

# LOWELL FARMS INC. ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER REVENUE

Lowell reports initial Lowell Farm Services revenue and Lowell brand licensing revenues. Sequential decline in quarterly revenue of 18% driven by bulk flower market pricing declines.

**SALINAS, Calif., November 15, 2021 – Lowell Farms Inc.** (the "Company") (CSE: LOWL; OTCQX: LOWLF), a California-born innovator in cannabis cultivation and maker of the legendary brand Lowell Smokes, announced revenue and operating results for the third quarter (September 30, 2021). All figures stated are in US Dollars and are on a US GAAP basis.

# Third Quarter Financial Highlights:

- Revenue generated for the three-month period ended September 30, 2021 was \$12.5 million; a decrease of 12% from Q3 2020 and a decrease of 18% from the preceding quarter.
- Sales of bulk wholesale flower fell 71% or \$3.9 million during the quarter due to depressed wholesale prices in the market.
- The Company booked its first revenues from two new businesses, brand licensing and Lowell Farm Services of \$1.5 million collectively.
- Gross margin was 1% compared to margin of 35% and 38% in the third quarter of last year and Q2 2021, respectively.
- Operating loss of \$7 million compared to operating loss of \$473 thousand in Q2 2021 and operating income of \$772 thousand in Q3 2020.
- Net loss for the third quarter was \$8.7 million compared sequentially to net income of \$731 thousand, which included income from insurance claim proceeds of \$2.6 million, and compared to a net loss of \$1.2 million in the third quarter last year.
- Adjusted EBITDA in the third quarter was negative \$5.2 million compared sequentially to adjusted EBITDA of \$740 thousand and adjusted EBITDA of \$1.9 million year over year. See "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information" below.

# Management Commentary:

Our many successes during the third quarter were overshadowed in our financial results by the deterioration of the wholesale bulk market in California. We continue to gain share with a product suite that consumers are responding to. The supply-demand balance in California is struggling to find equilibrium and wholesale prices have fallen to unprecedented levels.

Against this backdrop, our strategy to partner with the thousands of diverse and talented growers in the California landscape is already showing significant benefit in lowering our costs and improving the variety of our product offering. We backstop that channel with our own captive supply from one of the finest greenhouse operations with a demonstrable cost-advantage over other mixed-light operations. We chose this as an alternative to building additional infrastructure and the market is showing us the prudence of this decision.

In CPG, our brands continue to outperform in the marketplace as demonstrated by thirdparty data aggregators. According to Headset, the Lowell brand has regained the #1 share position in non-infused pre rolls in the market and we are now one of the largest brand houses in the state with a captive distribution model that allows us to pivot quickly as consumer preference changes. We are gaining share in nearly all the large product categories and we are just getting started.

In terms of licensing, we are very encouraged by the progress we showed in the two states where we have already licensed our Lowell brand: Illinois and Massachusetts. Today we are adding Michigan to that list and we couldn't be more thrilled. It is one of the most exciting recreational markets in the country with some absolutely fantastic products.

We believe the Lowell brand has all the traits necessary to be a winning brand against a marketplace that is slowly transitioning from being a regional one to now national and even worldwide.

In terms of near-term profitability, we are expecting a lift in revenue and contribution from our Lowell Farm Services division in the fourth quarter which should allow us to recover revenue growth and profitability on a near-term basis without price normalization.

# **Operational Highlights and Ongoing Initiatives in 2021:**

The Company's focus and strategic planning of key initiatives continue to drive sustainable profitable growth, with top priorities on its cultivation facilities, improving operational efficiency, and refinement of biological assets.

