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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**FORM 10-K**

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(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended: May 31, 2023

TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission File No.: 000-55546

**CLS HOLDINGS USA, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

45-1352286

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1800 Industrial Road, Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV 89102

(Address of principal executive offices)

888-260-7775

(Registrant's telephone number)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
N/A	N/A	N/A

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common Stock, par value \$.0001

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files).  Yes  No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer,” “smaller reporting company,” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer   
Smaller reporting company   
Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management’s assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant’s executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).  Yes  No

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of the last business day of the registrant’s most recently completed second fiscal quarter: \$5,087,458.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant’s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 72,543,141 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001, as of August 22, 2023.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Certain information required by Part III of this Annual report on Form 10-K will be incorporated by reference from the Registrant's definitive proxy statement or included in an amendment on Form 10-K/A that will be filed not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year ended May 31, 2023.

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### Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This annual report contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements other than statements of historical fact contained in this annual report, including statements regarding our future results of operations and financial position, strategy and plans, and our expectations for future operations, are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking information is contained principally in the sections entitled “*Our Business*,” “*Management’s Discussion and Analysis*” and “*Risk Factors*”.

We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, strategy, short-term and long-term business operations and objectives and financial needs.

In some cases, the forward-looking information can be identified by words or phrases such as “may”, “might”, “will”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “estimate”, “intend”, “plan”, “indicate”, “seek”, “believe”, “predict” or “likely”, or the negative of these terms, or other similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking information. We have based this forward-looking information on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe might affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy and financial needs.

This forward-looking information also includes, among other things, information and statements relating to:

- our expectations regarding our revenue, expenses and operations
- our anticipated cash needs, our needs for additional financing, and our need to re-finance our debt
- our intention to grow our business and our operations
- the expected growth in the number of consumers using our products
- the expected growth of the cannabis industry in Nevada and in the U.S.
- our ability to finance our planned operations and future acquisitions
- expectations with respect to future production costs and capacity
- expectations with respect to the renewal and/or extension of our licenses
- market reception of our current product offerings and other new delivery mechanisms produced by us for use by consumers
- our competitive position and the regulatory environment in which we operate
- any commentary or legislative changes related to the legalization of medical or recreational cannabis and the timing related to such commentary or legalization
- any changes to U.S. federal policies regarding the enforcement of the Controlled Substances Act

Although we believe that the assumptions underlying this information are reasonable, they may prove to be incorrect, and we cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with this forward-looking information. Given these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, prospective investors should not place undue reliance on this forward-looking information. Whether actual results, performance or achievements will conform to our expectations and predictions is subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors, including those listed under “*Risk Factors*”, which include:

- whether the U.S. will experience a recession in the next year
- ongoing compliance with regulatory requirements relating to our business
- changes in laws, regulations and guidelines relating to our business
- difficulties in obtaining bank accounts and transferring money
- risk of prosecution of the cannabis business at the federal level in the U.S. due to the ambiguity of laws in relation to medical cannabis and the cannabis business
- adverse interpretation of federal tax laws relating to cannabis
- accuracy of current research regarding the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy and dosing of cannabis
- our history of losses
- failure or delay of our operations, including the addition of retail stores, grow operation expansion, and the expansion of processing operations
- reliance on management and loss of members of management or other key personnel or an inability to attract new management team members
- inability to raise financing to fund on-going operations, capital expenditures or acquisitions, and to re-finance our debt
- inability to realize growth targets

- requirements of additional financing
- competition in our industry
- inability to acquire and retain new clients
- inability to develop new products
- vulnerability to rising energy costs
- vulnerability to increasing costs and obligations related to investment in infrastructure, growth and regulatory compliance
- dependence on third party transportation services to deliver our products
- unfavorable publicity or consumer perception
- product liability claims and product recalls
- reliance on key inputs and their related costs
- dependence on suppliers and skilled labor
- difficulty associated with forecasting demand for products
- operating risk and insurance coverage
- inability to manage growth
- conflicts of interest among our officers and directors
- environmental regulations and risks
- managing damage to our reputation and third party reputational risks
- potential reclassification/re-categorization of cannabis as a controlled substance in the U.S.
- changes to safety, health and environmental regulations
- exposure to information systems security threats and breaches
- management of additional regulatory burdens
- volatility in the market price for our common stock
- potential imposition of additional sales practice requirements by the SEC
- no dividends for the foreseeable future
- future sales of common stock by existing stockholders causing the market price for our common stock to fall
- the issuance of common stock in the future causing dilution

If any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if assumptions underlying the forward-looking information prove to be incorrect, actual results might vary materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking information.

