

NEWS RELEASE

CULT Food Science Provides Strategic Funding to Cell-Based Collagen and Gelatin Pioneer Jellatech

Jellatech is the World's First Animal-Free Collagen and Gelatin Ingredient Company Leveraging a Proprietary Cellular Agriculture Process to Produce Pure, Sustainable and High-Quality Inputs

Vancouver, British Columbia, February 1, 2022 / CNW /- CULT Food Science Corp. ("CULT" or the "Company") (CSE: CULT) (FRA: LNO), an innovative investment platform with an exclusive focus on clean, lab-grown food that is advancing the development of novel technologies to provide a sustainable, environmental and ethical solution to the global factory farming and aquaculture crises, is pleased to announce that it has completed a strategic investment in Jellatech, Inc. ("Jellatech"), which is the world's first cell-based collagen and gelatin ingredient company. Based in Raleigh, North Carolina, Jellatech was founded in 2020 by Stephanie Michelsen, who has been included on the *Forbes 30 Under 30* list for 2022. Other prominent investors in Jellatech include Ryan Bethencourt's <u>Sustainable Food Ventures</u> as well as <u>Big Idea Ventures</u>, which operates a dedicated fund and accelerator for plant-based protein products.

Contrary to traditional collagen and gelatin production processes, which are primarily a by-product of animal slaughter, Jellatech leverages a proprietary cellular agriculture process as a novel method to manufacture sustainable, high-quality substitutes for collagen and gelatin. In addition to food-based applications, Jellatech is also exploring the use of animal-free collagen and gelatin in areas including but not limited to cosmetics, personal care and medication.

Recent corporate milestones achieved by Jellatech include the following:

- Completion of its dedicated lab and corporate campus in Raleigh, North Carolina;
- Establishment of an immortalized, collagen-producing cell line in-house; and
- Achieved proof-of-concept of the entire process of animal-free, cell-based collagen production from synthesis to purification.

Collagen and gelatin are a rapidly growing opportunity set, though currently there are no vegan or animalfree approaches to producing high-quality collagen. Accordingly, Jellatech is focused on creating pure, consistent, animal-free products with a lower cost to the environment than traditional and antiquated animal-based substitutes. Jellatech's novel formulations allow for commercial-scale production of analogues to collagen and gelatin, which can maintain a minimal environmental impact with efficient and low-cost processes.

Gelatin and collagen are common inputs across food and pharmaceutical production chains and present a potentially highly lucrative business case as no lab-grown analogues are presently commercially available. As collagen and gelatin are by-products of meat production and animal slaughter, the ability to produce these ingredients in a laboratory setting could provide producers and consumers with the opportunity to reduce their environmental footprints. According to Encyclopaedia Britannica, approximately 330 million tons or 660 million pounds of gelatin are produced globally each year, with four industries (food, pharmaceuticals, photography, and cosmetics) consuming approximately 95% of this supply¹. Gelatin is also especially popular in certain global regions to include Utah, where Kraft's *JELL-O* is the official state food².

Management Commentary

"We are very excited to welcome CULT Food Science onboard and to have their support as we continue to scale and grow. We will work together to explore potential synergies between our scientific teams and other possible collaborations. This is an enormously exciting time for us at Jellatech and we are proud to have a new partner in CULT Food Science who believes in our mission to make animal-free collagen a reality," said Stephanie Michelsen, CEO of Jellatech.

Lejjy Gafour, President of CULT, added, "We are pleased to make a strategic investment into Jellatech, as there is a large need for vegan, animal-free collagen currently going unmet. As Jellatech's alternatives to collagen and gelatin are not derived from animals, substantially similar versions of certain food products normally containing these ingredients, such as marshmallows and broth, could also be made for people who cannot consume the traditional version of these products for dietary, religious or other reasons. We are incredibly excited about our strategic funding of Jellatech and we see enormous opportunities in the commercialization of animal-free collagen and gelatin globally."

Corporate Update

The Company announces the resignation of Matthew Roma from its Board of Directors. CULT thanks Mr. Roma for his contributions to the Company and wishes him well in his future endeavours.

About Jellatech

Based in Raleigh, North Carolina, Jellatech, Inc. is a developer of cutting-edge technologies to produce high quality, pure, animal-free collagen and gelatin. Founded in 2020 by a group of innovators, dreamers, entrepreneurs and scientists, the company is on a mission to eliminate animals from the food system, making better ingredient products – starting with collagen and gelatin.

About CULT Food Science

CULT Food Science Corp. (CSE: CULT) is an innovative investment platform with an exclusive focus on clean, lab-grown food that is advancing the development of novel technologies to provide a sustainable, environmental, and ethical solution to the global factory farming crisis. The first-of-its-kind in North America, CULT Food Science aims to provide individual investors with unprecedented exposure to the

most innovative start-up, private or early-stage cultivated meat and cultured dairy companies around the world.

Additional information can be found by viewing the Company's website at <u>www.cultfoodscience.com</u> or its regulatory filings on <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company,

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2. "RESOLUTION URGING JELL-O[®] RECOGNITION," Utah State Legislature, accessed January 31, 2022, https://le.utah.gov/~2001/bills/sbillint/SR0005S1.htm.

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