

# Poda Closes CDN\$15 Million Private Placement With US Institutional Investor

VANCOUVER, BC, Aug. 5, 2021 /CNW/ - **PODA LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS LTD.** ("**Poda**" or the "**Company**") (CSE: PODA) (FSE: 99L) (OTC PINK: PODAF) is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced private placement of subordinate voting shares ("**Common Shares**") and warrants to purchase Common Shares ("**Warrants**") to a private U.S. institutional investor for aggregate gross proceeds to the Company of Cdn\$15 million (settled in US dollars using the Bank of Canada exchange rate for July 29, 2021 of Cdn\$1 = US\$0.8032) (the "**Private Placement**"). Pursuant to the Private Placement, the Company issued 7,500,000 Common Shares and Warrants to purchase up to 7,500,000 Common Shares at a purchase price of Cdn\$2.00 per Common Share and associated Warrant. Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one Common Share at an exercise price of Cdn\$2.50 per Common Share at any time on or before August 5, 2024.

H.C. Wainwright & Co. acted as the exclusive placement agent for the Private Placement and received (i) a cash commission of Cdn\$1,050,000 (equal to 7.0% of the gross proceeds of the Private Placement and settled in US dollars using the Bank of Canada exchange rate for July 29, 2021 of Cdn\$1 = US\$0.8032) and (ii) 525,000 compensation warrants (the "**Agent Warrants**"). Each Agent Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one Common Share at an exercise price of Cdn\$2.50 per Common Share at any time on or before August 5, 2024.

The net proceeds of the Private Placement will be used by the Company for general working capital expenses and capital expenditure investments. The Common Shares and Warrants were offered and sold in the United States on a private placement basis pursuant to exemptions from the registration requirements of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**U.S. Securities Act**") and all applicable state securities laws. No securities were offered or sold to Canadian purchasers.

The securities issued under the Private Placement are subject to resale restrictions in the United States under applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and subject to a four-month and one day hold period under applicable Canadian securities legislation. The Private Placement is subject to customary notices and deliveries to the Canadian Securities Exchange.

This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of any of the securities in any jurisdiction in Canada in connection with the offering.

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On Behalf of the Board,

Ryan Selby  
CEO, Director, and Chairman of the Board

## **ABOUT PODA LIFESTYLE**

Poda Lifestyle is actively engaged in the global commercialization of HNB smoking products, which

have the potential to reduce the risks associated with combustible smoking products. The Company has developed a patented HNB system that uses proprietary biodegradable single-use pods, which are both consumer and environmentally friendly. The innovative design of the Company's HNB platform prevents cross-contamination between the heating devices and the pods, eliminating all cleaning requirements and providing users with the most convenient and enjoyable potentially-reduced-risk smoking experience. Poda Lifestyle's HNB system is fully patented in Canada and is patent pending in 65 additional countries, covering over 70% of the global population. The Company's Poda Pods are the first and only cigarettes to have a completely closed end. This exclusive design entirely eliminates all cleaning requirements and provides a truly ashless HNB cigarette. Poda Lifestyle's fully patented system is truly one of a kind and solves the major pain-point that ALL other HNB products suffer from: daily cleaning requirements. The Company's flagship **Beyond Burn™** Poda Pods contain a unique tobacco-free blend of pelletized tea leaves infused with synthetic nicotine, which provides adult smokers with a smoke-free alternative to their regular habit without sacrificing satisfaction. **Beyond Burn™** Poda Pods have been expertly crafted to mimic the sensorial experience of traditional cigarettes without the smoke, without the smell, and without the tobacco.


## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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