You should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. In addition, neither we nor any other person assumes responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of any of these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this annual report are made as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update or supplement any forward-looking statements.

Please read “*Risk Factors*” herein and in other filings we make with the SEC for a more complete discussion of the risks and uncertainties mentioned above and for a discussion of other risks and uncertainties. All forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements as well as others made in this annual report, and hereafter in our other SEC filings and public communications. You should evaluate all forward-looking statements made by us in the context of these risks and uncertainties. Note that forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this annual report. Except as required by applicable law, we do not undertake any obligation to publicly correct or update any forward-looking statement.

#### AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We file certain reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”). Such filings include annual and quarterly reports. The reports we file with the SEC are available on the SEC’s website (<http://www.sec.gov>).

## PART I

### Item 1. Business

#### Background

We were originally incorporated as Adelt Design, Inc. on March 31, 2011 to manufacture and market carpet binding art. Production and marketing of carpet binding art never commenced. After CLS Labs, Inc. (“CLS Labs”) acquired 55.6% of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Company, Jeffrey Binder, the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of CLS Labs, was appointed Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Subsequently, we adopted amended and restated articles of incorporation, thereby changing our name to CLS Holdings USA, Inc.

#### The Merger

On April 29, 2015, we entered into a merger agreement with CLS Labs and a newly-formed, wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the “Merger Sub”) and effected the Merger (the “Merger”). Upon the consummation of the Merger, the separate existence of the Merger Sub ceased and CLS Labs, the surviving corporation in the Merger, became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, with the Company acquiring the stock of CLS Labs, abandoning its previous business, and adopting the existing business plan and operations of CLS Labs.

#### Historical Operations

In 2014, one of the founders of CLS Labs developed a proprietary method of extracting cannabinoids from cannabis plants and converting the resulting cannabinoid extracts into concentrates such as oils, waxes, edibles and shatter. These concentrates may be ingested in a number of ways, including through vaporization via e-cigarettes, and used for a variety of pharmaceutical and other purposes. Internal testing of the cannabinoids extracted through our patented process versus the cannabinoids resulting from the processes commonly used in the industry, the results of which were reviewed and confirmed by an independent laboratory, has revealed that our process produces a cleaner, higher quality product and a significantly higher yield than the cannabinoid extraction processes currently existing in the marketplace.

As CLS Labs was unable to obtain a license in Colorado to operate a cannabis processing facility due to residency requirements, on April 17, 2015, CLS Labs took its first step toward commercializing its then patent pending proprietary methods and processes by entering into agreements with certain Colorado entities. During 2017, we suspended our plans to proceed with the Colorado agreements due to regulatory delays and will not be pursuing it again.

On April 24, 2018, CLS Labs was issued a U.S. patent with respect to our proprietary method of extracting cannabinoids from cannabis plants and converting the resulting cannabinoid extracts into concentrates such as oils, waxes, edibles and shatter. We have not commercialized our proprietary process and due to the current Nevada State laws governing these types of extraction methods, we do not intend to commercialize the proprietary process in the future. CLSH is actively engaged in attempting to find a buyer for the patent who may be able to use it in another state or another application.

#### Acquisition of Alternative Solutions

On June 27, 2018, the Company completed the purchase of all of the membership interests in Alternative Solutions and its three wholly owned subsidiaries, Serenity Wellness Center LLC, Serenity Wellness Products LLC and Serenity Wellness Growers LLC (the three subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the “Oasis LLCs”). The closing occurred pursuant to a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement (the “Acquisition Agreement”) entered into between the Company and Alternative Solutions on December 4, 2017, as amended. Pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement, the Company acquired all of the membership interests in Alternative Solutions, the parent of the Oasis LLCs, from its members, and the membership interests in the Oasis LLCs owned by members other than Alternative Solutions.

Pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement, the Company paid a non-refundable deposit of \$250,000 upon signing, which was followed by an additional payment of \$1,800,000 paid in February 2018, for an initial 10% of each of the Oasis LLCs. At that time, the Company applied for regulatory approval to own an interest in the Oasis LLCs. The Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board (the “CCB”) granted us this approval on June 21, 2018. On June 27, 2018, the Company made the payments to indirectly acquire the remaining 90% of the Oasis LLCs, which were equal to cash in the amount of \$6,200,000 (less offsets for assumed liabilities), a \$4.0 million promissory note due in December 2019 (the “Oasis Note”), and 22,058,823 shares of common stock. We used the proceeds of the Canaccord Special Warrant Offering to fund the cash portion of the closing consideration. On December 12, 2018, the CCB approved the transfer of the remaining 90% interest in Alternative Solutions. The CCB granted us final regulatory approval to own our interest in the Oasis LLCs through Alternative Solutions on April 26, 2022. The Company has paid all amounts owing in connection with the Acquisition Agreement in full.

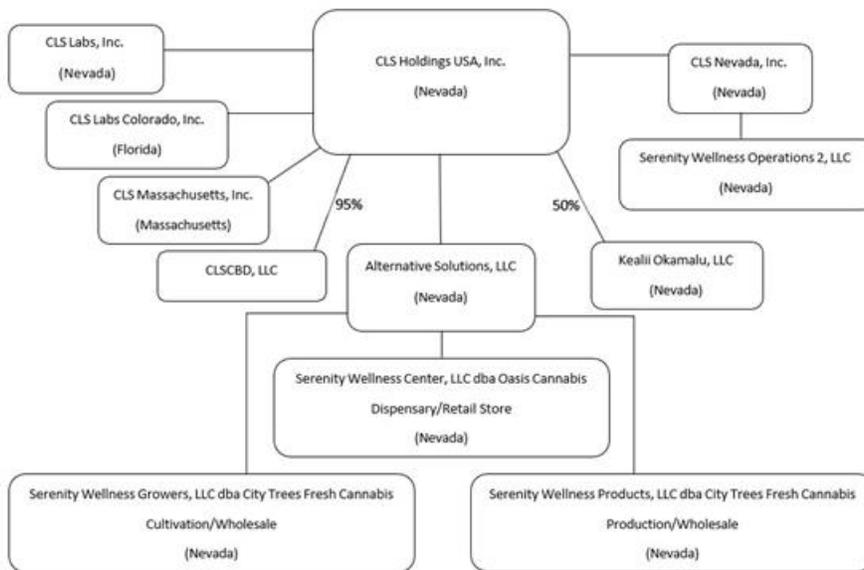
None of the sellers of the membership interests in Alternative Solutions or the Oasis LLCs was affiliated with the Company prior to the closing. In connection with the closing, however, the Company employed Benjamin Sillitoe, the CEO and a member of Alternative Solutions, as the Chief Executive Officer of CLS Nevada, Inc., and Don Decatur, the COO of the Oasis LLCs, as the Chief Operating Officer of CLS Nevada, Inc. for a period of time following closing. Neither Mr. Sillitoe or Mr. Decatur are currently affiliated with either the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

**Corporate Structure**

We have seven direct and four indirect, subsidiaries. CLS Labs Inc, CLS Labs Colorado Inc., CLS Nevada, Inc., CLS Massachusetts, Inc. and Alternative Solutions are wholly owned direct subsidiaries of CLS Holdings USA Inc. CLSCBD LLC is a newly formed direct subsidiary and CLS Holdings USA Inc owns 95% of CLSCBD LLC. Kealii Okamalu LLC is a recently inactive direct subsidiary and CLS Holdings USA Inc. owns 50% of Kealii Okamalu LLC. Alternative Solutions owns 100% of the issued and outstanding membership interests of: (i) Serenity Wellness Center, LLC dba Oasis Cannabis Dispensary (“Oasis”); (ii) Serenity Wellness Products, LLC dba City Trees (“City Trees Production”); and (iii) Serenity Wellness Growers, LLC dba City Trees (“City Trees Cultivation”, together with City Trees Production, “City Trees” and together with Oasis and City Trees Production, the “Oasis LLCs”). CLS Nevada Inc owns 100% of Serenity Wellness Operations 2 LLC.

