company's leased facilities and certain leased equipment under various lease agreements and purchase agreements.

- (2) Amounts in the table reflect the contractually required principal payments payable under various convertible note and convertible debenture agreements.
- (3) Amounts in the table reflect the contractually required principal payments payable under a promissory note issued to the vendor that sold Silver State to the Company, and miscellaneous debt.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

# LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Regarding the Oregon and British Columbian claims and cross-claims between the Company and Proudest Monkey Holdings, LLC ("**PMH**") and its current owners (the former owners of Eco Firma Farms LLC ("**EFF**")), the parties have agreed to attempt to settle all of the claims through voluntary mediation, and such mediation has been scheduled in July 2021.

For a summary of the current legal proceedings, please refer to the Company's MD&A for the years ended January 31, 2021 and 2020 for detailed disclosure in this regard.

# **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

As of the date of this report, the Company has not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements.

# DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

The Company's authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value.

As of April 30, 2021, there were:

- 117,533,734 common shares issued and outstanding,
- 5,615,000 options outstanding to purchase common shares of which 4,261,667 had vested,
- 7,400,000 warrants outstanding to purchase common shares,
- no RSUs outstanding to purchase common shares.

As of June 29, 2021 (the date of this report) there were:

- 118,747,814 common shares issued and outstanding,
- 5,615,000 options outstanding to purchase common shares
- 3,240,000 warrants outstanding to purchase common shares,
- no RSUs outstanding to purchase common shares.

Some of the warrants have a 'cashless' feature allowing them to be exercised on a net basis with no cash received by the Company. As of the date of this report, there are 3,240,000 warrants outstanding and presented on a cashless basis, there are 1,540,000 warrants outstanding. On June 17, 2021, C21 issued 1,214,080 common shares pursuant to a 'cashless exercise' of 4,160,000 warrants.

As of June 29, 2021 (the date of this report) the Company had the following securities outstanding:

Type of Security	Number outstanding
Common Shares	118,747,814
Stock Options	5,615,000
Warrants	1,540,000
Acquisition shares	793,093
	126,695,907

# MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Company's financial statements and the other financial information included in this MDA are the responsibility of the Company's management and have been examined and approved by the Board. The accompanying audited financial statements are prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and include certain amounts based on management's best estimates using careful judgment. The selection of accounting principles and methods is management's responsibility.

Management recognizes its responsibility for conducting the Company's affairs in a manner that complies with the requirements of applicable laws and established financial standards and principles and maintains proper standards of conduct in its activities. The Board supervises the financial statements and other financial information through its audit committee, which is comprised of a majority of non-management directors.

The audit committee's role is to examine the financial statements and recommend that the Board approve them, to examine the internal control and information protection systems, and all other matters relating to the Company's accounting and finances. To do so, the audit committee meets annually with the external auditors, with or without the Company's management, to review their respective audit plans and discuss the results of their examination. This committee is responsible for recommending the appointment of the external auditors or the renewal of their engagement.

# **ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

The Company's unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended April 30, 2021 were authorized for issuance on June 29, 2021 by the Board.

# FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board approves and monitors the risk management processes of the Company, inclusive of documented investment policies, counterparty limits, and controlling and reporting structures. The type of risk exposure and the way in which such exposure is managed is provided as follows:

# **CREDIT RISK**

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Company's primary exposure to credit risk is on its cash held in bank accounts, accounts receivable, and its notes receivable from acquisition targets. The Company's cash is deposited in bank accounts held with a major bank in Canada, a trust company in Canada, and three credit unions in Nevada, Washington and Colorado; and accordingly, there is a concentration of credit risk. This risk is managed by using a major bank that is a high credit quality financial institution as determined by rating agencies. The Company's notes receivables are placed with acquisition targets that are under definitive agreements, in which closing is based primarily on receipt of regulatory approval. If an unlikely event occurred which delayed regulatory approval for an extended period of time or permanently, the risk of default on these notes would be increased based on the liquidity of the acquisition targets.

#### LIQUIDITY RISK

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its obligations as they become due. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on management's ability to raise required funding through future equity or debt issuances. The Company manages its liquidity risk by forecasting cash flows from operations and anticipating any investing and financing activities. Management and the Board are actively involved in the review, planning and approval of significant expenditures and commitments.

The Company's consolidated financial statements for three months ended April 30, 2021 have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will be able to continue its operations and realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future.

The Company reports an accumulated deficit of \$72,245,176, and a working capital deficit of \$342,356 as at April 30, 2021.

The Company has generated significant positive cash flow for the quarter ended April 30, 2021 and the fiscal year ended January 31, 2021. The Statement of Cash Flows for the quarter ended April 30, 2021 shows cash provided by operations of \$1.9 million (\$9.9 million-FYE2021).

