## **NOTICE OF**

## **MEETING**

## **AND**

# MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF

## **CULT FOOD SCIENCE CORP.**

to be held on August 24, 2022

at 11:00 AM (Pacific time)

at Suite 810 – 789 West Pender Street Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1H2

**Dated: July 13, 2022** 

#### CULT FOOD SCIENCE CORP.

50 Carroll Street Toronto, Ontario M4M 3G3

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT a special general meeting (the "Meeting") of the holders of common shares (the "Shareholders") of CULT Food Science Corp. (the "Company") will be held at 810 – 789 West Pender Street Vancouver BC V6C 1H2 on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) for the following purposes:

- 1. to consider and, if deemed advisable, approve a special resolution authorizing the Board, in its sole discretion, to apply for continuance out of the Province of British Columbia under the provisions of the Business Corporations Act (*British Columbia*) into the Province of Ontario under the provisions of the Business Corporations Act (*Ontario*) and to adopt new By-Laws in accordance with the OBCA relating generally to the conduct of the business and affairs of the Company under the OBCA; and
- 2. to transact such further or other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

The Company's board of directors (the "**Board**") has fixed July 13, 2022 as the record date for the determination of Shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof. Each registered Shareholder at the close of business on that date is entitled to receive such notice and to vote at the Meeting in the circumstances set out in the accompanying Information Circular.

If you are a registered Shareholder of the Company and are unable to attend the Meeting in person, please complete, date and sign the accompanying form of proxy and deposit it with the Company's transfer agent, Endeavor Trust Corporation, 702 - 777 Hornby Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6Z 1S4, no later than 11:00 a.m. on August 22, 2022 or at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays recognized in the Province of British Columbia) before the time and date of any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting.

If you are a non-registered Shareholder and received this notice ("**Notice**") of Meeting and accompanying materials through a broker, a financial institution, a participant, a trustee or administrator of a self-administered retirement savings plan, retirement income fund, education savings plan or other similar self-administered savings or investment plan registered under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), or a nominee of any of the foregoing that holds your securities on your behalf (the "**Intermediary**"), please complete and return the materials in accordance with the instructions provided to you by your Intermediary.

In view of the current and rapidly evolving COVID-19 outbreak, the Company asks that, in considering whether to attend the Meeting in person, shareholders follow the instructions of the Public Health Agency of Canada (https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html). The Company encourages Shareholders not to attend the Meeting in person if experiencing any of the described COVID-19 symptoms of fever, cough or difficulty breathing. The Company may take additional precautionary measures in relation to the Meeting in response to further developments in the COVID-19 outbreak. As always, the Company encourages Shareholders to vote prior to the Meeting. Shareholders are encouraged to vote on the matters before the Meeting by proxy and to join the Meeting by teleconference. To access the Meeting by teleconference, dial toll free at **1-800-319-7310**, Participation Code: **77783**, followed by the # sign.

Dated at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 13th day of July, 2022.

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Signed: "Dorian Banks"

Dorian Banks Director

#### CULT FOOD SCIENCE CORP.

50 Carroll Street Toronto, Ontario M4M 3G3

#### INFORMATION CIRCULAR

This Information Circular (the "Circular") accompanies the Notice of the special general meeting (the "Meeting") of the Shareholders of CULT Food Science Corp. (the "Company"), and is furnished to Shareholders holding shares of the Company (the "Shares"), in connection with the solicitation by the Company's management of proxies to be voted at the Meeting to be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at Suite 810, 789 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1H2 or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

#### COVID-19

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#### INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS INFORMATION CIRCULAR

The date of this Circular is July 13, 2022.

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representation in connection with any matters described herein other than those contained in this Circular and, if given or made, any such information or representation should be considered not to have been authorized by the Company.

This Circular does not constitute the solicitation of an offer to purchase any securities or the solicitation of a proxy by any person in any jurisdiction in which such solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such solicitation.

Information contained in this Circular should not be construed as legal, tax or financial advice and Shareholders are urged to consult their own professional advisers in connection therewith.

#### PROXIES AND VOTING RIGHTS

## **Management Solicitation**

The solicitation of proxies by management of the Company will be conducted by mail and may be supplemented by telephone or other personal contact to be made without special compensation by the directors, officers and employees of the Company. The Company does not reimburse Shareholders, nominees or agents for costs incurred in obtaining from their principals authorization to execute forms of proxy, except that the Company has requested brokers and nominees who hold stock in their respective names to furnish the proxy-related materials to their customers, and the Company will reimburse such brokers and nominees for their related out of pocket expenses. No solicitation will be made by specifically engaged employees or soliciting agents. The cost of solicitation will be borne by the Company. No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representation other than as contained in this Circular in connection with the solicitation of proxies.

If given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Company. The delivery of this Circular shall not create, under any circumstances, any implication that there has been no change in the information set forth herein since the date of this Circular. This Circular does not constitute the solicitation of a proxy by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such solicitation is not authorized, or in which the person making such solicitation is not qualified to do so, or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer of solicitation.

The Company has arranged for intermediaries to forward the Meeting materials to beneficial owners of Shares (the "Beneficial Shareholders") held of record by those intermediaries. The Company has distributed or made available for distribution, copies of the Notice, this Circular and form of proxy to clearing agencies, securities dealers, banks and trust companies or their nominees (collectively, the "Intermediaries") for distribution to Beneficial Shareholders held of record by those Intermediaries. Such Intermediaries are required to forward such documents to the Beneficial Shareholders unless a Beneficial Shareholder has waived the right to receive them. The solicitation of proxies from Beneficial Shareholders will be carried out by the Intermediaries or by the Company if the names and addresses of the Beneficial Shareholders are provided by Intermediaries. The Company will pay the permitted fees and costs of the Intermediaries for reasonable fees and disbursements incurred in connection with the distribution of these materials.

The Company does not intend to pay for Intermediaries to forward to objecting Beneficial Shareholders under NI 54-101 the proxy-related materials and Form 54-101F7 *Request for Voting Instructions Made by Intermediary*. An objecting Beneficial Shareholder will not receive such materials unless the objecting Beneficial Shareholder's Intermediary assumes the cost of delivery.

These proxy-related materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered Shareholders. If you are a non-registered Shareholder, and the Company or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your Shares, have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the Intermediary holding on your behalf.

#### **Appointment of Proxy**

Registered Shareholders are entitled to vote at the Meeting. On a show of hands or by verbal confirmation (for those Registered Shareholders attending by teleconference), every Shareholder is entitled to one vote for each Share that such Shareholder holds on the record date of July 13, 2022 on the resolutions to be voted upon at the Meeting, and any other matter to come before the Meeting. The list of Registered Shareholders is available for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of Endeavor Trust Corporation ("Endeavor Trust") and will be available at the Meeting.

The persons named as proxyholders (the "**Designated Persons**") in the enclosed form of proxy are directors and/or officers of the Company.

