

# KABN North America Completes Reverse Takeover of Torino Power Systems

Toronto, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - June 4, 2020) - KABN Systems NA Holdings Corp. (formerly Torino Power Solutions Inc.) (CSE: TPS) (the "**Company**" or "**Torino Power**") is pleased to announce that its reverse take-over (the "**RTO**") by KABN Systems North America Inc. ("**KABN North America**") has been completed. The RTO was approved by shareholders of the Company on March 31, 2020 and is a "fundamental change" for the Company within the meaning of applicable policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange.

In connection with the RTO, effective June 3, 2020 the Company changed its name to KABN Systems NA Holdings Corp. and consolidated its shares on a 10 for 1 basis (the "**Consolidation**").

The RTO was structured as an amalgamation of KABN North America and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company whereby the shareholders of KABN North America received post-Consolidation common shares of the Company in exchange for their common shares of KABN North America ("**KABN Shares**"). In accordance with the terms of the RTO, the Company issued a total of 59,777,942 post-Consolidation common shares to the shareholders of KABN North America in exchange for all of the outstanding KABN Shares based on a share exchange ratio of one post-Consolidation common share of the Company for each KABN Share. As part of the RTO, the Company assumed the obligation to issue common shares on the exercise of 13,799,968 warrants of KABN North America, 4,350,000 KABN North America options, and under certain other agreements and instruments. Further details can be found in the Company's listing statement that will be available on SEDAR.

The Company also announces that on June 1, 2020, KABN North America completed its second tranche of its private placement financing of units of KABN North America (the "**Units**") in connection with the RTO for additional gross proceeds of approximately \$1,231,600. Each Unit was priced at \$0.15 CDN and consisted of (a) one common share in the share capital of KABN North America and (b) one-half (1/2) KABN North America common share purchase warrant, with each whole warrant having an exercise price of \$0.20 for a period of 18 months from the date of issue. Aggregate gross proceeds of \$2.2 million were raised by KABN North America in connection with the RTO.

## **Exchanges of Shares**

Registered shareholders of the Company will receive a letter of transmittal from the Company's transfer agent, Odyssey Trust Company, describing the process by which shareholders may obtain new certificates or DRS Advices representing their post-Consolidation common shares. Shares held in uncertificated form by shareholders through brokerage accounts will be converted through each shareholder's brokerage account, and shareholders are not required to take any action to surrender for exchange common shares held in this way. Until surrendered, each certificate or DRS Advice representing common shares prior to the Consolidation will be deemed for all purposes to represent the number of whole common shares to which the holder thereof is entitled as a result of the Consolidation.

Notwithstanding the letter of transmittal for KABN North America shareholders referred to in the management information circular of the Company dated February 24, 2020, the Company has determined to distribute the post-Consolidation common shares to be issued in the RTO by way of a direct "push-out" from the Company's transfer agent.

## **Outstanding Shares**

Following the closing of the RTO, the Company has, assuming no rounding as a result of the Consolidation, a total of 65,750,240 common shares issued and outstanding, and has reserved for issuance 19,579,367 common shares issuable pursuant to warrants, incentive stock options and other agreements and instruments. Further details can be found in the Company's listing statement that will be available on SEDAR.

An aggregate of 27,425,000 common shares and 662,500 warrants held by Principals of the Company are, to the extent required under National Policy 46-201, subject to escrow and such shares will be released from escrow as follows: ten percent (10%) of the escrowed shares will be released from escrow on the date of listing and an additional fifteen percent (15%) will be released every 6 months thereafter.

## **The Resulting Issuer**

The Company is now operating through KABN North America, a Canadian FinTech company that specializes in continuous online Identity Verification, Identity Management and Monetization and is currently in development to launch a digital banking and financial services platform. It is developing a financial services platform in North America (the "**KABN NA Platform**") that consists of:

- **KABN ID:** a reusable, *Always On*, compliant, biometrically-based, identity verification and validation platform that forms the engine of the KABN Network.
- **LIQUID AVATAR:** a digital image-based "wallet and keyring" platform that allows users to manage their digital identity.
- **KABN's Visa Card:** an approved prepaid Visa card that includes a Mobile Banking Wallet that supports both digital and traditional currencies.

- **KABN KASH:** a robust loyalty and engagement platform with cashback and card-linked programs.

KABN North America is the exclusive licensee in Canada and the United States of America of the intellectual property (the "**Licensed IP**") that is comprised in the KABN ID, KABN Card and KABN KASH programs. KABN North America's key shareholders are KABN (Gibraltar) Limited and Crypto KABN Holdings Inc. of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, which are the licensors of the Licensed IP.

Liquid Avatar is a KABN (Gibraltar) Limited program and the terms of its use will be included as a new product under the current exclusive license with KABN North America.

