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Grounded People Announces Change of CFO and Corporate Secretary

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Canada – October 29, 2024 - **Grounded People Apparel Inc.** (“**Grounded**” or the “**Company**”) (CSE: **SHOE**), (OTCQB: **GPAIF**), (Frankfurt: **K1G**, WKN: **A3DVB1**), is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Christopher Gulka, CPA, CA, CFA, as Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary of the Company, effective immediately.

Mr. Gulka brings over 30 years of experience in capital markets and public markets. In 1999, he founded Working Capital Corporation, a corporate finance firm specializing in valuations, due diligence, corporate finance, and management consulting. Mr. Gulka’s previous roles include serving as CFO and director of Inner Spirit Holdings Ltd., a retailer and franchisor of Spiritleaf recreational cannabis stores across Canada, which was acquired by Sundial Growers Inc. in a transaction valued at approximately \$130 million. Over the years, he has held CFO and director positions with various public companies across sectors such as mining, oil and gas, cannabis, and industrial. Formerly, Mr. Gulka worked as a Financial Securities Analyst at the Alberta Securities Commission and as a staff accountant at Ernst & Young. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce with Distinction from the University of Alberta (1990) and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA).

The Company has granted 20,000 restricted share units and 100,000 stock options to Mr. Gulka, pursuant to the Company’s equity incentive plan.

Mr. Gulka replaces Mr. Geoff Balderson, who resigned from the roles of Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary but will continue to contribute to the Company’s strategic direction as a member of the Board of Directors. The Company is grateful to Mr. Balderson for his service as an officer.

ABOUT GROUNDED PEOPLE APPAREL

Grounded People Apparel Inc. is a Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada based innovative apparel company focused on delivering high quality products to its customers that are 100% PeTA – APPROVED vegan. The Company is primarily engaged in the business of fair-trade, sustainable and earth-conscious fashion. The Company’s initial products, which launched in the fourth quarter of 2021, were its high-top and low-cut canvas sneakers, which are made from sustainable, ethically-sourced and produced materials, and are manufactured by fair-trade workers, in a 100% vegan manufacturing facility which is located in Brazil.

In addition to its commitment to a fashion industry that reduces waste and environmental impacts, the Company aims to create a meaningful positive impact on the world through its L.A.C.E.S. campaign. The L.A.C.E.S. campaign provides consumers an option to select a specific set of shoelaces to accompany their footwear purchase the colour of which is associated with one of the charities the Company has committed to support, whereby all profits from the sale of shoelaces will be donated correspondingly.



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