A SHAREHOLDER HAS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT A PERSON OR COMPANY (WHO NEED NOT BE A SHAREHOLDER) TO ATTEND AND ACT FOR OR ON BEHALF OF THAT SHAREHOLDER AT THE MEETING, OTHER THAN THE DESIGNATED PERSONS NAMED IN THE ENCLOSED FORM OF PROXY.

TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT, THE SHAREHOLDER MAY DO SO BY STRIKING OUT THE PRINTED NAMES AND INSERTING THE NAME OF SUCH OTHER PERSON AND, IF DESIRED, AN ALTERNATE TO SUCH PERSON, IN THE BLANK SPACE PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF PROXY. SUCH SHAREHOLDER SHOULD NOTIFY THE NOMINEE OF THE APPOINTMENT, OBTAIN THE NOMINEE'S CONSENT TO ACT AS PROXY AND SHOULD PROVIDE INSTRUCTION TO THE NOMINEE ON HOW THE SHAREHOLDER'S SHARES SHOULD BE VOTED. THE NOMINEE SHOULD BRING PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION TO THE MEETING.

In order to be voted, the completed form of proxy must be received by the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Endeavor Trust Corporation at their offices located at 702 – 777 Hornby Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6Z 1S4, by mail, or by fax at 604-559-8908, or by email at <a href="mailto:proxy@endeavortrust.com">proxy@endeavortrust.com</a>, no later than 11:00 am on August 22, 2022 or at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays recognized in the Province of British Columbia) before the time and date of any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting.

A proxy may not be valid unless it is dated and signed by the Shareholder who is giving it or by that Shareholder's attorney-in-fact duly authorized by that Shareholder in writing or, in the case of a corporation, dated and executed by a duly authorized officer or attorney-in-fact for the corporation. If a form of proxy is executed by an attorney-in-fact for an individual Shareholder or joint Shareholders or by an officer or attorney-in-fact for a corporate Shareholder, the instrument so empowering the officer or attorney-in-fact, as the case may be, or a notarially certified copy thereof, must accompany the form of proxy.

The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will vote the shares in respect of which they are appointed in accordance with the direction of the Shareholders appointing them. In the absence of such direction, such shares will be voted in the discretion of the person named in the proxy. The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein with respect to amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. At the time of printing of this

information circular, management knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting. However, if any other matters which are not now known to management should properly come before the Meeting, the proxy will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the named proxies.

## **Revocation of Proxy**

A Shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it at any time before it is exercised by an instrument in writing: (a) executed by that Shareholder or by that Shareholder's attorney-in-fact authorized in writing or, where the Shareholder is a corporation, by a duly authorized officer of, or attorney-in-fact for, the corporation; and (b) delivered either: (i) to the Company at the address set forth above, at any time up to and including the last Business Day preceding the day of the Meeting or, if adjourned or postponed, any reconvening thereof, or (ii) to the Chairman of the Meeting prior to the vote on matters covered by the proxy on the day of the Meeting or, if adjourned or postponed, any reconvening thereof, or (iii) in any other manner provided by law.

Also, a proxy will automatically be revoked by either: (a) attendance at the Meeting and participation in a poll (ballot) by a Shareholder, or (b) submission of a subsequent proxy in accordance with the foregoing procedures. A revocation of a proxy does not affect any matter on which a vote has been taken prior to any such revocation.

## Voting of Common Shares and Proxies and Exercise of Discretion by Designated Persons

A Shareholder may indicate the manner in which the Designated Persons are to vote with respect to a matter to be voted upon at the Meeting by marking the appropriate space. If the instructions as to voting indicated in the proxy are certain, the Shares represented by the proxy will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions given in the proxy. If the Shareholder specifies a choice in the proxy with respect to a matter to be acted upon, then the Shares represented will be voted or withheld from the vote on that matter accordingly. The Shares represented by a proxy will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the Shareholder on any ballot that may be called for and if the Shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the Shares will be voted accordingly.

IF NO CHOICE IS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY WITH RESPECT TO A MATTER TO BE ACTED UPON, THE PROXY CONFERS DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THAT MATTER UPON THE DESIGNATED PERSONS NAMED IN THE FORM OF PROXY. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DESIGNATED PERSONS WILL VOTE THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THE PROXY IN FAVOUR OF EACH MATTER IDENTIFIED IN THE PROXY AND FOR THE NOMINEES OF THE BOARD FOR DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR.

The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the Designated Persons with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting, including any amendments or variations to any matters identified in the Notice, and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. At the date of this Circular, management of the Company is not aware of any such amendments, variations, or other matters to come before the Meeting.

In the case of abstentions from, or withholding of, the voting of the Shares on any matter, the Shares that are the subject of the abstention or withholding will be counted for determination of a quorum, but will not be counted as affirmative or negative on the matter to be voted upon.

## ADVICE TO BENEFICIAL SHAREHOLDERS

The information set out in this section is of significant importance to those Shareholders who do not hold shares in their own name. Beneficial Shareholders who do not hold their shares in their own name should note that only proxies deposited by Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Shares can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting.

If Shares are listed in an account statement provided to a Shareholder by a broker, then in almost all cases those Shares will not be registered in the Shareholder's name on the records of the Company. Such Shares will more likely be registered under the names of the Shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker. In the United States, the vast majority of such Shares are registered under the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (which acts as depositary for many U.S. brokerage firms and custodian banks), and in Canada, under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms). Beneficial Shareholders should ensure that instructions respecting the voting of their Shares are communicated to the appropriate person well in advance of the Meeting.

The Company does not have access to names of Beneficial Shareholders. Applicable regulatory policy requires intermediaries/brokers to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of Shareholders' meetings. Every intermediary/broker has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions to clients, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders in order to ensure that their Shares are voted at the Meeting. The form of proxy supplied to a Beneficial Shareholder by its broker (or the agent of the broker) is similar to the Form of Proxy provided to Registered Shareholders by the Company. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the Registered Shareholder (the broker or agent of the broker) how to vote on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder. The majority of brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge") in the United States and in Canada. Broadridge typically prepares a special voting instruction form, mails this form to the Beneficial Shareholders and asks for appropriate instructions regarding the voting of Shares to be voted at the Meeting. Beneficial Shareholders are requested to complete and return the voting instructions to Broadridge by mail or facsimile. Alternatively, Beneficial Shareholders can call a toll-free number and access Broadridge's dedicated voting website (each as noted on the voting instruction form) to deliver their voting instructions and to vote the Shares held by them. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of shares to be represented at the Meeting. A Beneficial Shareholder receiving a Broadridge voting instruction form cannot use that form as a proxy to vote Shares directly at the Meeting - the voting instruction form must be returned to Broadridge well in advance of the Meeting in order to have its Shares voted at the Meeting.

