

Nepra Foods Inc. ("Nepra" or the "Company")

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

## Dated as of April 29, 2024

(All amounts expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated)

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## **Going Concern**

During the six months ended September 30, 2023, the Company incurred a net loss of \$2,015,317, and as at September 30, 2023, had an accumulated deficit of \$18,138,238. The Company's ability to continue its operations and to realize its assets at their carrying values is dependent upon the Company's ability to raise financing and generate profits and positive cash flows from operations in order to cover its operating costs. From time to time, the Company generates working capital to fund its operations by raising capital through equity or debt financing. However, there is no assurance the Company will be able to continue to raise capital this way in the future. The accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements do not give effect to any adjustments required for the Company to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in other than the normal course of business and at amounts different from those reflected in the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements. If the going concern assumption was not appropriate for the accompanying financial statements, adjustments would be necessary to the statement of financial position classifications used. Such adjustments could be material. Additional funds will be required to enable the Company to pursue its initiatives, and the Company may be unable to obtain such financing on terms which are satisfactory to it. Furthermore, there is no assurance that the business will be profitable. These factors indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Should the Company be unable to complete these plans to obtain additional financing and be unable to continue as a going concern, the Company may be forced to cease operations.

The following MD&A of the Company's financial condition and results of operations for the three and six months ended September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022, should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three and six months ended September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022, and the audited consolidated financial statements for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2023, and twelve months ended December 31, 2021. It should also be noted that since the Company is filing this MD&A effective April 29, 2024, general business information contained herein is reported as of the effective date noted above. The requisite financial data presented for the relevant periods has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC"). All currency amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted.

## **Regulatory and Filing Status**

Nepra Foods Inc. is classified as a "venture issuer" for the purposes of National Instrument 51-102. This MD&A was approved by the Directors on April 29, 2024.

On October 10, 2023, the British Columbia Securities Commission (the "BCSC"), issued a cease trade order (the "CTO") to the Company as a result of the Company's inability to file its annual audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023, its condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three months ended June 30, 2023, the related MD&As for the periods ended March 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023, and the required CEO and CFO certifications of annual and interim filings for the periods ended March 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023 (collectively, the "Required Filings") by the applicable filing deadlines.

Further to the Required Filings, the Company has also not filed its condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three and six months ended September 30, 2023, its condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, the related MD&As for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, and the required CEO and CFO certifications for the interim filings for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023 by the applicable filing deadlines.

The Company is currently in the final stages of rectifying this timely disclosure requirement.

## MATERIAL EVENTS THAT OCCURRED FROM MARCH 31, 2023, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

On June 23, 2023, the Company's Board of Directors approved a consolidation of the Company's outstanding common shares (the "Shares") on a ten (10) for one (1) basis (the "Consolidation"). On July 11, 2023, the Company cancelled consolidation.

Beginning in July 2023, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Nepra Foods Ltd. ("Nepra US") entered into several short-term lending agreements. All agreements have a term of 12 months and bear interest at 15% per annum. Amounts shall be repaid through monthly instalments. Under these agreements, Nepra US has borrowed US\$116,295. Prepayments can be made without a prepayment penalty and no interest shall accrue if amounts are repaid within two months.

On September 21, 2023, Nepra US was sued by its landlord for overdue rent in District Court, Arapahoe Country, State of Colorado, USA. On November 29, 2023, Nepra US paid its landlord a settlement of USD\$248,862.

On September 28, 2023, the Company closed the first tranche of the private placement initially announced on September 13, 2023, issuing 12,201,100 units for gross proceeds of \$610,055. On January 31, 2024, the Company closed the second tranche of this private placement issuing 13,714,760 units for gross proceeds of \$685,738. Each unit consists of one common share in the capital of the Company and one common share purchase warrant. Each warrant will enable the holder to purchase on additional share at a price of \$0.10 for a period of 24 months following date of issue of the warrant.

## MATERIAL EVENTS THAT OCCURRED SUBSEQUENT TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

On October 10, 2023, the British Columbia Securities Commission (the "BCSC"), issued a cease trade order (the "CTO") to the Company as a result of the Company's inability to file its annual audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023, its interim financial report for the period ended June 30, 2023, the related MD&As for the periods ended March 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023, and the required CEO and CFO certifications of annual and interim filings for the periods ended March 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023 (collectively, the "Required Filings") by the applicable filing deadlines. The Company is currently in the final stages of rectifying this timely disclosure requirement.

On December 31, 2023, the maturity date of the unsecured promissory note issued on April 12, 2023, was extended from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2024. The outstanding principal balance as of December 31, 2023 was USD\$104,387 and the loan bears interest at 6% per annum.

On April 5, 2024, Nepra US entered into a short-term loan agreement securing a total of \$950,000USD advanced to the subsidiary over the preceding four months to provide for additional inventory and working capital expenditures. The loan is due on or before July 31, 2024, carries an interest rate of 6% which is being accrued to term and is secured by the assets of the subsidiary.

## **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

Nepra was incorporated on November 27, 2020, under the provisions of the British Columbia Business Corporations Act. The Company operates as a vertically integrated healthy plant-based food and specialty ingredient company supporting allergen free and functional food brands. The Company's head office is located at 7025 S. Revere Parkway, Unit 100, Centennial, Colorado, USA 80112. The Company's registered and records office is located at Suite 1500, 1055 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6E 4N7. The Company's common shares are listed for trading on the Canadian Securities Exchange ("CSE") under the symbol "NPRA", but as at the date of this MD&A the shares are suspended from trading pending the filing of audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023 and each of three subsequent quarters ending June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023 with the British Columbia Securities Commission and the revocation of a Cease Trading Order (CTO).

The Company's wholly owned material subsidiaries include Nepra Foods, Ltd. ("Nepra US"), incorporated on August 15, 2019 as a limited liability company ("LLC") under the provisions of the Colorado Revised Status and Gluten Free Baking Solutions, LLC ("GFBS"), incorporated on August 10, 2016. On November 1, 2020, Nepra US converted from a LLC to a corporation.

Nepra specializes in gluten-free based food ingredients and consumer products. The global market for gluten-free foods is significant and by 2032, the market is projected to be valued at 14 billion U.S. dollars, more than double the

2022 market value<sup>1</sup>. The Company has developed and sourced specialty ingredients and blends that make it easier for commercial bakeries and leading food brands to offer cutting-edge gluten-free products to their customers. The principal product offerings are targeted at bakeries who seek gluten-free solutions for breads, confectionary, savory, and sweet snack products. The key to Nepra's success has been and will continue to be the focus on identifying production problems in the gluten-free bakery workflow, developing ingredient compositions that meet or exceed the bakeries expectations and through that process become the ingredient supplier of choice.

The Company operates from a 31,000 sq ft. production facility and R&D lab in Centennial, Colorado and their focus is on developing and supplying gluten-free ingredients and gluten-free food products to commercial bakeries and specialty retailers. The Company is committed to disrupting the food industry by supplying ingredients to bakeries that enable the production of gluten-free products that taste equal if not better than traditional wheat-based products, and to build a world-class enterprise, providing gluten-free solutions to bakeries and product suppliers that are focused on supplying healthy, great tasting substitutes for traditional wheat-based products. The Company is also engaged in other agricultural initiatives that will enhance grow yields and thus reduce cost barriers used in their ingredient specifications.