#### Management and Board of the Resulting Issuer

As a result of the completion of the RTO the persons below are now directors and executive officers of the Resulting Issuer:

##### *Benjamin Kessler - Director, Chief Executive Officer*

Mr. Kessler has over 20 years of account management, business development, marketing and partnership experience in the financial services sector. Mr. Kessler is currently Chief Executive Officer and a director of KABN North America, as well as Chief Executive Officer of KABN (Gibraltar) Limited. Most recently, Mr. Kessler served as Managing Director, Payments Solution Group - Banc of California from January 2016 to 2017. Prior to that, Mr. Kessler served as Vice President, Global Account Management at Earthport North America TLC from 2013 to 2015. Mr. Kessler has also served as Vice President, Emerging Verticals at Mastercard Worldwide from 2006 to 2011. Mr. Kessler has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandeis University and a Master of Business Administration from the New York University Stern School of Management.

##### *David Lucatch - Director, President*

Mr. Lucatch has more than 30 years inventing technology and business solutions in the international marketing arena and over 20 years of that developing and taking to market internet and mobile based platforms. Mr. Lucatch has held senior management posts and directorships at both private and public media and technology firms and is currently President and a director of KABN North America. Mr. Lucatch has a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in commerce and economics from the University of Toronto.

##### *Bryan Loree - Chief Financial Officer*

Mr. Loree is currently the Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Mr. Loree holds a Certified Management Accountant designation, a Financial Management Diploma from the British Columbia Institute of Technology, and a BA from Simon Fraser University. Mr. Loree has held various senior accounting roles for public and private companies in various industries including, renewable energy, exploration, and construction.

##### *Michael Konikoff - Chief Revenue Officer*

Mr. Konikoff has over 25 years of marketing, loyalty and partnerships experience. Prior to his position with KABN as Chief Revenue Officer, Mr. Konikoff held such positions as Head of Marketing for the Toronto Parking Authority, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships at Engage People and Senior Vice President at Fairlane Group.

##### *Lynn Cumiskey - Chief Compliance Officer*

Ms. Cumiskey is Chief Compliance Officer for both KABN Systems NA Holdings Corp. and KABN (Gibraltar) Limited. Ms. Cumiskey has an extensive background working in the technology arena with securities and corporate counsel, auditors, regulators and investment brokers and dealers, having previously held positions in both public and private firms (Canada / US / Europe) over a 20+ year career, most recently as a Vice President of Corporate Operations for an Artificial Intelligence based language translation company.

##### *Houssam (Sam) Kawtharani - Director*

Mr. Kawtharani is a director of KABN North America and the co-founder of Corl Financial Technologies Inc., a fintech that offers data-driven growth capital to startups. Prior to co-founding Corl Financial Technologies Inc. Mr. Kawtharani was the Head of Product at IOU Financial Inc., a publicly-listed online lender (TSX:IOU), where he supported the company in originating over \$500 million in loans across the United States of America and Canada through continuous product development and innovation. Mr. Kawtharani is also the founder and director of Sam Kay Consultancy Inc. o/a FinBlox Labs, a fintech and blockchain advisory services firm for startups, enterprises and financial institutions. Mr. Kawtharani is also currently an advisor at KABN, AuBit International, EzyStayz Holiday Rentals Pty Ltd., OmniPsarx PBC and Trusted Inc. Holdings Limited. Mr. Kawtharani has a Bachelor of Science in computer science and business administration from the American University of Beirut and a Masters in Engineering from Concordia University.

##### *J. Patrick Mesina - Director*

Mr. Mesina is currently a director of the Company, KABN North America and Cortland Credit Group Inc., as well as a director and audit committee member of TSX Venture Exchange-listed Brockton Ventures Inc. Mr. Mesina presently works as a director with a Canadian based institutional investment firm, Cortland Credit Group Inc. Mr. Mesina had served as Vice President with a Toronto based institutional investment firm AIP Private Capital Inc. from March 2012 to September 2017. Since September

2017 he has been a consultant for several companies, including Vive Crop Protection Inc. and Northern Lights Partners Inc. Mr. Mesina has an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and political science from the University of Toronto.

#### *Ravinder Mlait - Director*

Mr. Mlait has served as director of the Company since February 2015 and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since December 2015. From December 2013 to present, Mr. Mlait has served as Chief Executive Officer of Cannabix Technologies Inc., an early stage technology company listed on the CSE. Mr. Mlait has served as director and officer of Brockton Ventures Inc., a capital pool company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange since February 22, 2018. From June 2010 to present, Mr. Mlait has served as Chief Executive Officer and President of Rockland Minerals Corp., a mineral exploration company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange. Mr. Mlait obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree (Economics) from Simon Fraser University in 1999 and obtained his Masters of Business Administration from Royal Roads University in Victoria, British Columbia in 2010.

#### **Re-Commencement of Trading**

Trading in the Company's shares was halted until all the requirements of the CSE have been met and the resumption of trading is approved by the CSE. The Company has delivered materials to the CSE. The Company expects that its common shares will resume trading on a post-Consolidation basis on the CSE under the symbol "KABN" on or before June 10, 2020.

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#### **Forward-Looking Information and Statements**

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