Although a Beneficial Shareholder may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purposes of voting Shares registered in the name of his broker (or agent of the broker), a Beneficial Shareholder may attend at the Meeting as proxyholder for a Registered Shareholder and vote the Shares in that capacity. Beneficial Shareholders who wish to attend at the Meeting and indirectly vote their Shares as proxyholder for the Registered Shareholder should enter their own names in the blank space on the instrument of proxy provided to them and return the proxy well in advance of the Meeting to their broker (or the broker's agent) in accordance with the instructions provided by such broker (or agent).

Alternatively, a Beneficial Shareholder may request in writing that his, her or its broker send to the Beneficial Shareholder a legal proxy which would enable the Beneficial Shareholder to attend the Meeting and vote his, her or its Shares.

## **VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES**

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value. As of the record date, determined by the Board to be the close of business on July 13, 2022, a total of 159,407,012 Shares were issued and outstanding. Each Share carries the right to one vote at the Meeting.

Only Registered Shareholders as of the record date, July 13, 2022, are entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and vote at, the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting.

To the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of the Company, no person or company beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the outstanding Shares of the Company, other than as set forth below:

Name of Shareholder	Number of Shares Owned	Percentage of Outstanding Shares <sup>(1)</sup>
CDS & CO	95,825,790 <sup>(2)</sup>	60.114%

## Notes:

- (1) Based on 159,407,012 Shares issued and outstanding as of the date of this Information Circular.
- <sup>(2)</sup> CDS & CO is a share depository, the beneficial ownership of which is unknown to the Company.

#### CONTINUANCE

Management of the Company believes it to be in the best interests of the Company to continue the Company into the governing jurisdiction of the Province of Ontario for corporate and administrative reasons. The Company is seeking shareholder approval at the Meeting to consider and, if deemed advisable, approve a special resolution authorizing the Board, in its sole discretion, to apply for continuance out of the Province of British Columbia under the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the "BCBCA") into the Province of Ontario under the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) (the "OBCA") (the "Continuance") and to adopt new By-Laws in accordance with the OBCA relating generally to the conduct of the business and affairs of the Corporation under the OBCA ("By-Law No. 1").

#### Introduction

The Company is currently incorporated under the BCBCA. The Company's board of directors proposes to continue the Company out of British Columbia and into Ontario under the OBCA. The Continuance, if approved, will effect a change in the legal domicile of the Company as of the effective date and time thereof and will affect certain of the rights of Shareholders as they currently exist under the BCBCA. Management of the Company is of the view that the OBCA will provide to shareholders substantively the same rights as are available to shareholders under the BCBCA, including rights of dissent and appraisal and rights to bring derivative actions and oppression actions, and is consistent with corporate legislation in most other Canadian jurisdictions, and that Shareholders will not be adversely affected by the Continuance.

Upon the Continuance becoming effective, Shareholders will continue to hold one common share of the Company for each Share currently held. The principal attributes of the Shares after Continuance will be identical to the corresponding shares of the Company prior to the Continuance other than differences in shareholders' rights under the OBCA and the BCBCA. The directors and officers of the Company immediately following the Continuance will be identical to the directors and officers of the Company immediately prior to the Continuance. As of the effective date of the Continuance, the election, duties, resignations and removal of the Company's directors and officers shall be governed by the OBCA, the proposed Articles of Continuance under the OBCA, and the By-laws to be adopted by the directors following the continuance. The new by-laws will replace the current articles of the Company.

#### **Procedure**

Under the BCBCA, in order to affect the Continuance of the Company from British Columbia into Ontario, the Company must obtain the approval of its shareholders by way of special resolution under the BCBCA, being a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the votes cast in person or by proxy at the Meeting.

The Company must also make a written application to the Registrar of Companies appointed under the BCBCA (the "Registrar of Companies") for consent to continue. If the Continuance Resolution is approved at the Meeting, it is proposed the Company shall apply to and file all necessary documentation with the Registrar of Companies for authorization to continue into Ontario. Immediately following receipt of the authorization of the Registrar of Companies, it is proposed that the Company shall apply for a Certificate of Continuance and file Articles of Continuance under the OBCA to continue the Company into Ontario. Upon the issuance of a Certificate of Continuance by the Director appointed under the OBCA (the "Director"), the Continuance will become effective, whereupon the Company will become subject to the OBCA, as if it had been incorporated under the OBCA, and the Articles of Continuance will be deemed to be the articles of incorporation of the Company.

The Articles of Continuance will constitute the governing instrument of the continued Company under the OBCA and the Certificate of Continuance issued by the Director will be deemed to be the certificate of incorporation of the continued Company. Upon the Articles of Continuance becoming effective, the Company becomes a corporation to which the OBCA applies as if it had been incorporated under the OBCA. Notwithstanding the Continuance of the Company from British Columbia into Ontario, the BCBCA and the OBCA provide that all the rights of creditors of the Company against the Company's property, rights and assets and all liens on the Company's property, rights and assets are unimpaired by the Continuance. All debts, contracts, liabilities and duties of the Company continue to attach to the Company upon being continued under the OBCA and continue to be enforceable against it as if the Company had remained incorporated under the BCBCA as well as any existing cause of action, claim or legal proceeding against the Company. Notwithstanding the approval of the Continuance by special resolution of the Shareholders of the Company, the Board may, without further approval by the Company's Shareholders, abandon the application for the Continuance of the Company under the OBCA at any time prior to the issue of a certificate of continuance.

#### Continuance - Corporate Governance Differences

In general terms, the OBCA provides to shareholders substantively the same rights as are available to shareholders under the BCBCA, including rights of dissent and appraisal and rights to bring derivative actions and oppression actions, and is consistent with corporate legislation in most other Canadian jurisdictions. There are, however, important differences concerning the qualifications of directors, location of shareholder meetings and certain shareholder remedies. The following is a summary comparison of certain provisions and the highlights of the BCBCA and the OBCA which pertain to rights of Shareholders. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive and Shareholders should consult their legal advisers regarding all of the implications of the Continuance.

#### Charter Documents

Under the OBCA, the charter documents will consist of Articles of Continuance, which set forth, among other things, the name of the corporation and the amount and type of authorized capital, and By-laws, which govern the management of the Company following the Continuance. The Articles and the By-laws are kept at the Company's registered office, or such other place in Ontario designated by the directors. Under the BCBCA, the charter documents consist of a Notice of Articles, which sets forth the name of the corporation and the amount and authorized share structure, and Articles, which govern the management of the Company. The Notice of Articles is filed with the Registrar of Companies while the Articles are kept at the Company's records office. The Continuance to Ontario and the adoption of the Articles of Continuance and By-laws will not result in any substantive changes to the constitution, powers or management of the Company, except as otherwise described herein.