# Subsequent events to the fiscal third quarter ended September 30, 2021:

- Lowell Farms Inc And Ascend To Bring Award-Winning Lowell Smokes Brand To Michigan, November 15, 2021
- Lowell Smokes Now Available Exclusively at Ascend in Massachusetts, September 13, 2021
  - <u>https://ir.lowellfarms.com/news-events/press-releases/detail/74/lowell-</u> <u>smokes-now-available-exclusively-at-ascend-in</u>

# • Lowell Farm Services

- Lowell Farms commissioned a first-of-its-kind cannabis processing facility in Salinas Valley and started receiving third party products in Q3.
  - In the third quarter the Company generated revenue of \$802 thousand associated with Lowell Farms Services. This reflects a new revenue source for Lowell Farms, which is expected to increase over the next several quarters.

# • Cultivation Quality and Efficiency:

- As the Company continues to evaluate its cultivation processes, refine genetics, and enhance facilities and systems, the focus has been continuing to improve the yield and potency.
  - Lowell Farms saw its flower production at the greenhouse continue to steadily increase during the quarter, exceeding guidance of flower product for a total of 9,754 lbs during the quarter in comparison to 9,714 lbs in Q2 2021 and 4,724 lbs in Q1 2021.
    - The Company harvested 43.5 rooms in Q3 2021; in contrast to the 40.5 rooms harvested in Q2 2021 and the 36 rooms in Q1 2021.
    - The average turn time for the flowering rooms has seen continued improvement and is now at 56 days in Q3 2021 compared to 64 days in Q2 2021 and 74 days in Q1 2021.
- The portfolio of strains coming from the newly improved cultivation and as a direct result of the upgrades to the electrical, mechanical, and environmental systems have consistently tested higher THC potency.
  - These improvements resulted in an increased average potency of 24.37% in Q3 2021 compared to 22.47% in Q2 2021 and 21.4% in Q1 2021.
- Cultivation Technology, Infrastructure, and Labor Efficiencies:
  - Added increased harvest procedures in early Q3 that reduced the turn time of each harvest by 20%.
  - Implemented additional SOP's for fresh frozen, which has shown an increase in efficiency and improved product quality.
  - The Company onboarded a new cultivation and processing seed to sale software that will be fully implemented in Q4 and will reduce labor cost and improve accuracy and timing.

# • Owned Core Brands and Out-of-State Licensing:

- Lowell Herb Co.
  - Sales of Lowell branded products generated revenue over \$6.5 million in the third quarter, while year-to-date revenues totaled \$13.3 million.
  - Lowell Herb Co. launched in both Massachusetts and Illinois has and has received a positive reception from the market upon the introduction of Lowell Smokes.
- Distribution and Sales Capabilities:
  - With the increased desirability of the Lowell brand, dispensary partners are continuing to add Lowell portfolio products to their orders.
    - The average delivery drop value has increased by 14% in Q3 2021 and the average daily route value has increased by 22% in the same quarter, respectively.

# Q3 Financial Results Earnings Conference Call Details:

The conference call with management at 5:30 p.m. ET on Monday, November 15, can be accessed using the following dial-in information:

U.S. and Canadian Toll Free:	1-844-826-3035
International:	1-412-317-5195
Conference ID:	10161896
Webcast:	

https://viavid.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1511142&tp\_key=a445e25a25

Please dial-in at least 10 minutes before the call to register.

The conference call will be webcast live and archived on the investor relations section of the Lowell Farms website at <u>https://ir.lowellfarms.com/</u>.

# ABOUT LOWELL FARMS INC.

Lowell Farms Inc. (CSE:LOWL; OTCQX:LOWLF)(the "Company") is a California-based vertically-integrated cannabis company with advanced production capabilities supporting every step of the supply chain, including cultivation, extraction, manufacturing, brand sales, marketing, and distribution. Lowell Farms grows artisan craft cannabis with a deep love and respect for the plant, and prides itself on using sustainable materials – from seed to sale – to produce an extensive portfolio of award-winning originals, including Lowell Herb Co, Cypress Cannabis, MOON, and Kaizen Extracts, for licensed retailers statewide.

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The forward-looking information contained in this news release represents the expectations of the Company as of the date of this news release and, accordingly, is subject to change after such date. However, the Company expressly disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as expressly required by applicable securities law.