## Key Facts About Nepra:

Nepra develops ingredients that are easily interchangeable for soy, dairy, and other animal-based products and integrate these products into commercial food production settings. The Company also has developed its own consumer packaged goods ("CPG") products, including the Plant-Based Proteins, Plant-Based Dairy Alternatives, and Plant-Based Baked Goods, Snacks and Spreads products.

The Company's Plant-Based Ingredients are comprised of gluten-free and allergen-free specialty ingredients and flour mixes for food manufacturers. Gluten-free has been a growing market segment in the food industry for many years now. Management believes that certain gluten-free foods are perceived as being less desirable than the same food in the full gluten category. Gluten-free products tend to be carbohydrate heavy, low in nutrients and lacking in flavor.

Nepra has developed ingredients that support gluten-free foods that are lower in carbohydrates, nutrient rich and full of flavor. The Company has developed relationships with ingredient manufacturers in the United States and around the world to identify certain quality ingredients. The Company's goal is to provide gluten-free foods with the same texture, flavor, and nutrition at a reasonable price upcharge, to take advantage of this market opportunity.

Nepra has developed a line of gluten-free flours that make the production process easier to manage with less end product waste. The Company has been successful in improving the quality and nutrition of gluten-free bread while reducing costs in the production and distribution process and has curated its specialty products under the Nepra Absolutely Essential Blends brand of proprietary starch blends and Rheoflex® brand of pre-gel starches and flours.

Through its strategic leverage of its manufacturing facilities and exclusive distribution agreements with international ingredient manufacturers, the Company's products are offered to commercial food manufacturers and directly to consumers under the Company's CPG brand.

The Company's mission is to "promote healthy allergen-free foods". Milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, and soybeans are all major food allergens according to the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") and the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004, Public Law 108-282, Title II, as amended ("FALCPA"). The Company's products consist of (i) gluten-free and allergen-free plant-based specialty ingredients, custom formulated blends and mixes sold business-to-business or "B2B" ("Specialty Ingredients"), (ii) plant-based value added specialty proteins ("Plant-Based Proteins"), (iii) custom formulated blended dry ingredients, ("Blending") and (iv) Specialty allergen free, gluten free dried pasta ("PROPASTA®"). The Company holds Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points ("HACCP") and Good Manufacturing Practices ("GMP") certifications for its production facility and is currently pursuing its Global Food Safety Initiative ("GFSI") certification.

The Company sells its products directly to food manufacturers or through distributors, retailers and Direct to Consumers ("DTC") across North America.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Statista. (n.d.). Global gluten-free food market size from 2016 to 2025 (in billion U.S. dollars). Retrieved from <a href="https://www.statista.com/statistics/248467/global-gluten-free-food-market-size/#:~:text=The%20global%20market%20for%20gluten,to%2014%20billion%20U.S.%20dollars</a>

Nepra offers a variety of proprietary and special ingredients and blends for creating exceptional gluten-free, plant-based products.

- Nepra Base 30 (EB-30): This blend consists of modified tapioca starch, high-amylose wet-milled rice flour, and high-amylose rice starch. It appears as a fine white powder, free from lumps, foreign matter, with a neutral flavor and odor.
- Functional Starches: Nepra's functional starches go beyond thickening and binding. They enhance culinary creations by providing unique properties and benefits. Examples include: <u>RS4-type Resistant Starch (RS-3700)</u>: Useful for various food applications, <u>Cassava (RFC)</u>: Offers instant thickening. Rheoflex <u>TM Native (RFN)</u>: Improves texture. <u>Rheoflex TM Modified (RFM)</u>: Enhances freeze-thaw stability
- **Hemp-based Solutions**: Nepra's hemp-derived products span nutrition, sustainability, and versatile applications. Some options include <u>Hemp Heart Flour (HHF-50)</u>: A versatile ingredient. <u>Texturized Hemp Protein (THP®</u>): Ideal for plant-based recipes. <u>Hemp Heart Protein 70% (HHP-70) and Hemp Heart Protein 80% (HHP-80)</u>: Rich in protein

## Future State of Nepra:

The Company has been able to grow its base of core revenues on the supply of gluten free ingredients to a host of significant bakeries throughout North America since its formation in 2016. The journey has been led by a proactive attempt to find solutions for commercial bakeries that recognize the need to offer gluten free products in their SKU's. Due largely to the many ingredients (upwards of 18) used in a successful gluten free application, the nature of the ingredient, the quantity used and/or the blending process can be subject to trial and error. The Company has positioned itself as a leader in identifying solutions to curate the correct taste and outcome for products sought by its customers. In doing so, Nepra has established loyalty and trust with its customers, this clearly leading to ingredient sales and blending contracts.

## Customer Overview

The Company groups its customers as in either Group 1 or Group 2. Group 1 customers have an established track record with the Company and the volume of business projected from them is quantifiable. A sample of these Group 1 customers is summarized below. For the purposes of this MD&A the specific customer names have been redacted.

**Customer #1** - Customer #1 is a renowned wholesale bakery specializing in fresh-baked breads and rolls. Their rich history dates to the rustic loaves crafted by the family in Calabria, Italy. These early bakers understood that quality products begin with the finest ingredients and are meticulously crafted using old-world techniques passed down through generations. Through a mutual relationship, Chadwick White, CEO was introduced directly to the family who after trying Nepra's gluten free bread product have now converted their formulations to utilize EB 30 starches.

**Customer #2** - Nepra has entered a partnership with Customer #2 for the development and launch of a portfolio of groundbreaking gluten-free bread products under various brand names. The partnership between Nepra and Customer #2 brings together two industry innovators, leveraging their respective expertise to introduce an industry-changing gluten-free portfolio consisting of dinner rolls, hamburger & hot dog buns, and sandwich breads. Nepra provides Customer #2 exclusive rights to Nepra's proprietary formulations. Customer #2 purchases from Nepra a complete flour blend of the formula that utilizes Nepra's specialty allergen-free ingredients. Customer #2 will produce and distribute the products from their state-of-the-art bakery. Nepra will provide Customer #2 with ongoing technical support and future R&D for new formulations moving forward. The partnership creates a high-quality gluten-free bread line-up with taste, texture, and extended ambient shelf life.

**Customer #3** - Customer #3 is a Lebanese owned family business that began in 1989 Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. Over the years, it has grown into Atlantic Canada's largest producer of various baked goods. Chadwick White, CEO was introduced to the family who had expanded to Lancaster SC to open a state of the art 55,000 square foot facility dedicated to gluten free products. Customer #3 fully endorsed the product outcomes in test

trials with Nepra and now expanded the ingredient offering to include 12 new SKUs of breads, pastries and cookie formulations as well as blending all the formulations.

**Customer #4** - Customer #4 is a leading producer of pretzels in the United States. The Company has assisted in developing the formulations for a variety of pretzels and will provide blending services for the formulations as well.