#### Amendments to Charter Documents

Under the OBCA, certain fundamental changes require a special resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the votes cast by the shareholders voting on the resolution authorizing the alteration at a special meeting of shareholders, and, in certain instances, where the rights of the holders of a class or series of shares are affected differently by the alteration than those of the holders of other classes or series of shares, a special resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the votes cast by the holders of shares of each class or series so affected, whether or not they are otherwise entitled to vote. Authorization to amalgamate an OBCA corporation requires that a special resolution in respect of the amalgamation be passed by the holders of each class or series of shares entitled to vote thereon. The holders of a class or series of shares of an amalgamating corporation, whether or not they are otherwise entitled to vote, are entitled to vote separately as a class or series in respect of an amalgamation if the amalgamation agreement contains a provision that, if contained in a proposed amendment to the Articles, would entitle such holders to vote separately as a class or series under Section 170 of the OBCA.

Any substantive change to the charter documents of a corporation under the BCBCA, such as an alteration of the restrictions, if any, on the business carried on by a corporation, a change in the name of a corporation, an increase, reduction or elimination of the maximum number of shares that the corporation is authorized to issue out of any class or series of shares, an alteration of the special rights and restrictions attached to issued shares or continuance of a corporation out of the jurisdiction requires a resolution of the type specified in its Articles. If the Articles do not specify the type of resolution, a special resolution passed by the majority of votes that the Articles of the corporation specify is required, if that specified majority is at least two thirds and not more than three quarters of the votes cast on the resolution or, if the Articles do not contain such a provision, a special resolution passed by at least two thirds of the votes cast on the resolution. Other fundamental changes such as a proposed amalgamation or arrangement require a similar special resolution passed by holders of shares of each class entitled to vote at a general meeting of the corporation and the holders of all classes of shares adversely affected by such changes.

## Sale of Undertaking

The OBCA requires approval by not less than two-thirds of the votes cast upon a special resolution at a duly called special meeting for a sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the property of the corporation (other than in the ordinary course of business of the corporation). Holders of a class or series of shares, otherwise not entitled to vote, may vote separately only if the sale, lease or exchange would affect a particular class or series in a manner different from the shares of another class or series entitled to vote.

Under the BCBCA, a corporation may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the undertaking (as opposed to 'property' under the OBCA) of the corporation if it does so in the ordinary course of its business or if it has been authorized to do so by a special resolution passed by the majority of votes that the Articles of the corporation specify is required, if that specified majority is at least two-thirds and not more than three-quarters of the votes cast on the resolution or, if the Articles do not contain such a provision, a special resolution passed by at least two-thirds of the votes cast on the resolution.

## Rights of Dissent and Appraisal

The OBCA provides that shareholders who dissent to certain actions being taken by a corporation may exercise a right of dissent and require the corporation to purchase the shares held by such shareholder at the fair value of such shares. The dissent right is applicable in respect of:

- (a) a resolution to amend its Articles to add, remove or change restrictions on the issue, transfer or ownership of shares of a class or series of the shares of the corporation;
- (b) a resolution to amend its Articles to add, remove or change any restriction upon the business or businesses that the corporation may carry on or upon the powers that the corporation may exercise;
- (c) a resolution to amalgamate with another corporation;
- (d) a resolution to be continued under the laws of another jurisdiction; or
- (e) a resolution to sell, lease or exchange all or substantially all the corporation's property.

Although the procedure under BCBCA for exercising rights of dissent differs from the procedure under the OBCA, the BCBCA still provides that shareholders who dissent to certain actions being taken by the Company may exercise a right of dissent and require the Company to purchase the shares held by such shareholder at the fair value of such shares. A shareholder is entitled to dissent in respect of:

- (a) a resolution to alter the Company's Articles to alter restrictions on the powers of the Company or on the business that the Company is permitted to carry on;
- (b) a resolution to adopt an amalgamation agreement;
- a resolution to adopt a resolution to approve an amalgamation into a foreign jurisdiction;
- (d) a resolution to approve an arrangement, the terms of which arrangement permit dissent;
- (e) a resolution to authorize or ratify the sale, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's undertaking;
- (f) a resolution to continue into a jurisdiction other than British Columbia;
- (g) any other resolution, if dissent is authorized by the resolution; or
- (h) any court order that permits dissent.

## Oppression Remedies

Under the OBCA, a registered shareholder, former registered shareholder, beneficial owner of shares, former beneficial owner of shares, director, former director, officer, former officer of a corporation or any of its affiliates, or any other person who, in the discretion of a court, is a proper person to seek an oppression remedy may apply to a court for an order to rectify the matters complained of where, in respect of a corporation or any of its affiliates:

- (a) any act or omission of the corporation or its affiliates effects, or threatens to effect, a result;
- (b) the business or affairs of the corporation or its affiliates are, or have been or are threatened to be carried on or conducted in a manner; or

(c) the powers of the directors of the corporation or any of its affiliates are, have been or are threatened to be exercised in a manner, that is oppressive or unfairly prejudicial to or that unfairly disregards the interests of, any security holder, creditor, director or officer.

The OBCA contains rights that are substantially broader in that they are available to a larger class of complainants than the BCBCA. Under the BCBCA, a shareholder of a corporation has the right to apply to court on the ground that:

- (a) the affairs of the corporation are being or have been conducted, or that the powers of the directors are being or have been exercised, in a manner oppressive to one or more of the shareholders, including the applicant, or
- (b) some act of the corporation has been done or is threatened, or that some resolution of the shareholders or of the shareholders holding shares of a class or series of shares has been passed or is proposed, that is unfairly prejudicial to one or more of the shareholders, including the applicant.

On such an application, the court may make such order as it sees fit including an order to prohibit any act proposed by the corporation.

#### Shareholder Derivative Actions

Under the BCBCA, a shareholder or director of a corporation may, with leave of the court, bring an action in the name and on behalf of the corporation to enforce a right, duty or obligation owed to the corporation that could be enforced by the corporation itself or to obtain damages for any breach of such a right, duty or obligation. A broader right to bring a derivative action is contained in the OBCA, and this right extends also to registered shareholders, former registered shareholders, beneficial owners of shares, former beneficial owners of shares, directors, former directors, officers and former officers of a corporation or any of its affiliates, and any person who, in the discretion of the court, is a proper person to make an application to court to bring a derivative action. In addition, the OBCA permits derivative actions to be commenced in the name and on behalf of a corporation or any of its subsidiaries.

## Requisition of Meetings

Both the BCBCA and the OBCA provide that shareholders of a corporation holding not less than 5% of the issued voting shares of a corporation may give notice to the directors requiring them to call and hold a meeting.