Neither the Canadian Securities Exchange nor its Regulation Service Provider has reviewed, or accepts responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of, the content of this news release.

The Company has provided a supplemental non-GAAP financial measure in this press release. The Company has provided a reconciliation below to the most comparable GAAP financial measure. This supplemental non-GAAP financial measure should not be considered superior to, as a substitute for or as an alternative to, and should only be considered in conjunction with, the GAAP financial measures presented herein.

In this press release, reference is made to adjusted EBITDA which is not a measure of financial performance under GAAP. The Company calculates adjusted EBITDA as follows:

EBITDA is net income (loss), excluding the effects of income taxes (recovery); net interest expense; depreciation and amortization; and adjusted EBITDA also includes noncash fair value adjustments on investments; unrealized foreign currency gains/losses; share-based compensation expense; and other transactional and special expenses, such as out-of-period insurance recoveries and acquisition costs and expenses related to the markup of acquired finished goods inventory, which are inconsistent in amount and frequency and are not what we consider as typical of our continuing operations. Management believes this measure provides useful information as it is a commonly used measure in the capital markets and as it is a close proxy for repeatable cash generated by operations. We use adjusted EBITDA internally to understand, manage, make operating decisions related to cash flow generated from operations and evaluate our business. In addition, we use adjusted EBITDA to help plan and forecast future periods.

This measure is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.

	September 30, 2021		December 31, 2020		
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	16,995	\$	25,751	
Accounts Receivable - net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$879 and \$1,389 at September 30, 2021 and December 2020, respectively		6,631		4,529	
Inventory		15,542		9,933	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		3,740		6,391	
Total current assets		42,908		46,604	
Property and equipment, net		64,991		49,243	
Goodwill		-		357	
Other intangibles, net		40,837		736	
Other assets		544		476	
Total assets	5	149,280	\$	97,416	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	s	3,745	\$	2,137	
Accrued payroll and benefits		439		1,212	
Notes payable, current portion		227		1,213	
Lease obligation, current portion		2,411		2,301	
Other current liabilities		5,078		8,860	
Total current liabilities		11,900		15,723	
Notes payable		14		303	
Lease obligation		34,679		36,533	
Convertible debentures		13,811		13,701	
Mortgage obligation		8,910		-	
Total liabilities		69,314		66,260	
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES					
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Share capital		189,035		125,540	
Accumulated deficit		(109,069)		(94,384)	
Total stockholders' equity		79,966		31,156	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	S	149,280	\$	97,416	

		Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2021		2020		
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Net loss	¢	(14 (95)	đ	(17.802)		
	\$	(14,685)	\$	(17,802)		
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		2,894		1 760		
Depreciation and amortization		,		1,762		
Amortization of debt issuance costs		643		-		
Share-based compensation expense		986		1,825		
Provision for doubtful accounts		657		720		
Goodwill impairment		357		•		
Termination of branding rights agreement		152				
Unrealized gain on change in fair value of investments		(125)		(395		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:						
Accounts receivable		(2,418)		1,390		
Inventory		(2,307)		1,980		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(149)		(333)		
Other assets		57				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(4,525)		2,307		
Other current and long-term liabilities		-		(98)		
Net cash used in operating activities	\$	(18,463)	\$	(8,644		
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Proceeds from asset sales	\$	1,979	\$			
Purchases of property and equipment		(2,057)		(4,110		
Disposition of business interest, net of cash received		-		2,743		
Acquisition of business assets, net		(6,643)		-		
Net cash used in investing activities	\$	(6,721)	\$	(1,367		
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Principal payments on lease obligations	\$	(1,744)	\$	(1,053)		
Payments on notes payable		(563)		(31)		
Proceeds from convertible notes, net of financing costs		-		13,663		
Issuance of warrants associated with convertible notes offering		-		1,556		
Proceeds from brokered private placement		-		62		
Proceeds from subordinate voting share offering		18,000				
Issuance costs related to subordinate voting share offering		(30)		-		
Proceeds from exercise of warrants and options		765				
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$	16,428	\$	14,197		
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Change in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$	(8,756)	\$	4,186		
Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of year		25,751		1,344		
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Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash—end of period	\$	16,995	\$	5,530		
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION						
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$	2,995	\$	1,403		
Cash paid during the period for income taxes	\$	227	\$	-		
OTHER NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Property and equipment acquired via capital lease	\$		\$	578		
Disposition of business interests	\$		\$	2,743		
Issuance of warrants	\$		\$	1,556		
Shares issued for services in connection with convertible debenture offering	\$	-	\$	62		
Issuance of subordinate voting shares in exchange for net assets acquired	\$	43,259	\$	-		
Liabilities assumed and receivable forgiveness in exchange for net assets acquired	\$	2,910	\$			