**Customer** #5 - The Company has established both an ingredient supply and blending relationship with Customer #5, who produces a wide range of pretzel products of which gluten free products are particularly important to their lineup. *Business Model:* 

Nepra's business model is not traditional and is unique from other ingredient manufacturers. The Company is completely solution-based and secures its customers from its position as a leader in food science and the art of ingredient blending.

- Through its ingredient formulations and blending processes, the Company can deliver specific, scalable, and consistent repeatable ingredient products and services to both US and international customers.
- The Company will generate repeatable revenue paths from customers who have relied upon the unique solution-based methods of gaining trust and loyalty with its bakery customers.
- The Company's business model has been designed as needing revolving low-cost conventional inventory financing, which as the business scales will track the anticipated growth.
- Proprietary formulations and trade secrets developed over several years are the keys to successful application of ingredient recipes into virtually all gluten-free production environments.

During the six months ended September 30, 2023, the Company focused on the sale and processing of specialty ingredients and developing new products for both B2B and consumer channels.

#### Competitive strengths:

Product Development, Branding and Standard Operating Procedures ("SOPs"): The business commenced in Colorado, where the Company leveraged its prior relationships in the ingredient supply chain to develop trusting relationships with bakeries and with whom the Company has been a consistent solution provider to these entities. Ingredient sourcing for the gluten free product market was an essential element to success, as was the ability to provide innovative formulations using those ingredients to customers for specific product applications. These new formulations have improved the overall quality of gluten free products available to consumers.

<u>Management Team:</u> Nepra's management team possesses expertise in the food science and gluten-free applications for ingredients, finance, capital markets, regulations, operations, project management, and marketing. This team has proven its ability to grow and scale from the experience gained by the team over many years.

<u>Replicable Processes and Scalability</u>: The Company's production processes are replicable and scalable, resulting in consistent quality and function across all the Company's products.

## **OVERALL PERFORMANCE**

The key factors pertaining to the Company's overall performance for the six months ended September 30, 2023, are as follows:

The Company recorded revenue of \$2,248,030 for the six months ended September 30, 2023, as compared to revenue of \$3,194,119 for the six months ended September 30, 2022. Lower revenue generated during the six months ended September 30, 2023 was mostly the result of capital shortfalls experienced by the Company which inhibited the Company from purchasing inventory for processing and resale.

The net loss for the six months ended September 30, 2023, was \$2,015,317 compared to \$3,387,921 for the six months ended September 30, 2022. The decrease in net loss was mostly a result of lower consulting fees, professional fees,

salaries and benefits, share-based payments, and general and administrative expenses incurred during the six months ended September 30, 2023.

For additional information on the differences in revenue and net loss for the six months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the six months ended September 30, 2022, see the section titled "Results of Operations for the Six Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022", beginning on page 8 of this MD&A.

The Company had negative operating cash flow for the six months ended September 30, 2023. Cash used in operating activities for the six months ended September 30, 2023 was \$450,104, compared to \$3,291,211 for the six months ended September 30, 2022. This decrease is the result of the Company spending lower amounts on operational expenses, inventory purchases and paying accounts payable during the six months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the six months ended September 30, 2022. For additional information on the Company's cashflows, see the section titled "Cash Flows", beginning on page 12 of this MD&A.

Working capital decreased as at September 30, 2023, to a deficit of \$459,317 compared to \$767,909 as at March 31, 2023. The decrease in working capital is largely due to a decrease in inventory, an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities which is a result of the Company deferring the purchase of additional inventory and payment of accounts payable in an effort to conserve cash during the six months ended September 30, 2023. Also contributing to the decrease in working capital is an increase in the current portion of lease liabilities due to timing of payments and the current portion of loans payable which is a result of the Company entering into new borrowing arrangements during the six months ended September 30, 2023. For additional information on the Company's liquidity and capital resources, see the section titled "Liquidity and Capital Resources", beginning on page 12 of this MD&A.

## Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

#### Revenue

For the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company generated total revenues of \$886,457 which is a decrease of \$1,073,982 from revenue of \$1,960,439 for the three months ended September 30, 2022. This decrease in revenue is mostly due to capital shortfalls experienced by the Company which inhibited the Company from purchasing inventory for processing and resale.

## Cost of sales and gross profit

For the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company's cost of sales and gross profit were \$843,568, and \$42,889, respectively, compared to \$1,569,036 and \$391,403 for the three months ended September 30, 2022. Gross profit margin decreased to 4.84% for the three months ended September 30, 2023, compared to 19.97% for the three months ended September 30, 2022. The variation in gross profit margin is largely a result of the decline in sales revenue, amortization costs on equipment and leased assets used in the production of products, as well as the variability in the margins of the products sold during the two periods.

## **Expenses**

Accretion increased by \$40,049 from \$413 for the three months ended September 30, 2022, to \$40,462 for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The increase is a result of a fair value measurement relating to the revolving loan facility with a company controlled by a related party. No such fair value measurement was required for the three months ended September 30, 2022.

Consulting fees decreased by \$59,955 from \$62,380 for the three months ended September 30, 2022, to \$2,425 for the three months ended September 30, 2023. Higher consulting costs were incurred during the three months ended September 30, 2022 as the Company retained business and capital market consultants during that period. During the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company did not receive a similar level of consulting services in comparison to the three months ended September 30, 2022.

Finance costs increased by \$32,547 from \$144,548 during the three months ended September 30, 2022, to \$177,095 during the three months ended September 30, 2023. This increase is mostly due to higher finance costs incurred stemming from higher interest incurred on loans and leases during the three months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2022.

Professional fees decreased by \$11,216 from \$90,035 for the three months ended September 30, 2022, to \$78,819 for the three months ended September 30, 2023. This decrease is a is largely a result of higher accounting fees resulting from outsourced controller work during the three months ended September 30, 2022.

Research and development decreased by \$31,326 from \$40,136 for the three months ended September 30, 2022 to \$8,810 for the three months ended September 30, 2023. This decrease is a result of the Company carrying out more research and development activity during the three months ended September 30, 2023, to develop new product offerings.

Salaries and benefits decreased by \$349,289 from \$746,679 for the three months ended September 30, 2022, to \$397,390 for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The decrease is a result of staffing changes that occurred between the periods as well as the Company retaining fewer staff in an effort to conserve cash during the three months ended September 30, 2023.

Share-based payments increased by \$3,863 from \$3,863 for the three months ended September 30, 2022, to \$nil for the three months ended September 30, 2023. This decrease is due to the timing of the grant, vesting periods and forfeitures of issued restricted share units and stock options. By the start of the three month period ending September 30, 2023, all stock options and restricted share units were fully vested. No stock options or RSUs were granted during the three months ended September 30, 2023.

General and administrative costs for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 are summarized as follows:

For the three months ended			Change	
September 30,	2023	2022	(\$)	Change (%)
Advertising and promotion	\$ 38,383	\$ 74,029	\$ (35,646)	(48%)
Insurance	22,175	46,009	(23,834)	(52%)
Meals and entertainment	-	1,468	(1,468)	(100%)
Office expenses	41,966	61,089	(19,123)	(31%)
Other rent	64,008	60,965	3,043	5%
Equipment rent	7,211	10,810	(3,599)	(33%)
Repairs and maintenance	3,685	19,264	(15,579)	(81%)
Shareholder communication	5,197	78,226	(73,029)	(93%)
Subscriptions and dues	7,466	15,605	(8,139)	(52%)
Utilities	10,976	12,806	(1,830)	(14%)
Total general and administrative	\$ 201,067	\$ 380,271	\$ (179,204)	(47%)

General and administrative costs decreased by \$179,024 from \$380,271 for the three months ended September 30, 2022, to \$201,067 for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The decrease is predominantly a result of the Company incurring lower advertising and promotion and shareholder communication in an effort to conserve cash during the three months ended September 30, 2023.