## Place of Meetings

Subject to the Articles or any unanimous shareholder agreement, the OBCA permits meetings of shareholders to be held inside or outside Ontario as the directors determine, or in the absence of such a determination, at the place where the registered office of the corporation is located. Under the BCBCA, meetings of shareholders are required to be held in British Columbia unless:

- (a) location outside of British Columbia is provided for in the Articles;
- (b) the Articles do not restrict the corporation from approving a location outside of British Columbia, the location is approved by the resolution required by the Articles for that purpose (in the case of the Company, the location may be approved by directors' resolution), or if no resolution is specified then approved by ordinary resolution before the meeting is held; or
- (c) the location for the meeting is approved in writing by the Registrar of Companies before the meeting is held.

## Directors

The OBCA and BCBCA both provide that a public corporation must have a minimum of three directors. The OBCA does not have a provincial residency requirement for directors (although at least 25% must be resident Canadians) and the BCBCA has neither Canadian nor provincial residency requirements for directors.

The following is a summary of the operation of the provisions of the BCBCA relating to a registered Shareholder's dissent and appraisal rights in respect of the Continuance. Such summary is not a comprehensive statement of the procedures to be followed by a Shareholder who seeks such dissent and appraisal rights and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Part 8, Division 2 of the BCBCA which is attached to this Information Circular as Schedule A. Any registered Shareholder considering the exercise of the right of dissent should seek legal advice, since failure to comply strictly with the provisions of the BCBCA may prejudice the registered Shareholder's right of dissent. Persons who are beneficial owners of Shares registered in the name of a broker, custodian, nominee or other intermediary who wish to dissent should be aware that only the registered holders of such shares are entitled to dissent. Accordingly, a beneficial owner of Shares desiring to exercise the right of dissent must make arrangements for the Shares beneficially owned to be registered in their name prior to the time the written objection to the Continuance resolution is required to be received by the Company or, alternatively, make arrangements for the registered holder of such shares to dissent on their behalf.

Pursuant to Section 238 of the BCBCA, any shareholder who dissents from the Continuance resolution (a "Continuance Dissenting Shareholder") in compliance with Sections 237 to 247 of the BCBCA will be entitled to be paid by the Company the fair value of the Shares held by such Continuance Dissenting Shareholder determined as at the point in time immediately before the passing of the Continuance resolution. A Continuance Dissenting Shareholder must dissent with respect to all Shares in which the holder owns a beneficial interest.

The filing of a notice of dissent deprives a Continuance Dissenting Shareholder of the right to vote at the Meeting, except if such Continuance Dissenting Shareholder ceases to be a Continuance Dissenting Shareholder in accordance with the Continuance Dissent Rights. For greater certainty, a shareholder who wishes to exercise the Continuance Dissent Rights may not vote in favour of the Continuance. A shareholder who wishes to dissent must deliver written notice of dissent to the Company at its registered office, which is 50 Carroll Street, Toronto, Ontario M4M 3G3, Canada at least two days before the date on which the Continuance resolution is to be voted upon and such notice of dissent must strictly comply with the requirements of Section 242 of the BCBCA.

In particular, the written notice of dissent must set out the number of Shares in respect of which the notice of dissent is to be sent and:

- (a) if such Shares constitute all of the Shares of which the shareholder is the registered and beneficial owner, a statement to that effect;
- (b) if such Shares constitute all of the Shares of which the shareholder is both the registered and beneficial owner but if the shareholder owns additional Shares beneficially, a statement to that effect and the names of the registered shareholders, the number of Shares held by such registered owners and a statement that written notices of dissent have or will be sent with respect to such shares; or
- (c) if the dissent rights are being exercised by a registered owner who is not the beneficial owner of such Shares, a statement to that effect and the name of the beneficial owner and a statement that the registered owner is dissenting with respect to all Shares of the beneficial owner registered in such registered owner's name.

The Company is required promptly after the later of (i) the date on which the Company forms the intention to proceed with the Continuance; and (ii) the date on which the written notice of dissent was received, to notify each Continuance Dissenting Shareholder of its intention to act on the Continuance. Upon receipt of such notification, each Continuance Dissenting Shareholder is then required, if the Continuance Dissenting Shareholder wishes to proceed with the dissent, within one month after the date of such notice to send to the Company (a) a written statement that the Continuance Dissenting Shareholder requires the Company to purchase all of its Shares; (b) the certificates representing such Shares; and (c) if the dissent right is being exercised by the Continuance Dissenting Shareholder on behalf of a beneficial owner who is not the Continuance Dissenting Shareholder, a statement signed by the beneficial owner which sets out whether the beneficial owner is the beneficial owner of other Shares, and if so, (i) the names of the registered owners of such Shares; (ii) the number of such Shares; and (iii) that dissent is being exercised in respect of such Shares. A shareholder who fails to send the Company, within the required time

frame, the written statements described above and the certificates representing the Shares in respect of which the Continuance Dissenting Shareholder dissents, forfeits the shareholder's right to dissent.

On sending the required documentation to the Company, the fair value for a Continuance Dissenting Shareholder's Shares will be determined as follows:

- (a) if the Company and a Continuance Dissenting Shareholder agree on the fair value of the Shares, then the Company must promptly pay that amount to the Continuance Dissenting Shareholder or promptly send notice to the Continuance Dissenting Shareholder that the Company is lawfully unable to pay the Continuance Dissenting Shareholders for their Shares; or
- (b) if a Continuance Dissenting Shareholder and the Company are unable to agree on a fair value, the Continuance Dissenting Shareholder may apply to the Supreme Court of British Columbia to determine the fair value of the Shares, and the Company must pay to the Continuance Dissenting Shareholder the fair value determined by such Court or promptly send notice to the Continuance Dissenting Shareholder that the Company is lawfully unable to pay the Continuance Dissenting Shareholders for their Shares.

The Company will be lawfully unable to pay the Continuance Dissenting Shareholder the fair value of their Shares if the Company is insolvent or would be rendered insolvent by making the payment to the Continuance Dissenting Shareholder. In such event, Continuance Dissenting Shareholders will have 30 days to elect to either (a) withdraw their dissent or (b) retain their status as a claimant and be paid as soon as the Company is lawfully able to do so or, in a liquidation, be ranked subordinate to its creditors but in priority to its shareholders.

If the Continuance is not implemented for any reason, Continuance Dissenting Shareholders will not be entitled to be paid the fair value for their Shares and the Continuance Dissenting Shareholders will be entitled to the return of any Share certificates delivered to the Company in connection with the exercise of the Continuance Dissent Rights.

The discussion above is only a summary of the Continuance dissent rights which are technical and complex. A Shareholder who intends to exercise Continuance dissent rights should carefully consider and comply with the provisions of Sections 237 to 247 of the BCBCA. Persons who are beneficial owners of Shares registered in the name of an intermediary such as a broker, custodian, nominee, other intermediary, or in some other name, who wish to dissent should be aware that only the registered owner of such shares is entitled to dissent. It is suggested that any shareholder wishing to avail himself or herself of the Continuance dissent rights seek his or her own legal advice as failure to comply strictly with the applicable provisions of the BCBCA may prejudice the availability of such dissent rights. Continuance Dissenting Shareholders should note that the exercise of dissent rights can be a complex, time-consuming and expensive process.