		Three Mo	nths Ended		Nine Months Ended				
	Sept	tember 30,	September 30,	Se	September 30, 2021		September 30, 2020		
		2021	2020						
Net revenue		12,467	\$ 14,131	\$	38,653	\$	33,467		
Cost of goods sold		12,403	9,152		34,317		31,480		
Gross profit		64	4,979	,	4,336		1,987		
Operating expenses									
General and administrative		4,211	2,559		10,496		8,575		
Sales and marketing		2,544	1,274		6,210		3,684		
Depreciation and amortization		260	374		751		853		
Total operating expenses		7,015	4,207		17,457		13,112		
Income (loss) from operations		(6,951)	772		(13,121)		(11,125)		
Other income/(expense)									
Other income (expense)		(219)	56		1,633		81		
Loss on termination of investment			(843	)	-		(4,367)		
Unrealized gain (loss) on change in fair value of investment		(90)	(199	)	35		192		
Interest expense		(1,365)	(838	)	(3,019)		(2,414)		
Total other income (expense)		(1,674)	(1,824	•)	(1,351)		(6,508)		
Loss before provision for income taxes		(8,625)	(1,052	.)	(14,472)		(17,633)		
Provision for income taxes		75	119		213		169		
Net loss	\$	(8,700)	\$ (1,171	) \$	(14,685)	\$	(17,802)		
Net loss per share:	¢	(0.10)			(0.15)	<u>^</u>	(0.54)		
Basic	\$	(0.10)	\$ (0.04		(0.15)	\$	(0.54)		
Diluted	\$	(0.10)	\$ (0.04	) \$	(0.15)	\$	(0.54)		
Weighted average shares outstanding:		04.000	22.200		00.040		22.040		
Basic		84,922	33,398		98,949		33,048		
Diluted		84,922	33,398		98,949		33,048		

# The table below reconciles Net Loss to Adjusted EBITDA for the periods indicated.

		Three Months				Nine Months Ended			
		September 30,		September 30,		September 30,		September 30,	
(in thousands)	2021 2020		2020	2021		2020			
Net income (loss)	\$	(8,700)	\$	(1,171)	\$	(14,685)	\$	(17,802)	
Interest expense		1,365		838		3,019		2,414	
Provision for income taxes		75		119		213		169	
Depreciation and amortization in cost of goods sold		584		671		1,752		1,954	
Depreciation and amortization in operating expenses		260		168		751		504	
Depreciation and amortization in other income (expense)		196		-		391		-	
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>		(6,220)		625		(8,559)		(12,761)	
Investment and currency (gains)/ losses		90		199		(35)		(192)	
Goodwill impairment		357		-		357		-	
Share-based compensation		361		187		986		2,012	
Net effect of cost of goods on mark-up of acquired finished goods inventory		-		-		662		-	
Transaction and other special charges		225		843		(2,424)		4,367	
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	(5,187)	\$	1,854	\$	(9,013)	\$	(6,574)	

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-GAAP measure - see Non-GAAP Financial Measures in this MD&A.