#### Results of Operations for the Six Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

## <u>Revenue</u>

For the six months ended September 30, 2023, the Company generated total revenues of \$2,248,030 which is a decrease of \$946,089 from total revenue of \$3,194,119 for the six months ended September 30, 2022. This decrease in revenue is mostly due to capital shortfalls experienced by the Company which inhibited the Company from purchasing inventory for processing and resale.

## Cost of sales and gross profit

For the six months ended September 30, 2023, the Company's cost of sales and gross profit were \$1,998,283, and \$249,747, respectively, compared to \$2,603,761 and \$590,358 for the six months ended September 30, 2022. Gross profit margin was 11.11% for the six months ended September 30, 2023 and 18.48% for the six months ended September 30, 2022. The variation in gross profit margin is largely a result of the decline in sales revenue, amortization costs on equipment and leased assets used in the production of products, as well as the variability in the margins of the products sold during the two periods.

#### Expenses

Accretion increased by \$71,481 from \$816 for the six months ended September 30, 2022, to \$72,297 for the six months ended September 30, 2023. This increase is a result of accretion incurred from the measurement of the revolving loan facility with a company controlled by a related party during the six months ended September 30, 2023. No such fair value measurement was required for the six months ended September 30, 2022.

Consulting fees decreased by \$133,532 from \$137,152 for the six months ended September 30, 2022, to \$3,620 for the six months ended September 30, 2023. Higher consulting costs were incurred during the six months ended September 30, 2022 as the Company retained business and capital market consultants during that period. During the six months ended September 30, 2023, the Company did not receive a similar level of consulting services in comparison to the six months ended September 30, 2023.

Finance costs increased by \$98,619 from \$247,011 for the six months ended September 30, 2022, to \$345,630 for the six months ended September 30, 2023. This increase is mostly due to higher finance costs incurred stemming from higher interest incurred on loans and lease liabilities during the six months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the six months ended September 30, 2022.

Professional fees decreased by \$141,222 from \$319,040 for the six months ended September 30, 2022, to \$177,818 for the six months ended September 30, 2023. This decrease is a is largely a result of higher legal costs in relation to general corporate matters and accounting fees resulting from outsourced controller work during the six months ended September 30, 2022.

Salaries and benefits decreased by \$498,874 from \$1,391,590 for the six months ended September 30, 2022, to \$892,716 for the six months ended September 30, 2023. A lower salaries and benefits expense for the six months ended September 30, 2023 reflects staffing changes that occurred between the periods as well as the Company retaining fewer staff in an effort to conserve cash during the six months ended September 30, 2023.

Share-based payments decreased by \$184,826 from \$184,826 for the six months ended September 30, 2022, to \$nil for the six months ended September 30, 2023. This decrease is due to the timing of grants, vesting periods and forfeitures of issued restricted share units and stock options. By the start of the six month period ending September 30, 2023, all stock options and restricted share units were fully vested. No stock options or RSUs were granted during the six months ended September 30, 2023.

General and administrative costs for the six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 are summarized as follows:

For the six months ended			Change	
September 30,	2023	2022	(\$)	Change (%)
Advertising and promotion	\$ 76,626	\$ 802,917	\$ (726,291)	(90%)
Insurance	42,886	47,947	(5,061)	(11%)
Meals and entertainment	420	6,913	(6,493)	(94%)
Office expenses	103,814	208,996	(105, 182)	(50%)
Other rent	117,784	97,558	20,226	21%
Equipment rent	12,531	29,463	(16,932)	(57%)
Repairs and maintenance	5,264	31,579	(26,315)	(83%)
Shareholder communication	7,837	130,228	(122,391)	(94%)
Subscriptions and dues	17,089	45,111	(28,022)	(62%)
Utilities	20,996	24,758	(3,762)	(15%)
Total general and administrative	\$ 405,247	\$ 1,425,470	\$ (1,020,223)	(72%)

General and administrative costs decreased by \$1,020,223 from \$1,425,470 for the six months ended September 30, 2022, to \$405,247 for the six months ended September 30, 2023. This decrease is largely a result of an advertising campaign with a cost of \$650,000 for the design and deployment of digital content which was recorded during the six months ended September 30, 2022. The decrease is also a result of the Company incurring lower office expenses and shareholder communication related costs in an effort to conserve cash during the six months ended September 30, 2023.

During the six months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recognized a loss on lease modification of \$100,533 (six months ended September 30, 2022 - \$nil) relating to certain production and manufacturing equipment that was returned.

## **Summary of Quarterly Results**

The following financial data was derived from the eight most recently completed financial quarters:

	September 30, June 30,			March 31,	]	December 31,		
		2023		2023	2023		2022	
Revenue	\$	886,457	\$	1,361,573	\$ 1,047,782	\$	1,253,780	
Net loss for the period	\$	(964,521)	\$	(1,020,574)	\$ (2,105,957)	\$	(1,155,297)	
Loss per share - basic and diluted Weighted average number of shares	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.02)	\$ (0.04)	\$	(0.02)	
outstanding		52,189,183		52,055,838	52,055,838		49,753,566	

	September 30, June 30,			March 31,	December 31,		
		2022		2022	2022		2021
Revenue	\$	1,960,439	\$	1,233,680	\$ 2,078,112	\$	1,659,670
Net loss for the period	\$	(1,193,376)	\$	(2,194,545)	\$ (1,659,705)	\$	(3,514,851)
Loss per share - basic and diluted	\$	(0.03)	\$	(0.05)	\$ (0.04)	\$	(0.10)
Weighted average number of shares							
outstanding		47,161,759		46,973,306	37,002,418		36,575,023

Revenue decreased from \$1,361,573, for the three months ended June 30, 2023, to \$886,457 for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The decrease in revenue is mostly attributable to a decrease in sales of starch products stemming from capital shortfalls experienced by the Company which inhibited the Company from purchasing inventory for processing and resale. Net loss decreased from \$1,020,574 for the three months ended June 30, 2023, to \$964,521 for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The decrease in quarterly net loss is mostly attributed to quarter over quarter decreases in gross profit and salaries and benefits expenses of \$163,969 and \$97,936, respectively. The decrease in gross profit is mostly a result of the Company generating fewer sales during the three months ended September 30, 2023 in comparison to the three months ended June 30, 2023. The decrease in salaries and benefits

expense is a result of staffing changes having taken place at the Company related to efforts to reduce operating costs to conserve cash.