## Continuance/By-Law No.1 Resolution

The shareholders of the Company are being asked to pass the following special resolution, with or without variation, to the below resolution transferring the Company's jurisdiction of incorporation from the jurisdiction of British Columbia to the jurisdiction of Ontario and to ratify, confirm and approve the adoption of By-Law No. 1, as follows:

## "RESOLVED, as a special resolution, that:

- 1. the Company be authorized to make application the Registrar of Companies of British Columbia for the issuance of a consent to file Articles of Continuance of the Company with the Director of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) ("**OBCA**") to continue the Company as if it had been incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) and to make application to the Registrar of Companies in British Columbia for the issuance of a Certificate of Discontinuance;
- 2. the Company be authorized to file Articles of Continuance with the Director of the OBCA to continue the Company under the OBCA;
- 3. By-Law No. 1 relating generally to the conduct of the business and affairs of the Corporation under the OBCA is hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted as tabled at the Meeting, with such non-material amendments as the directors may approve, and that such By-Law No. 1 not take effect until the Continuance Application and Notice of Articles are filed with the Director in Ontario:

- 4. subject to the issuance of such Certificate of Continuance and without affecting the validity of the Company and the existence of the Company by or under its Notice of Articles and Articles and any act done thereunder, effective upon issuance of the Certificate of Continuance, the Company shall adopt Articles of Continuance forming part of the said application for continuance in substitution for the Notice of Articles of the Company;
- 5. subject to the completion of the Continuance, and pursuant to section 125(3) of the OBCA, the directors of the Company are hereby empowered to determine from time to time the number of directors of the Company and the number of directors to be elected at each annual meeting of shareholders;
- 6. any director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver all such documents and to do all such other acts and things as such director or officer may determine to be necessary or advisable in connection with such continuance (including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of such articles of continuance and of certificates or other assurances that such continuance will not adversely affect creditors or shareholders of the Company), the execution of such document or the doing of any such other act or thing by any director or officer of the Company being conclusive evidence of such determination;
- 7. notwithstanding that this special resolution has been duly passed by the Shareholders of the Company, the directors of the Company be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to revoke this special resolution at any time before it is acted on and to determine not to proceed with the continuance of the Company under the OBCA without further approval of the Shareholders of the Company or to receive the fair value thereof.

Upon the Continuance, the Company's current Articles will be repealed and the By-Law No. 1 will be adopted. There are many differences between the form of the current Articles and the proposed By-Law No. 1. A number of these changes reflect the increased flexibility afforded to companies under the OBCA as compared with those governed by the BCBCA. In certain cases, provisions contained in the Company's current Articles which deal with matters which will, following the Continuance, be dealt with in the OBCA or applicable securities legislation, rules and policies, will not be contained in the new By-Law No. 1. As well, certain provisions in the Company's current Articles that reflect the provisions of the BCBCA will be retained in By-Law No. 1, but will be altered as required to reflect the provisions of the OBCA.

The Board has concluded that the Continuance is in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders. Accordingly, the Board unanimously recommends that the Shareholders approve the Continuance/By-Law No. 1 Resolution, by voting IN FAVOUR of the Continuance/By-Law No. 1 Resolution at the Meeting.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> under the Company's profile. Shareholders may contact the Company at its head office by mail at 50 Carroll Street Toronto, Ontario M4M 3G3, to request copies of the Company's financial statements and related Management's Discussion and Analysis (the "MD&A"). Financial information is provided in the audited financial statements and MD&A for the Company for its years ended December 31, 2021.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Management of the Company knows of no other matters to come before the Meeting other than those referred to in the Notice of Meeting included at the beginning of this Circular. However, if any other matters that are not known to management should properly come before the Meeting, the accompanying form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named in the proxy to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

## APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board has authorized and approved the content of this Circular has been approved and the delivery of it to each Shareholder of the Company entitled to receive it and to the appropriate regulatory agencies.

Dated at Vancouver, British Columbia as of the 13th day of July, 2022.

## ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

**CULT Food Science Corp.** 

Signed: "Dorian Banks"

Dorian Banks Director

## SCHEDULE A DISSENT RIGHTS

## Division 2 — Dissent Proceedings of Part 8 of the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia)

#### **Definitions and application**

#### 237 (1) In this Division:

"dissenter" means a shareholder who, being entitled to do so, sends written notice of dissent when and as required by section 242:

"notice shares" means, in relation to a notice of dissent, the shares in respect of which dissent is being exercised under the notice of dissent:

## "payout value" means,

- (a) in the case of a dissent in respect of a resolution, the fair value that the notice shares had immediately before the passing of the resolution,
- (b) in the case of a dissent in respect of an arrangement approved by a court order made under section 291(2)(c) that permits dissent, the fair value that the notice shares had immediately before the passing of the resolution adopting the arrangement,
- (c) in the case of a dissent in respect of a matter approved or authorized by any other court order that permits dissent, the fair value that the notice shares had at the time specified by the court order,
- (d) in the case of a dissent in respect of a community contribution company, the value of the notice shares set out in the regulations,

excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of the corporate action approved or authorized by the resolution or court order unless exclusion would be inequitable, or

- (2) This Division applies to any right of dissent exercisable by a shareholder except to the extent that
  - (a) the court orders otherwise, or
  - (b) in the case of a right of dissent authorized by a resolution referred to in section 238(1)(g), the court orders otherwise or the resolution provides otherwise.

#### Right to dissent

238 (1) A shareholder of a company, whether or not the shareholder's shares carry the right to vote, is entitled to dissent as follows:

- (a) under section 260, in respect of a resolution to alter the articles
  - (i) to alter restrictions on the powers of the company or on the business the company is permitted to carry on, or
  - (ii) without limiting subparagraph (i), in the case of a community contribution company, to alter any of the company's community purposes within the meaning of section 51.91;
- (b) under section 272, in respect of a resolution to adopt an amalgamation agreement;
- (c) under section 287, in respect of a resolution to approve an amalgamation under Division 4 of Part 9;
- (d) in respect of a resolution to approve an arrangement, the terms of which arrangement permit dissent;

- (e) under section 301(5), in respect of a resolution to authorize or ratify the sale, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the company's undertaking;
- (f) under section 309, in respect of a resolution to authorize the continuation of the company into a jurisdiction other than British Columbia:
- (g) in respect of any other resolution, if dissent is authorized by the resolution;
- (h) in respect of any court order that permits dissent.
- (2) A shareholder wishing to dissent must
  - (a) prepare a separate notice of dissent under section 242 for
    - (i) the shareholder, if the shareholder is dissenting on the shareholder's own behalf, and
    - (ii) each other person who beneficially owns shares registered in the shareholder's name and on whose behalf the shareholder is dissenting,
  - (b) identify in each notice of dissent, in accordance with section 242 (4), the person on whose behalf dissent is being exercised in that notice of dissent, and
  - (c) dissent with respect to all of the shares, registered in the shareholder's name, of which the person identified under paragraph (b) of this subsection is the beneficial owner.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), a person who wishes to have dissent exercised with respect to shares of which the person is the beneficial owner must
  - (a) dissent with respect to all of the shares, if any, of which the person is both the registered owner and the beneficial owner, and
  - (b) cause each shareholder who is a registered owner of any other shares of which the person is the beneficial owner to dissent with respect to all of those shares.