The following diagram illustrates the inter-corporate relationships of the Company, and all of the parents and subsidiaries:

- (1) We own 100% of Alternative Solutions, CLS Nevada, Inc., CLS Labs, Inc., CLS Labs Colorado Inc. and CLS Massachusetts, Inc.
- (2) Alternative Solutions owns 100% of Oasis, City Trees Production and City Trees Cultivation.
- (3) We own 50% of Kealii Okamalu, LLC and 95% of CLSCBD LLC.
- (4) All entities in the corporate chart were incorporated and are existing under the laws of the state of Nevada, except for CLS Massachusetts, Inc., which is a Massachusetts corporation and CLS Labs Colorado Inc. which is a Florida corporation.



## Alternative Solutions' Nevada Cannabis Operations

We own 100% of Alternative Solutions, LLC, a Nevada-based holding company (“Alternative Solutions”), which is a Nevada-based holding company that owns three separate entities with licenses to operate cannabis businesses within the State of Nevada: Serenity Wellness Center, LLC dba Oasis Cannabis (“Oasis”); Serenity Wellness Growers, LLC dba City Trees Fresh Cannabis Cultivation Wholesale; and Serenity Wellness Products, LLC dba City Trees Fresh Cannabis Production Wholesale. Oasis currently operates a retail marijuana dispensary within walking distance to the Las Vegas Strip. Its other sister subsidiaries, which do business as City Trees Cultivation and City Trees Production, currently operate a small-scale cultivation facility, as well as a product manufacturing facility and a wholesale distribution operation in North Las Vegas. The vertically integrated business model drives strong margins to the bottom line on a portion of sales at the dispensary. (See section entitled “Expansion of Cultivation Facilities” below).

Oasis' retail dispensary is a single location operation in Nevada and occupies over 5,000 square feet. This location, which is easily accessible by tourists, is currently open 19.5 hours per day for walk-in service. Curbside and in store express pick up is available between the hours of 8:00am and 12:00am. Oasis dispensary also delivers cannabis to residents between the hours of 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM. The central location provides logistical convenience for delivery to all parts of the Las Vegas valley.

City Trees' wholesale operations, which occupies approximately 10,000 square feet of a 22,000 square foot warehouse (the “Warehouse Facility”), began sales to third parties in August 2017 and completed construction and received a certificate of occupancy for its state-of-the-art extraction facility in December of 2019. City Trees has made sales to over 85 external customers as of May 31, 2023. Its existing product line includes vaporizers, tinctures, ethanol produced THC distillate, and live and cured hydrocarbon concentrates. At present, the City Trees cultivation facility only grows breeding stock to preserve valuable genetics and does not offer its crops for sale or processing. As a result, all raw materials for manufacturing are sourced from third parties. See “*Our Business*”.

## Kealii Okamalu LLC

On October 20, 2021, we entered into a management services agreement (the “Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement”) through our 50% owned subsidiary, Kealii Okamalu LLC, with CSI Health MCD LLC (“CSI”) and a commission established by the authority of the Tribal Council of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe (“Tribe”). The purpose of the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement was to establish a business (the “Quinn River Joint Venture”) to grow, cultivate, process, and sell cannabis and related products. The Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement had an initial term of 10 years plus a 10-year renewal option from the date the first cannabis crop was harvested and sold. Pursuant to the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement, Kealii Okamalu LLC was expected to eventually lease approximately 20-30 acres of the Tribe's land located along the Quinn River at a cost of \$3,500 per quarter and manage the design, finance and construction of a cannabis cultivation facility on such tribal lands (the “JV Cultivation Facility”). In 2022 and 2023 Kealii Okamalu LLC managed the ongoing operations of the JV Cultivation Facility and related business, including, but not limited to, cultivation of cannabis crops, personnel staffing, product packaging, testing, marketing and sales. Packaged products were branded as “Quinn River Farms.” We provided 10,000 square feet of warehouse space at our Las Vegas facility, and the Quinn River Joint Venture granted us preferred vendor status including the right to purchase cannabis flower and the Quinn River Joint Venture's cannabis trim at favorable prices. Kealii Okamalu LLC was expected to contribute \$6 million towards the construction of the JV Cultivation Facility and the working capital for the Quinn River Joint Venture. This amount was to be repaid from the portion of the net profits of the Quinn River Joint Venture otherwise payable to CSI and the Tribe at the rate of \$750,000 per quarter for eight quarters. Kealii Okamalu LLC was to receive one-third of the net profits of the Quinn River Joint Venture. We were the manager of and held a 50% ownership interest in Kealii Okamalu LLC. Kealii Okamalu LLC is a variable interest entity which we consolidate. The Quinn River Joint Venture was not a legal entity but rather a business operated by Kealii Okamalu LLC. The Quinn River Joint Venture completed its first harvest during the year ended May 31, 2023, from which the Company purchased inventory in the amount of \$952,124.