Revenue increased from \$1,047,782, for the three months ended March 31, 2023, to \$1,361,573 for the three months ended June 30, 2023. The increase in revenue is mostly attributable to an increase in the sales of starch and hemp protein products. Net loss decreased from \$2,105,957, for the three months ended March 31, 2023, to \$1,020,547, for the three months ended June 30, 2023. This decrease in quarterly net loss is due to a comparably higher net loss during the three months ended March 31, 2023 resulting from an adjustment to impair obsolete inventory items and to expense items related to R&D which were initially capitalized to inventory, and additional equipment rent to reflect new circumstances relating to an equipment lease for production and manufacturing equipment that arose subsequent to March 31, 2023 (see the following paragraph for additional information on items). In conjunction with these items, the net loss for the three months ended June 30, 2023 was also reduced via the Company's efforts to reduce operating costs to conserve cash.

Revenue decreased from \$1,253,780, for the three months ended December 31, 2022, to \$1,047,782 for the three months ended March 31, 2023. The decrease in revenue is mostly attributable to a decrease in the sales of starch and hemp protein products. Net loss increased from \$1,155,297, for the three months ended December 31, 2022, to \$2,105,957 for the three months ended March 31, 2023. This increase in quarterly net loss is attributed to a quarter over quarter decrease in gross profit of \$86,337, a quarter over quarter increase in expenses of \$727,955, and a loss of \$57,283 derived from the revaluation of the security deposit for the Company's leased building located in Centennial, Colorado and impairment expense of \$246,416 primarily related to property and equipment recorded during the three months ended March 31, 2023. The decrease in gross profit is mostly a result of lower sales during the three months ended March 31, 2023 compared to the three months ended December 31, 2022. Higher expenses are mostly a result of an adjustment to move costs associated with obsolete and research and development related inventory items from the cost of inventory, an adjustment related to the Production and Manufacturing Equipment Lease to reflect new circumstances with the lease that arose subsequent to March 31, 2023, as well as an accrual for audit fees and an impairment expense relating to property and equipment and intangible assets.

Revenue decreased from \$1,960,439, for the three months ended September 30, 2022, to \$1,253,780 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. This decrease in revenue is mostly attributable to a decrease in sales of starch products and hemp protein products. Net loss decreased from \$1,193,376, for the three months ended September 30, 2022, to \$1,155,297 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. This decrease in quarterly net loss is mostly attributed to quarter over quarter decreases in gross profit and salaries and benefits expenses of \$103,001 and \$225,758, respectively. The decrease in gross profit is mostly a result of the Company generating fewer sales during the three months ended December 31, 2022 in comparison to the three months ended September 30, 2022. These quarter over quarter decreases are offset by a quarter over quarter increase in amortization expense of \$133,749, a quarter over quarter increase in general and administrative expenses of \$25,826 and a quarter over quarter increase in share-based payment expense of \$26,694. The quarter over quarter increase in amortization expense is mostly a result of a remeasurement of one of the Company's leases that was performed during the three months ended September 30, 2022.

Revenue increased from \$1,233,680, for the three months ended June 30, 2022, to \$1,960,439 for the three months ended September 30, 2022. The increase in revenue is attributable to an increased sales of starch products, hemp protein products and the ProPasta<sup>TM</sup> product line. Net loss decreased from \$2,194,545, for the three months ended June 30, 2022, to \$1,193,376 for the three months ended September 30, 2022. The decrease in net loss is attributable to a \$718,942 decrease in general and administrative expenses, a \$138,970 decrease in professional fees and a \$192,552 decrease in share-based payments due to the forfeiture of restricted share units and options during the three months ended September 30, 2022 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2022. These decreases are offset by a \$121,515 increase in research and development costs for the three months ended September 30, 2022.

Revenue decreased from \$2,078,112, for the three months ended March 31, 2022, to \$1,233,680 for the three months ended June 30, 2022. The decrease in revenue is attributable a decrease of sales of processed products during the three months ended June 30, 2022. Net loss increased from \$1,659,705, for the three months ended March 31, 2022, to \$2,194,545 for the three months ended June 30, 2022. This increase in net loss is attributable to a \$669,634 increase in general and administrative expenses and a \$52,877 increase in salaries and benefits due to expanding operations

during the three months ended June 30, 2022 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022. These increases are offset by a \$214,270 decrease in share-based payments during the three months ended June 30, 2022.

Revenue increased from \$1,659,790, for the three months ended December 31, 2021, to \$2,078,112 for the three months ended March 31, 2022. The increase in revenue is attributable to the expanding of operations and increased sales of processed products during the three months ended March 31, 2022. Net loss decreased from \$3,514,851, for the three months ended December 31, 2021, to \$1,659,705 for the three months ended March 31, 2022. This decrease in net loss is mostly attributable to a decrease in consulting expense where the Company incurred \$39,062 in consulting fees for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$1,286,219 for the three months ended December 31, 2021. The Company incurred significant consulting fees during the three months ended December 31, 2021 in relation to general business, capital markets and marketing and advertising in support of the Company becoming publicly traded. The decrease in net loss is also attributed to higher share-based payments expenses incurred during the three months December 31, 2021 in comparison to the three months ended March 31, 2022 by \$196,213.

Revenue increased from \$1,201,941, for the three months ended September 30, 2021, to \$1,659,670 for the three months ended December 31, 2021. The increase in revenue is attributable to increases in sales of processed products during the three months ended December 31, 2021. Net loss increased from \$1,622,452, for the three months ended September 30, 2021, to \$3,514,851 for the three months ended December 31, 2021. The increase in net loss is largely attributable to an \$814,271 increase in consulting fees during the three months ended December 31, 2021 as the Company incurred significant consulting fees in relation to general business, capital markets and marketing and advertising in support of the Company becoming publicly traded. The increase in net loss is also attributed to an increase in share-based payments of \$599,172 during the three months ended December 31, 2021, compared to \$119,965 during the three months ended September 30, 2021. The increase in share-based payments is due to the issuance of restricted share units and vesting of previously issued employee stock options.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As at September 30, 2023, the Company had working capital deficit of \$459,317 which is a decrease of \$1,227,226 from the working capital at March 31, 2023 of \$767,909. The decrease in working capital is largely due to a decrease in inventory and an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities which is a result of the Company delaying the purchase of inventory and payment of accounts payable. Also contributing to the decrease in working capital is an increase in current loans payable which is a result of the Company entering into new borrowing arrangements during the six months ended September 30, 2023. The current portion of lease liabilities payable increased due to the progression of the payment schedule of the equipment less for production and manufacturing equipment.

Over the next twelve months, the Company will need additional capital to fund operations and settle obligations as obligations come due. The Company's access to financing is uncertain. There can be no assurance of continued access to significant debt or equity funding. The Company may be unable to obtain such financing on terms which are satisfactory to it. The Company plans to fund capital as needed through the use of share and debt issuances.

**Cash Flows** 

A summary of cash flows for the six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, is as follows:

	September, 2023	<b>September 30, 2022</b>	Change
Operating activities	\$ (450,104)	\$ (3,291,211)	\$ 2,841,107
Investing activities	(2,517)	(47,349)	44,832
Financing activities	694,641	(374,551)	1,069,192
Change in cash	\$ 242,020	\$ (3,713,111)	\$ 3,955,131

Cash used in operating activities decreased by \$2,841,107. The decrease is largely due to a higher amount of cash used during the six months ended September 30, 2022 to make higher payments against outstanding liabilities. The Company also spent comparably higher amounts to cover operations-related expenses and activities during the six months ended September 30, 2022, as the Company was focussed on conserving cash during the six months ended September 30, 2023.