The working capital deficit has fallen from \$27.0 million at January 31, 2020, to \$342,356 as at April 30, 2021. This strengthening of our financial position has resulted in the removal of going concern disclosure in Note 1 of the financial statements in the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended January 31, 2021 and for the quarter ended April 30, 2021.

Further, there remains uncertainty about the U.S. federal government's position on cannabis with respect to cannabis-legal states. A change in its enforcement policies could impact the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern and have a material adverse impact on the business.

# **INTEREST RATE RISK**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company is not subject to any interest rate volatility as its long-term debt instruments and convertible notes are carried at a fixed interest rate throughout their term.

# CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company's objectives when managing its capital are to ensure there are enough capital resources to continue operating as a going concern and maintain the Company's ability to ensure sufficient levels of funding to support its ongoing operations and development. The purpose of these objectives is to provide continued returns and benefits to the Company's shareholders. The Company's capital structure includes items classified in debt and shareholders' equity.

The Board does not establish quantitative return on capital criteria for management, but rather relies on the expertise of the Company's management to sustain future development of the business considering changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the Company's underlying asset.

The Company works with its capital advisors, Eight Capital Corp. based in Toronto, Canada, and CB1 Capital based in New York, to identify the best strategic options to execute our corporate growth plans, as well as increasing financial flexibility in managing our debt.

# U.S. INDUSTRY BACKGROUND AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

# INDUSTRY BACKGROUND AND TRENDS

The emergence of the legal cannabis sector in the United States, both for medical and adult use, has been rapid as more states adopt regulations for its production and sale. Today 60% of Americans live in a state where cannabis is legal in some form and almost a quarter of the population lives in states where it is fully legalized for adult use.

The use of cannabis and cannabis derivatives to treat or alleviate the symptoms of a wide variety of chronic conditions has been generally accepted by a majority of citizens with a growing acceptance by the medical community as well. A review of the research, published in 2015 in the Journal of the American Medical Association, found evidence that cannabis can treat pain and muscle spasms. The pain component is particularly important,

because other studies have suggested that cannabis can replace patients' use of highly addictive, potentially deadly opiates — meaning cannabis legalization literally improves lives.

Polls throughout the United States consistently show overwhelming support for the legalization of medical cannabis, together with strong majority support for the full legalization of recreational adult-use cannabis. It is estimated that 94% of U.S. voters support legalizing cannabis for medical use. In addition, 66% of the U.S. public supports legalizing cannabis for adult recreational use. These are large increases in public support over the past 40 years in favor of legalized cannabis use.

Notwithstanding that 34 states and the District of Columbia have now legalized adult-use and/or medical cannabis, cannabis remains illegal under U.S. federal law with cannabis listed as a Schedule I drug under the U.S. Federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970 ("**CSA**").

Currently the Company only operates in the states of Oregon and Nevada. The Company may expand internally within Nevada or into other states within the United States that have legalized cannabis use either medicinally or recreationally and expand internationally.

# FEDERAL REGULATORY UPDATE

For a summary of the Federal regulatory environment, please refer to the Company's MDA for the years ended January 31, 2021 and 2020, for detailed disclosure in this regard.

## NEVADA REGULATORY UPDATE

For a summary of the Nevada regulatory environment, please refer to the Company's MDA for the years ended January 31, 2021 and 2020, for detailed disclosure in this regard.

## OREGON REGULATORY UPDATE

For a summary of the Oregon regulatory environment, please refer to the Company's MDA for the years ended January 31, 2021 and 2020 for detailed disclosure in this regard.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

For a comprehensive list of the risk factors relating to the business and securities of the Company, please refer to the Company's MDA for the years ended January 31, 2021 and 2020 for detailed disclosure in this regard. The Company will face a few challenges and significant risks in the development of its business due to the nature of and present stage of its business. These risks and uncertainties are not the only ones facing the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Company or currently deemed immaterial by the Company, may also impair the operations of or materially adversely affect the securities of the Company. If any such risks occur, the Company's shareholders could lose all or part of their investment and the business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations and prospects of the Company could be materially adversely affected. Some of the risk factors previously disclosed are interrelated and, consequently, readers should read such risk factors in connection with one another.

The acquisition of any of the securities of the Company is speculative, involving a high degree of risk and should be undertaken only by persons whose financial resources are enough to enable them to assume such risks and who have no need for immediate liquidity in their investment. An investment in the securities of the Company should not constitute a major portion of a person's investment portfolio and should only be made by persons who can afford a total loss of their investment.

# FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis includes "forward-looking information" and "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Canadian securities laws and United States securities laws. All information, other than statements of historical facts, included in this MDA that addresses activities, events or developments that the Company expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future is forward-looking information. Forwardlooking information includes, among other things, information regarding: statements relating to the business and future activities of, and developments related to, the Company, including such things as the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic with reductions of operating (including marketing) and capital expenses and revenues, future business strategy, competitive strengths, goals, expansion and growth of the Company's business, operations and plans, including the Company's positioning in the United States cannabis industry, including the continued performance of the Company's operations generally, and specifically its Nevada retail operations, including the continued profitability of the Company's Nevada operations, including the Company's ability to continue to service its debt through operating cash flows, including the Company's ability to pursue growth opportunities and generate future growth for the Company by scaling and replicating its profitable model in Nevada, including the Company's ability of to secure non-dilutive debt financing, including the continued performance of the Company's brands and the expectations as to the development and distribution of the Company's brands and products, including the continued demand for cannabis products, including the timing of the completion of any acquisitions or dispositions and expectations of whether such proposed transactions will be consummated on the current terms or otherwise and contemplated timing, expectations and effects of such proposed transactions, estimates of future cultivation, manufacturing and extraction capacity, expectations as to the development and distribution of the Company's brands and products, the expansion into additional U.S. and international markets, any potential future legalization of adult-use and/or medical cannabis under U.S. federal law, expectations of market size and growth in the United States and the states in which the Company operates or contemplates future operations and the effect such growth will have on the Company's financial performance, expectations for other economic, business, regulatory and/or competitive factors related to the Company or the cannabis industry generally, and other events or conditions that may occur in the future.

Readers are cautioned that forward-looking information and statements are based on reasonable assumptions, estimates, analysis and opinions of management of the Company at the time they were provided or made in light of their experience and their perception of trends, current conditions and expected developments, as well as other factors that management believes to be relevant and reasonable in the circumstances, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking information and statements.

Forward-looking information and statements are not a guarantee of future performance and are based upon a number of estimates and assumptions of management at the date the statements are made including among other things assumptions about: the contemplated acquisitions and dispositions being completed on the current terms and current contemplated timeline; development costs remaining consistent with budgets; ability to manage anticipated and unanticipated costs; favorable equity and debt capital markets; the ability to raise sufficient capital to advance the business of the Company; favorable operating and economic conditions; political and regulatory stability; obtaining and maintaining all required licenses and permits; receipt of governmental approvals and permits; sustained labor stability; favorable production levels and costs from the Company's operations; the pricing of various cannabis products; the level of demand for cannabis products; the availability of third party service providers and other inputs for the Company's operations; the Company's ability to conduct operations in a safe, efficient and effective manner; the ability of the Company to restructure and service its secured debt; the availability of the Company to secure a non-dilutive debt financing on terms acceptable to the Company; and the ability of the Company's operations to continue to perform and continue in the ordinary course

in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. While the Company considers these assumptions to be reasonable, the assumptions are inherently subject to significant business, social, economic, political, regulatory, competitive and other risks, uncertainties, contingencies and other factors that could cause actual performance, achievements, actions, events, results or conditions to be materially different from those projected in the forward-looking information and statements. Many assumptions are based on factors and events that are not within the control of the Company and there is no assurance they will prove to be correct.

Risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking information and statements include, among others, risks relating to U.S. regulatory landscape and enforcement related to cannabis, including governmental and environmental regulation, public opinion and perception of the cannabis industry, risks related to the ability to consummate any proposed acquisitions or dispositions on the proposed terms and the ability to obtain requisite regulatory approvals and third party consents and the satisfaction of other conditions, risks related to reliance on third party service providers, the limited operating history of the Company, risks inherent in an agricultural business, risks related to proprietary intellectual property, risks relating to financing activities, risks relating to the management of growth, increasing competition in the cannabis industry, risks associated to cannabis products manufactured for human consumption including potential product recalls, reliance on key inputs, suppliers and skilled labor (the availability and retention of which is subject to uncertainty), cybersecurity risks, ability and constraints on marketing products, fraudulent activity by employees, contractors and consultants, risk of litigation and conflicts of interest, and the difficulty of enforcement of judgments and effecting service outside of Canada, limited research and data relating to cannabis, risks and uncertainties related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it may continue to have on the global economy and the retail sector, particularly the cannabis retail sector in the states in which the Company operates, as well as those risk factors discussed elsewhere herein, including under "Risk Factors".

Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that such forward-looking information and statements will prove to be accurate as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such information and statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information and statements.

While the Company may elect to update such forward-looking information and statements at a future time, it assumes no obligation for doing so except to the extent required by applicable law.