As of the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company's 50% partner in Kealii Okamalu LLC had defaulted on its obligations under both the Kealii Okamalu LLC Operating Agreement and the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement by failing to make any of its required capital contribution of \$3 million. As a result of the partner's breach, the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement was officially terminated in July of 2023. Kealii Okamalu LLC is no longer an active operating entity, and the Company has entered into negotiations directly with the Tribal Council to restructure the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement. As of the filing of this 10K, no new agreement with the Tribal Council has been reached and no new agreement appears to be imminent. The Company does not believe it is likely to recover its investment in Kealii Okamalu LLC and has made an impairment charge in the amount of \$1,590,742 against these assets during the year ended May 31, 2023.

**CLS Nevada Inc.**

CLS Nevada Inc. is a corporation that currently does no active business but simply holds the facility out of which City Trees operates as an asset.

**Serenity Wellness Operations 2 LLC**

This entity (which is a wholly owned subsidiary of CLS Nevada Inc.) was originally formed to hold certain assets related to the Quinn River Joint Venture but was never utilized for that purpose. Today the company remains inactive.

**CLS Labs Colorado Inc.**

CLS Labs Colorado was formed to explore potential joint ventures in Colorado. Those opportunities never developed and the company never operated as an active business. Today the company remains inactive.

**CLS Labs Inc (Nevada)**

CLS Labs Inc. (Nevada) used to be an active subsidiary that would pay the CEO's salary and other expenses in the early years of the Company. CLS Labs Inc. no longer serves that purpose or any other business purpose of the Company and is currently inactive.

**CLS Massachusetts Inc**

CLS Massachusetts Inc was originally established to explore potential joint ventures in Massachusetts. Those opportunities never developed, and the company never operated as an active business. Today the company remains inactive.

**CLSCBD LLC**

CLSCBD LLC is a recently formed company which will explore synergistic opportunities in the CBD market. It currently does no business.

**Market Growth**

Legal cannabis sales in the U.S. have grown substantially in recent years. We expect this growth trend to continue as more states legalize medical and recreational cannabis and as more consumers choose to make legal cannabis purchases instead of buying through illegal sources. We believe consumers who are learning about new research supporting the health and the perceived medical benefits of cannabis will be a secondary source of strong growth in the market for the next several years.

Cannabis sales in Nevada have exceeded our expectations since recreational sales began on July 1, 2017. Management believes that the Nevada market will continue to grow for the next few years, albeit more modestly if the market is impacted by a national recession.

**Internal Growth Strategy**

Our internal growth strategy is focused on the continued growth of the City Trees brand in Nevada and developing new products that meet the current and future needs of the medical and adult use cannabis community. Additionally, we continue to remain focused on increasing the value of our dispensary by offering the right products at the right price to a large and robust local and tourist community. Not to be overlooked is the potential for our Oasis Cannabis Consumption Lounge which we are in the final stages of obtaining regulatory approval to open. The Lounge represents a terrific opportunity for us to expand our own brands as well as offer consumers access to many other brands at a personal consumption venue.

## **Dispensary Operations**

Oasis opened as a medical cannabis dispensary in 2015 and began retail sales to adults over the age of 21 on July 1, 2017. Customers and patients can browse the selection of inventory on display and ask questions to qualified staff with minimal wait times. We renovated the dispensary in November of 2019. The renovations included updating the sales floor by adding an additional 8 registers, as well as inventory storage which allows for a smoother and better customer experience within Oasis.

### ***Inventory Management***

In the past fiscal year, approximately 20% of Oasis' sales were made via delivery or curbside sales and approximately 80% of sales were made in the dispensary.