Cash used in investing activities was lower by \$44,832. The decrease is largely due to a higher amount of cash used during the six months ended September 30, 2022 to purchase equipment during that period, whereas no equipment was purchased during the six months ended September 30, 2023.

Cash generated from financing activities was higher by \$1,069,192. The increase is largely due to the first tranche of the private placement initially announced on September 13, 2023, which closed on September 28, 2023 and an increase in loan borrowings. During the six months ended September 30, 2023, less cash was used to pay down lease liabilities and loan repayments compared to the six months ended September 30, 2022.

## **Related Party Disclosures**

The Company defines its related parties as its key members of management, companies controlled by its key members of management, and family members of its key members of management. Key members of management consist of the Directors and Officers who are responsible for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Company. Details of the Company's key members of management with whom the Company has incurred related party charges are as follows:

- Chadwick White, Chief Executive Office ("CEO"), Chief Innovation Officer ("CIO"), and Director of the Company. Chadwick White was appointed to the Board of Directors and as CIO on April 21, 2021. On December 1, 2022, Chadwick White was appointed as the Company's CEO.
- David Wood, Chief Operations Officer ("COO"), Director of the Company, interim CFO and interim Corporate Secretary. David Wood was appointed to the Board of Directors and as CEO of the Company on April 15, 2021. On December 1, 2022, David Wood resigned as the Company's CEO and was appointed as the Company's COO on the same date. David Wood assumed the role as the Company's interim CFO and interim Corporate Secretary on July 14, 2023.
- Alex McAulay, former Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), Corporate Secretary and Director of the Company. Alex McAulay was appointed as the Company's CFO on March 25, 2021, Corporate Secretary on September 10, 2021, and to the Board of Directors on November 27, 2020. Alex McAulay resigned from these positions on July 14, 2023.
- Paul Feldman, Chief Engineer (appointed January 1, 2021)
- Marc Olmsted, Director of Research and Development and Director of the Company (appointed April 15, 2021)
- Joel Leonard, former Director of the Company (appointed April 15, 2021, resigned March 21, 2023)
- David Breda, former Director of the Company (appointed May 17, 2021, resigned July 15, 2023)
- Eric Kreigisch, former Vice President of Ingredient Sales (appointed on January 1, 2022, resigned July 2, 2022)
- John Maculley, former COO of the Company (appointed October 21, 2021, resigned May 20, 2022)
- The Late Robert Hopp, President and COO of the Company. Robert Hopp was appointed as the Company's president and COO on May 31, 2021. Robert Hopp passed away on June 15, 2021.

## Related party balances

As at September 30, 2023, included in due from related parties is \$9,218 (March 31, 2023 - \$9,225) due from Marc Olmsted, Director of Research and Development and Director of the Company. The amount is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

As at September 30, 2023, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$60,592 (March 31, 2023 - \$60,780) due to Chadwick White, CEO, CIO and Director of the Company. The amount consists of expenses charged to a personal credit card of the Chadwick White and is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand. As at September 30, 2023, also included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$28,740 (March 31, 2023 - \$17,403) owed to Chadwick White consisting of salary owed and is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

As at September 30, 2023, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$105,694 (March 31, 2023 - \$2,774) due to Robert G. Wood and Company, Inc., a company controlled by David Wood, COO (former CEO), Director of the Company, interim CFO, and interim Corporate Secretary. The amount consists of expense reimbursements and is unsecured, non-interest bearing, and due on demand.

As at September 30, 2023, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$74,999 (March 31, 2023 - \$20,454) due to David Wood, COO (former CEO), Director of the Company, interim CFO and interim Corporate Secretary. The amount consists of expenses charged to a personal credit card of David Wood. The amount is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand. As at September 30, 2023, also included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$78,920 (March 31, 2023 - \$65,826) owed to David Wood, consisting of salary owed and is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

As at September 30, 2023, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$38,223 (March 31, 2023 - \$8,961) due to Paul Feldman, Chief Engineer of the Company. The amount consists of salary owed and is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand. As at September 30, 2023, also included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$13,401 (March 31, 2023 - \$6,210) owed to Paul Feldman, consisting of expense reimbursements and is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

As at September 30, 2023, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$8,148 (March 31, 2023 - \$nil) due to Marc Olmsted, Director of Research and Development and Director of the Company. The amount consists of salary owed and is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand. As at September 30, 2023, also included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$151 (March 31, 2023 - \$nil) owed to Marc Olmsted. This amount consists of expense reimbursements and is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

As at September 30, 2023, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$1,484 (March 31, 2023 - \$nil) due to the family members of Chadwick White, CEO, CIO and Director of the Company. The amount consists of salary owed and is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

As at September 30, 2023, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$2,713 (March 31, 2023 - \$nil) due to the family members of David Wood, COO (former CEO), Director of the Company, interim CFO and interim Corporate Secretary. The amount consists of salary owed and is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

## Related party transactions

During the six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company incurred charges for salaries and benefits, professional fees, and share-based payments with related parties. The following table outlines related party transactions for the six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

	For the six months ended September 30,			For the thi ended Sep		
	2023		2022	2023		2022
Salaries and benefits						
Chadwick White, CEO, CIO, and Director	\$ 58,084	\$	99,878	\$ 35,069	\$	54,173
Family members of Chadwick White	75,878		125,397	21,887		70,133
Marc Olmsted, Manager of R&D and Director	75,813		67,610	35,060		36,633
Paul Feldman, Chief Engineer	71,730		61,141	31,698		33,118
David Wood, COO (former CEO), Director, interim						
CFO and Interim Corporate Secretary	55,924		99,891	35,071		61,357
Family members of David Wood	42,520		76,738	14,230		38,537
John Maculley, former COO	-		48,722	-		-
Family members of John Maculley <sup>1</sup>	-		11,831	_		-
Eric Kriegisch, former VP of Ingredient Sales	-		34,010	_		4,878
	\$ 379,949	\$	625,218	\$ 173,015	\$	298,829

#### **Professional fees**

Treewalk Consulting Inc., a company controlled by Alex McAulay, former CFO, Corporate Secretary and

Total	\$	459,916	\$	906,886	\$	173,015	\$	298,070
	\$		Þ	86,168	\$		\$	(65,478)
John Maculley, former COO <sup>3</sup>	Φ.	-	Φ.	(58,505)	Φ.		Φ.	(89,321)
Eric Kriegisch, former VP of Ingredient Sales <sup>3</sup>		-		(36,921)		-		(63,433)
David Breda, former Director		-		15,132		-		7,273
Joel Leonard, former Director		-		15,132		-		7,273
Director		-		30,266		-		14,546
Alex McAulay, former CFO, Corporate Secretary and								
Marc Olmsted, Director of R&D and Director		-		30,266		-		14,546
Paul Feldman, Chief Engineer		-		30,266		-		14,546
Chadwick White, CEO, CIO and Director		-		30,266		-		14,546
CFO and interim Corporate Secretary		-		30,266		-		14,546
David Wood, COO (former CEO), Director, interim								
Share-based payments								
	\$	79,967	\$	195,500	\$	-	\$	64,719
Director <sup>2</sup>		79,967		195,500		-		64,719
Alex McAulay, former Cro, Corporate Secretary and								

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Only reflects charges incurred while John Maculley was COO of the Company.