## Waiver of right to dissent

239 (1) A shareholder may not waive generally a right to dissent but may, in writing, waive the right to dissent with respect to a particular corporate action.

- (2) A shareholder wishing to waive a right of dissent with respect to a particular corporate action must
  - (a) provide to the company a separate waiver for
    - (i) the shareholder, if the shareholder is providing a waiver on the shareholder's own behalf, and
    - (ii) each other person who beneficially owns shares registered in the shareholder's name and on whose behalf the shareholder is providing a waiver, and
  - (b) identify in each waiver the person on whose behalf the waiver is made.
- (3) If a shareholder waives a right of dissent with respect to a particular corporate action and indicates in the waiver that the right to dissent is being waived on the shareholder's own behalf, the shareholder's right to dissent with respect to the particular corporate action terminates in respect of the shares of which the shareholder is both the registered owner and the beneficial owner, and this Division ceases to apply to
  - (a) the shareholder in respect of the shares of which the shareholder is both the registered owner and the beneficial owner, and

- (b) any other shareholders, who are registered owners of shares beneficially owned by the first mentioned shareholder, in respect of the shares that are beneficially owned by the first mentioned shareholder.
- (4) If a shareholder waives a right of dissent with respect to a particular corporate action and indicates in the waiver that the right to dissent is being waived on behalf of a specified person who beneficially owns shares registered in the name of the shareholder, the right of shareholders who are registered owners of shares beneficially owned by that specified person to dissent on behalf of that specified person with respect to the particular corporate action terminates and this Division ceases to apply to those shareholders in respect of the shares that are beneficially owned by that specified person.

#### **Notice of resolution**

240 (1) If a resolution in respect of which a shareholder is entitled to dissent is to be considered at a meeting of shareholders, the company must, at least the prescribed number of days before the date of the proposed meeting, send to each of its shareholders, whether or not their shares carry the right to vote,

- (a) a copy of the proposed resolution, and
- (b) a notice of the meeting that specifies the date of the meeting, and contains a statement advising of the right to send a notice of dissent.
- (2) If a resolution in respect of which a shareholder is entitled to dissent is to be passed as a consent resolution of shareholders or as a resolution of directors and the earliest date on which that resolution can be passed is specified in the resolution or in the statement referred to in paragraph (b), the company may, at least 21 days before that specified date, send to each of its shareholders, whether or not their shares carry the right to vote,
  - (a) a copy of the proposed resolution, and
  - (b) a statement advising of the right to send a notice of dissent.
- (3) If a resolution in respect of which a shareholder is entitled to dissent was or is to be passed as a resolution of shareholders without the company complying with subsection (1) or (2), or was or is to be passed as a directors' resolution without the company complying with subsection (2), the company must, before or within 14 days after the passing of the resolution, send to each of its shareholders who has not, on behalf of every person who beneficially owns shares registered in the name of the shareholder, consented to the resolution or voted in favour of the resolution, whether or not their shares carry the right to vote,
  - (a) a copy of the resolution,
  - (b) a statement advising of the right to send a notice of dissent, and
  - (c) if the resolution has passed, notification of that fact and the date on which it was passed.
- (4) Nothing in subsection (1), (2) or (3) gives a shareholder a right to vote in a meeting at which, or on a resolution on which, the shareholder would not otherwise be entitled to vote.

## **Notice of court orders**

- If a court order provides for a right of dissent, the company must, not later than 14 days after the date on which the company receives a copy of the entered order, send to each shareholder who is entitled to exercise that right of dissent
  - (a) a copy of the entered order, and
  - (b) a statement advising of the right to send a notice of dissent.

#### Notice of dissent

242 (1) A shareholder intending to dissent in respect of a resolution referred to in section 238(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) must,

- (a) if the company has complied with section 240 (1) or (2), send written notice of dissent to the company at least 2 days before the date on which the resolution is to be passed or can be passed, as the case may be,
- (b) if the company has complied with section 240 (3), send written notice of dissent to the company not more than 14 days after receiving the records referred to in that section, or
- (c) if the company has not complied with section 240 (1), (2) or (3), send written notice of dissent to the company not more than 14 days after the later of
  - (i) the date on which the shareholder learns that the resolution was passed, and
  - (ii) the date on which the shareholder learns that the shareholder is entitled to dissent.
- (2) A shareholder intending to dissent in respect of a resolution referred to in section 238 (1)(g) must send written notice of dissent to the company
  - (a) on or before the date specified by the resolution or in the statement referred to in section 240 (2)(b) or (3)(b) as the last date by which notice of dissent must be sent, or
  - (b) if the resolution or statement does not specify a date, in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) A shareholder intending to dissent under section 238(1)(h) in respect of a court order that permits dissent must send written notice of dissent to the company
  - (a) within the number of days, specified by the court order, after the shareholder receives the records referred to in section 241, or
  - (b) if the court order does not specify the number of days referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection, within 14 days after the shareholder receives the records referred to in section 241.
- (4) A notice of dissent sent under this section must set out the number, and the class and series, if applicable, of the notice shares, and must set out whichever of the following is applicable:
  - (a) if the notice shares constitute all of the shares of which the shareholder is both the registered owner and beneficial owner and the shareholder owns no other shares of the company as beneficial owner, a statement to that effect;
  - (b) if the notice shares constitute all of the shares of which the shareholder is both the registered owner and beneficial owner but the shareholder owns other shares of the company as beneficial owner, a statement to that effect and
    - (i) the names of the registered owners of those other shares,
    - (ii) the number, and the class and series, if applicable, of those other shares that are held by each of those registered owners, and
    - (iii) a statement that notices of dissent are being, or have been, sent in respect of all of those other shares;
  - (c) if dissent is being exercised by the shareholder on behalf of a beneficial owner who is not the dissenting shareholder, a statement to that effect and
    - (i) the name and address of the beneficial owner, and
    - (ii) a statement that the shareholder is dissenting in relation to all of the shares beneficially owned by the beneficial owner that are registered in the shareholder's name.
- (5) The right of a shareholder to dissent on behalf of a beneficial owner of shares, including the shareholder, terminates and this Division ceases to apply to the shareholder in respect of that beneficial owner if subsections (1) to (4) of this section, as those subsections pertain to that beneficial owner, are not complied with.