All inventory is tracked in the state mandated METRC seed to sale tracking system. Additionally, we have implemented POSaBit as of February 2023 for our point of sale and internal inventory management system. We store each item of inventory in a designated physical location that is also reflected in the inventory control system. We prepackage all products before they arrive at the retail store and add a barcode to each package to ensure the proper products are fulfilled in each order. POSaBit synchronizes its sales and inventory data with METRC, but we also regularly reconcile the two systems for additional assurance of compliance with state mandated inventory tracking accuracy. Regular, independent inventory counts ensure that we detect and can address any physical variances from the tracking system immediately. We destroy all product that is unusable and log destroyed product with photo-evidence according to state regulations

### ***Product Selection***

A team comprised of the Chief Scientific Officer, General Manager, and Inventory Compliance Director currently manages all product selections. The CSO or Inventory Compliance Director is responsible for negotiating bulk purchase discounts and maintaining target gross margins. The CSO or Inventory Compliance Director is also responsible for quality assurance and product mix. This team completes research about each new vendor, and visits each new vendor's operations whenever possible. This team distributes product samples to various employees and reviews their feedback before making final product decisions. Oasis carries between 30 and 40 different cultivars or "strains" of cannabis flowers in addition to a wide variety of cannabis products such as vaporizers, concentrated oil, edibles, capsules, tinctures, and beverages.

### ***Payment System and Banking***

Customers may complete payments made at Oasis via cash or true pin debit system, with two ATM's available in the store. Cash risk is minimized by making regular deposits in our bank account at a credit union, located in Colorado. Cash deposits are picked up by armed personnel and taken to the LA Federal Reserve Bank where these personnel make the deposit on our behalf.

### ***Home Delivery***

Home delivery is currently about 10% of the total sales mix of Oasis. Customers can place orders online for both pickup and delivery. The current delivery fees are as follows: \$50.00 minimum through \$64.99 (subtotal) is a \$10.00 delivery fee; all sales over \$64.99 (subtotal) get free delivery. Home deliveries average well over \$100 per order, which is about 75% higher than in-store orders. Oasis is centrally located within the Las Vegas valley which makes it roughly equally distant from all areas of town. This allows the store to have a much wider geographic reach than it otherwise would. Many locals work on the Las Vegas Strip close to the store and will shop there when going to and from a shift. Offering delivery also allows them to conveniently make a purchase from Oasis without having to drive past a cannabis store that might be located closer to their homes. Many consumers prefer the convenience of home delivery and this allows Oasis to be their dispensary of choice regardless of how close they live to the store.

### ***Pricing Strategy***

Oasis targets at least a 50% gross margin when determining pricing for any given product. Market dynamics such as supply, demand, and competitive pressure can cause variances from the target. The Inventory Purchaser of Oasis, as part of the purchasing team, conducts a pricing survey for all new products to determine which of the competition in close proximity carries the product and how much such competition is charging for similar products.

### ***Marketing Strategy***

Oasis uses a variety of methods to reach consumers including billboards and posts on social media platforms. We communicate special offers through our Spring Big rewards platform where we text and email customers who have opted in for messages and rewards. Oasis also utilizes radio advertisements from time-to-time to gain extra exposure for special events, such as April 20th and seasonal celebrations. Oasis also has an aggressive rewards program that serves to keep locals engaged in the brand. In order to stay top-of-mind with our consumers and to keep customers engaged, we send out updates on the latest deals, Oasis sends out daily text messages to over 30,000 people and weekly emails to an additional 12,000 people. Oasis employs a Creative Director who is responsible for developing and implementing the quarterly marketing strategies that coincide with different seasons and events in Las Vegas. The Marketing team has increased community and volunteer involvement by participating in community events, music festivals and volunteer opportunities which lead to increased store traffic and promotes the Oasis Dispensary and City Trees sales.

### **Cultivation, Production & Wholesale Sales Operations**

City Trees' wholesale laboratory operations manufacturers all cannabis oil in house which is formulated into a variety of finished products for sale and distribution to retail cannabis stores and medical dispensaries throughout Nevada. City Trees implemented the laboratory throughput and design in such a way that extra capacity could be absorbed by third party toll processing, and as such, City Trees' is processing approximately 300 pounds of raw material per month for third party vendors between both ethanol and hydrocarbon extraction methods. The entire division processes approximately 1,200 pounds of biomass extracted with ethanol and 500 pounds of biomass extracted with hydrocarbons monthly. The ability to produce has significantly improved the cost of goods sold for Oasis. (See section entitled "Expansion of Cultivation Facilities" below.)

City Trees' grow operation cultivates plants for breeding and preserves quality stock and does not harvest its plants for either production or for sale to third parties. Some of these cultivars are High Times Cannabis Cup Winners which provides intrinsic value for not only breeding but for possible licensing deals with exclusive rights and/or access. City Trees continues to focus on sourcing extraction materials at prices that allow us to maintain margin.