#### Revolving loans

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company entered into unsecured revolving loan facilities with Robert G. Wood and Company, Inc. and Fire Fighter Trucks of Colorado, LLC. These companies are controlled by David Wood, COO (former CEO), Director of the Company, interim CFO and interim Corporate Secretary. Initially, under each loan facility, up to USD\$200,000 could be borrowed. These facilities were unsecured, bore interest at a rate of 6% per annum and would mature on December 31, 2025. During the fifteen months ended March 31, 2023, the loan facility with Fire Fighter Trucks of Colorado, LLC was cancelled. No principal or interest was owing on this facility at the time of its cancellation. On January 1, 2022, the revolving loan with Robert G. Wood and Company, Inc. was amended to increase the amount that could be loaned under the facility from USD\$200,000 to USD\$400,000 (the "First Amended Facility"), The First Amended Facility was then amended on September 5, 2022, to increase the amount of that could be loaned under the facility from USD\$400,000 (the "Second Amended Facility").

During the six months ended September 30, 2023, the Company received loan proceeds of USD\$102,500 (CAD\$137,576) and made principal repayments of USD\$75,687 (CAD\$101,588) for net proceeds of USD\$26,813 (CAD\$35,988). During the six months ended September 30, 2023, the Company made interest payments of USD\$23,313 (CAD\$31,291), incurred interest expenses of USD\$19,467 (CAD\$26,128), recorded accretion of USD\$53,225 (CAD\$71,438), and recorded an additional equity component of USD\$29,315 (CAD\$39,634) related to the revolving loan facility.

During the six months ended September 30, 2022, the Company made principal repayments of USD\$200,000 (CAD\$255,236), made interest payments of USD\$1,670 (CAD\$2,131), and incurred interest expenses of USD\$1,844 (CAD\$2,353). During the six months ended September 30, 2022, the Company did not receive loan proceeds.

As at September 30, 2023, USD\$659,929 (CAD\$892,224) was borrowed on the Second Amended Facility (March 31, 2023 - USD\$633,116 (CAD\$856,571)). As at September 30, 2023, total accrued interest of \$2,199 (March 31, 2023 - \$7,404) on the original and amended revolving loan facilities was recorded in accounts payable and accrued

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Only reflects charges incurred while Alex McAulay was CFO of the Company. Fees for accounting and corporate secretarial services. Includes \$24,810 in late payment fees for the three and six months ended September 30, 2023 (for the three and six months ended September 30, 2022 - \$nil).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Relates to forfeiture of restricted share units due to resignation.

liabilities. The Company incurred interest expense of \$13,311 and \$26,128 (September 30, 2022 - \$4,135 and \$8,053) relating to these revolving loan facilities during the three and six months ended September 30, 2023.

#### Other transactions

During the three and six months ended September 30, 2023, the Company was charged \$nil (three months ended September 30, 2022 - USD\$3,186 or CAD\$4,086) and \$nil (for the six months ended September 30, 2022 - USD\$6,264 or CAD\$8,084) respectively, in lease payments for equipment by Robert G. Wood and Company, Inc., a company controlled by David Wood, COO (former CEO), Director of the Company, interim CFO and interim Corporate Secretary.

## **Significant Accounting Policies**

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements are consistent with the accounting policies disclosed in Note 3 of the audited financial statements for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2023, and the twelve months ended December 31, 2021. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited financial statements for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2023, and the twelve months ended December 31, 2021.

## **Changes in Accounting Policies including Initial Adoption**

## Initial adoption of new accounting standards:

New accounting standards or amendments to existing accounting standards that have been issued are not applicable to the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements. The Company has not adopted any new accounting standards during the three and six months ended September 30, 2023.

#### Future accounting standards issued but not yet in effect:

New accounting standards or amendments to existing accounting standards that have been issued but have future effective dates are either not applicable or are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

## Use of Judgments, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Management reviews these estimates and underlying assumptions on an ongoing basis, based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to estimates are adjusted for prospectively in the period in which the estimates are revised. In preparing the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements, the significant estimates and critical judgments were the same as those applied to the audited financial statements for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2023, and the twelve months ended December 31, 2021.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements as of the date of this MD&A.

## **Commitments**

The Company does not have any commitments as of the date of this MD&A.

## **Proposed Transactions**

There are no proposed transactions as at the date of this MD&A.

## **Financial Instruments**

The Company's financial instruments are grouped as follows:

FINANCIAL ASSETS	Level	September 30, 2023	March 31, 2023
THURSE ASSETS	Level	2023	2023
FVTPL			
Cash	1	\$ 267,302	\$ 15,064
Restricted Cash	1	59,560	74,467
Other assets, at amortized cost			
Accounts receivable		554,024	372,079
Due from related parties		9,218	9,225
Total financial assets		\$ 890,104	\$ 470,835

FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	Level	September 30, 2023	March 31, 2023
Other lightlities at amountined and			
Other liabilities, at amortized cost			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		1,998,914	1,620,697
Loans payable		1,053,535	758,506
Total financial liabilities	\$	3,052,449	\$ 2,379,203

Financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value are grouped in Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable:

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities,
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices), and
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The Company uses judgment to select the methods used to make certain assumptions and in performing the fair value calculations in order to determine (a) the values attributed to each component of a transaction at the time of issuance, (b) the fair value measurements for certain instruments that require subsequent measurement at fair value on a recurring basis, and (c) for disclosing the fair value of financial instruments subsequently carried at amortized cost. These valuation estimates could be significantly different because of the use of judgment and the inherent uncertainty in estimating the fair value of instruments that are not quoted in an active market.

Loans payable are measured at amortized cost. Upon recognition, the fair values of the loans are estimated by discounting cash flows using interest rates of debt instruments with similar terms, maturities, and risk profile. The carrying value of the Company's accounts receivable, due from related parties and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair values due to their short-term maturities. Cash and restricted cash as measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

## **Financial Instrument Risk**

Through its operations, the Company is exposed to the following risks:

- a) Market Risk
- b) Credit Risk
- c) Liquidity Risk

In common with all other businesses, the Company is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. This section describes the Company's objectives, policies, and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them.

There have been no substantive changes in the Company's exposure to financial instrument risks, its objectives, polices and processes for managing those risks or the methods used to measure those risks from previous reported periods unless otherwise stated in this section.

The overall objective of the Directors and Officers is to set policies that seek to reduce risk as much as possible without unduly affecting the Company's competitiveness and flexibility. Further details regarding these policies are set out below.

## a) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss that may arise from changes in market factors such as foreign currency exchange, interest rates, and equity price risk.