## Notice of intention to proceed

- 243 (1) A company that receives a notice of dissent under section 242 from a dissenter must,
  - (a) if the company intends to act on the authority of the resolution or court order in respect of which the notice of dissent was sent, send a notice to the dissenter promptly after the later of
    - (i) the date on which the company forms the intention to proceed, and
    - (ii) the date on which the notice of dissent was received, or
  - (b) if the company has acted on the authority of that resolution or court order, promptly send a notice to the dissenter.
- (2) A notice sent under subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section must
  - (a) be dated not earlier than the date on which the notice is sent,
  - (b) state that the company intends to act, or has acted, as the case may be, on the authority of the resolution or court order, and
  - (c) advise the dissenter of the manner in which dissent is to be completed under section 244.

## Completion of dissent

244 (1) A dissenter who receives a notice under section 243 must, if the dissenter wishes to proceed with the dissent, send to the company or its transfer agent for the notice shares, within one month after the date of the notice,

- (a) a written statement that the dissenter requires the company to purchase all of the notice shares,
- (b) the certificates, if any, representing the notice shares, and
- (c) if section 242(4)(c) applies, a written statement that complies with subsection (2) of this section.
- (2) The written statement referred to in subsection (1)(c) must
  - (a) be signed by the beneficial owner on whose behalf dissent is being exercised, and
  - (b) set out whether or not the beneficial owner is the beneficial owner of other shares of the company and, if so, set out
    - (i) the names of the registered owners of those other shares,
    - (ii) the number, and the class and series, if applicable, of those other shares that are held by each of those registered owners, and
    - (iii) that dissent is being exercised in respect of all of those other shares.
- (3) After the dissenter has complied with subsection (1),
  - (a) the dissenter is deemed to have sold to the company the notice shares, and
  - (b) the company is deemed to have purchased those shares, and must comply with section 245, whether or not it is authorized to do so by, and despite any restriction in, its memorandum or articles.
- Unless the court orders otherwise, if the dissenter fails to comply with subsection (1) of this section in relation to notice shares, the right of the dissenter to dissent with respect to those notice shares terminates and this Division, other than section 247, ceases to apply to the dissenter with respect to those notice shares.

- (5) Unless the court orders otherwise, if a person on whose behalf dissent is being exercised in relation to a particular corporate action fails to ensure that every shareholder who is a registered owner of any of the shares beneficially owned by that person complies with subsection (1) of this section, the right of shareholders who are registered owners of shares beneficially owned by that person to dissent on behalf of that person with respect to that corporate action terminates and this Division, other than section 247, ceases to apply to those shareholders in respect of the shares that are beneficially owned by that person.
- (6) A dissenter who has complied with subsection (1) of this section may not vote, or exercise or assert any rights of a shareholder, in respect of the notice shares, other than under this Division.

#### Payment for notice shares

245 (1) A company and a dissenter who has complied with section 244 (1) may agree on the amount of the payout value of the notice shares and, in that event, the company must

- (a) promptly pay that amount to the dissenter, or
- (b) if subsection (5) of this section applies, promptly send a notice to the dissenter that the company is unable lawfully to pay dissenters for their shares.
- (2) A dissenter who has not entered into an agreement with the company under subsection (1) or the company may apply to the court and the court may
  - (a) determine the payout value of the notice shares of those dissenters who have not entered into an agreement with the company under subsection (1), or order that the payout value of those notice shares be established by arbitration or by reference to the registrar, or a referee, of the court,
  - (b) join in the application each dissenter, other than a dissenter who has entered into an agreement with the company under subsection (1), who has complied with section 244(1), and
  - (c) make consequential orders and give directions it considers appropriate.
- (3) Promptly after a determination of the payout value for notice shares has been made under subsection (2)(a) of this section, the company must
  - (a) pay to each dissenter who has complied with section 244 (1) in relation to those notice shares, other than a dissenter who has entered into an agreement with the company under subsection (1) of this section, the payout value applicable to that dissenter's notice shares, or
  - (b) if subsection (5) applies, promptly send a notice to the dissenter that the company is unable lawfully to pay dissenters for their shares.
- (4) If a dissenter receives a notice under subsection (1)(b) or (3)(b),
  - (a) the dissenter may, within 30 days after receipt, withdraw the dissenter's notice of dissent, in which case the company is deemed to consent to the withdrawal and this Division, other than section 247, ceases to apply to the dissenter with respect to the notice shares, or
  - (b) if the dissenter does not withdraw the notice of dissent in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subsection, the dissenter retains a status as a claimant against the company, to be paid as soon as the company is lawfully able to do so or, in a liquidation, to be ranked subordinate to the rights of creditors of the company but in priority to its shareholders.
- (5) A company must not make a payment to a dissenter under this section if there are reasonable grounds for believing that
  - (a) the company is insolvent, or
  - (b) the payment would render the company insolvent.

## Loss of right to dissent

- The right of a dissenter to dissent with respect to notice shares terminates and this Division, other than section 247, ceases to apply to the dissenter with respect to those notice shares, if, before payment is made to the dissenter of the full amount of money to which the dissenter is entitled under section 245 in relation to those notice shares, any of the following events occur:
  - (a) the corporate action approved or authorized, or to be approved or authorized, by the resolution or court order in respect of which the notice of dissent was sent is abandoned;
  - (b) the resolution in respect of which the notice of dissent was sent does not pass;
  - (c) the resolution in respect of which the notice of dissent was sent is revoked before the corporate action approved or authorized by that resolution is taken;
  - (d) the notice of dissent was sent in respect of a resolution adopting an amalgamation agreement and the amalgamation is abandoned or, by the terms of the agreement, will not proceed;
  - (e) the arrangement in respect of which the notice of dissent was sent is abandoned or by its terms will not proceed;
  - (f) a court permanently enjoins or sets aside the corporate action approved or authorized by the resolution or court order in respect of which the notice of dissent was sent;
  - (g) with respect to the notice shares, the dissenter consents to, or votes in favour of, the resolution in respect of which the notice of dissent was sent;
  - (h) the notice of dissent is withdrawn with the written consent of the company;
  - (i) the court determines that the dissenter is not entitled to dissent under this Division or that the dissenter is not entitled to dissent with respect to the notice shares under this Division.

## Shareholders entitled to return of shares and rights

- If, under section 244 (4) or (5), 245 (4)(a) or 246, this Division, other than this section, ceases to apply to a dissenter with respect to notice shares,
  - (a) the company must return to the dissenter each of the applicable share certificates, if any, sent under section 244 (1)(b) or, if those share certificates are unavailable, replacements for those share certificates,
  - (b) the dissenter regains any ability lost under section 244 (6) to vote, or exercise or assert any rights of a shareholder, in respect of the notice shares, and
  - (c) the dissenter must return any money that the company paid to the dissenter in respect of the notice shares under, or in purported compliance with, this Division.