## (i) Foreign Currency Risk:

A portion of the assets and liabilities held by the Company and its subsidiaries are denominated in currencies other than the functional currencies of the Company and its subsidiaries. This results in some exposure to foreign currency risk. All of the Company's assets and liabilities are denominated in either Canadian Dollars or United States Dollars. Assuming all other variables remain constant, a 5% weakening or strengthening of the Canadian Dollar against the United States Dollar would result in an approximate \$2,700 foreign exchange gain or loss in the condensed consolidated interim statement of comprehensive loss as at September 30, 2023.

#### (ii) Interest Rate Risk:

Interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The interest earned on cash and restricted cash is insignificant, and the Company does not rely on interest to fund its operations. The Company's outstanding loans payable bear interest at fixed rates. As a result, at September 30, 2023, management believes that the Company is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk.

## b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

The Company's cash, restricted cash, due from related parties and accounts receivable are exposed to credit risk. The Company limits its exposure to credit loss on cash by placing its cash with high-quality financial institutions. The Company has concentrations of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable as large amounts of its accounts receivable are concentrated amongst a small number of customers. The Company performs credit evaluations of its customers but generally does not require collateral to support accounts receivable.

The Company has certain amounts of aged receivables that are not deemed impaired as follows:

	September 30,	
	2023	March 31, 2023
1 – 60 days	378,084	303,993
61 - 90 days (past due)	70,740	6,581
Over 90 days (past due)	81,125	21,257
Provision for expected credit losses (over 90 days)	(25,057)	-
Total	504,892	331,831

The Company is exposed to increased credit risk due to major customers that comprise 10% or more of revenue. For the three and six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the following revenue was recorded from major customers:

	For the six months ended September 30,			For the three months ended September 30,				
	2023		2022		2023		2022	
Customer A	\$ 951,460	\$	1,907,759	\$	277,070	\$	1,057,513	
Customer B	353,483		686,377		105,826		394,953	
Customer C	409,133		-		151,043		-	

## c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company has a planning and budgeting process in place to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operating requirements on an ongoing basis. The Company ensures that there are sufficient funds to meet its short-term business requirements, taking into account its anticipated cash flows from operations and its holdings of cash. Historically, the Company's sources of funding have been through equity financings, related party loans and convertible notes. The Company's access to financing is uncertain. There can be no assurance of continued access to significant debt or equity funding.

The following table displays the Company's aging undiscounted obligations:

		Between one and	More than five
	Within one year	five years	years
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,998,914	\$ -	\$ -
Loans payable	168,112	951,522	273,868
Lease liability	1,294,610	2,347,219	1,385,044
Total	\$ 3,461,636	\$ 3,298,741	\$ 1,658,912

#### **Risks**

The material risk factors involved with the Company include, but are not limited to, the following:

## Dependence on key personnel and consultants

The success of the Company will be largely dependent upon the performance of its management and key employees. Failure by the Company to retain or to attract and retain additional key employees with the necessary skills could have a materially adverse impact upon the Company's growth and profitability. These individuals, and the contributions they will make, are important to the future operations and success of the Company. The unexpected loss or departure of any of the key Directors, Officers, employees or consultants of the Company could be detrimental to the Company's future operations. The Company's success will depend in part on its ability to attract and retain qualified personnel as they are needed. The competition for highly skilled technical, management, sales and other employees is high in the Company's industry and the cost of hiring and retaining such personnel has been increasing. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to engage the services of such personnel or retain the Company's current personnel.

## Limited operating history

The Company has had a limited history of operations, is in the early stage of development and must be considered a start-up. As such, the Company will be subject to many risks common to such enterprises, including start-up losses, lack and uncertainty of revenues, markets and profitability, under-capitalization, cash shortages, and limitations with respect to personnel, financial and other resources. The Company has a limited history of earnings and its limited operating history makes it difficult to predict how its business will develop and its future operating results. There is no assurance that the Company will operate profitably or provide a return on investment in the future and the likelihood of success and any potential return on a shareholder's investment must be considered in light of the Company's early stage of operations.

## Disruption of trade, suppliers, and facilities

The Company imports specialty ingredients from Asia and Canada and is at risk should there be changes in government policies or international shipping disruptions. The Company does not control the operations at third-party facilities, including any third-party warehouses. These facilities are vulnerable to damage or interruption from earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, fires, terrorist attacks, loss of power, telecommunications failures, and similar events. The facilities could be subject to break-ins, computer viruses, denial of service attacks, sabotage, intentional acts of vandalism and other misconduct. The occurrence of a natural disaster, an act of terrorism, a decision to close the third-party facilities without adequate notice or other unanticipated problems could result in lengthy interruptions in the Company's operations.

## Financing risks

There is no assurance that the Company will be able to secure the financing necessary to develop and grow its business. The Company does not presently have sufficient financial resources or operating cashflow to undertake by itself all of its planned programs. The development of the Company may therefore depend on the Company's ability to obtain additional required financing. There is no assurance that the Company will be successful in obtaining the required financing on terms acceptable to it, or at all, the lack of which could result in the loss or substantial dilution of its interests (as existing or as proposed to be acquired) in its properties.

The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on its ability to raise equity capital financings, the attainment of profitable operations and the completion of further share issuances to satisfy working capital and operating needs.

## Limitations of Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, believe that any disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls over financial reporting, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, they cannot provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been prevented or detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by unauthorized override of the control. The design of any systems of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

#### Uninsured or Uninsurable Risk

The Company may become subject to liability for risks against which it cannot insure or against which it may elect not to insure due to the high cost of insurance premiums or other factors. The payment of any such liabilities would reduce the funds available for the Company's usual business activities. Payment of liabilities for which the Company does not carry insurance may have a material adverse effect on its financial position and operations.

## MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management of the Company, under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, is responsible for the design and operations of internal controls over financial reporting. There have been no changes in the Company's disclosure controls and procedures during the three and six months ended September 30, 2023, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal controls over financial reporting.

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Any system of internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

## EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

On October 10, 2023, the British Columbia Securities Commission (the "BCSC"), issued a cease trade order (the "CTO") to the Company as a result of the Company's inability to file its annual audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023, its interim financial report for the period ended June 30, 2023, the related MD&As for the periods ended March 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023, and the required CEO and CFO certifications of annual and interim filings for the periods ended March 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023 (collectively, the "Required Filings") by the applicable filing deadlines. The Company is currently in the final stages of rectifying this timely disclosure requirement.

On December 31, 2023, the maturity date of the unsecured promissory note issued on April 12, 2023, was extended from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2024. The outstanding principal balance as of December 31, 2023 was USD\$104,387 and the loan bears interest at 6% per annum.

On April 5, 2024, Nepra US entered into a short-term loan agreement securing a total of \$950,000USD advanced to the subsidiary over the preceding four months to provide for additional inventory and working capital expenditures. The loan is due on or before July 31, 2024, carries an interest rate of 6% which is being accrued to term and is secured by the assets of the subsidiary.

## Other MD&A Requirements

## Outstanding share data

	As at September 30, 2023	As at the date of this report
Class A shares	224,089	224,089
Common shares	64,032,849	77,747,609
Warrants	22,842,860	36,557,620
Options	1,750,000	1,450,000

## Additional information

Additional information related to relating to the Company is available on the Company's website at www.neprafoods.com. Public filings made by the Company with Canadian securities regulatory authorities can be found under the Company's SEDAR+ profile at www.sedarplus.ca.