### ***Product Line***

City Trees offers the following product lines to its wholesale customers:

- The vaporizer, live and cured concentrate product line consists of proprietary blends of cannabis oil and terpenes filled into custom branded City Trees vaporizers that utilize ceramic heating technology to deliver clean, even heat without using a wick like most traditional vaporizers. City Trees has a variety of strains and flavors for consumers to enjoy. We have launched the Puf line which consists of 0.5-gram cartridges in strain-based blends of Indica, Sativa and Hybrid with ten cartridges selections to currently choose from.
- The City Trees line of tinctures includes a 1 to 1 to 1 CBD to THC to CBG ratio, 20 to 1 and 1 to 1 CBD to THC ratios, as well as THC only versions. The tinctures are available in four different carriers and flavors, MCT oil, agave nectar, chocolate agave nectar, Chocolate Espresso, and Maple Agave. City Trees reformulated and rereleased the 20:1 tincture with 5x the potency, in a larger capacity bottle. We believe this product is one of the most potent CBD products on the market. It contains 5,000 mg of CBD.

### ***Pricing Strategy***

Our raw materials cost inputs have dropped over the last year. We believe this decrease in cost has resulted from the increase in the supply of raw materials to produce THC distillate that we have observed. We target retail prices to be competitive against other high-end brands and to deliver strong margins to City Trees and its retail customers.

### ***Single Stream Inventory***

In Nevada, as long as a wholesale facility holds both a medical and a recreational license, it may sell products to dispensaries that may then be sold to both recreational and medical customers. As long as the dispensary also holds both licenses, it may sell the inventory to either type of customer if it came from a wholesale company with both license types. Our wholesale facility and dispensary hold both a medical and a recreational license. These licenses reduce logistical challenges that would otherwise arise from having two separate streams of inventory to service the medical and adult-use segments of the market.

## Licenses

A Cannabis Retail Store License or Medical Cannabis Dispensary Registration Certificate allows for the sale of cannabis products to the applicable end consumer. A company must hold both licenses to be able to sell products to both types of consumers. A cannabis retail store and a medical cannabis dispensary may also deliver to residents in Nevada without any additional licensing. Both local and state licenses are required.

A Retail (adult-use or recreational) Cannabis Cultivation or Medical Cannabis Cultivation Registration Certificate allows the holder to grow as much cannabis as it can in its approved cultivation space. There is no limitation to the number of plants that may be grown at any time. The CCB can limit the amount of cultivation space through a public meeting if it determines such a limitation is needed.

A Retail (adult-use or recreational) Cannabis Product Manufacturing license or Medical Cannabis Production Registration Certificate allows for the extraction, conversion, and manufacturing of raw cannabis material into finished consumer packaged goods. The CCB must approve all formulas, processes, equipment, products, and packaging prior to any manufacturing or sales.

A Retail (adult-use or recreational) Cannabis Distributor License allows licensees to deliver wholesale products from a cultivator or manufacturer to a retail store. This is only a requirement for products that could be sold to recreational customers. Many vertically integrated operators are forced to use third party distributors to deliver products from their wholesale facilities to their own stores and to other customers.

City Trees holds one of a limited number of Cannabis Distributor Licenses that exist to serve the more than 60 medical dispensaries or retail stores and approximately 200 wholesalers in the state. Oasis is licensed to operate in the City of Las Vegas as a Dual-Licensed Medical Marijuana Dispensary and Marijuana Retail Store Business, and in the State of Nevada as a Medical Cannabis Dispensary Establishment and a Cannabis Retail Store. City Trees Production is licensed to operate in the State of Nevada as a Medical Cannabis Production Establishment, a Retail Cannabis Product Manufacturing facility and a Retail Cannabis Distributor. City Trees is also licensed to operate in the State of Nevada as a Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facility and a Retail Cannabis Cultivator. Please see “*Our Business – Regulation and Licensure – Oasis LLC Licenses*” for a complete list of state and local licenses held by the Oasis LLCs and “*Our Business – Regulation and Licensure – Nevada Licenses and Regulations*” for additional information regarding Nevada licensures.

## Specialized Skill & Knowledge

Commercial cannabis cultivation requires access to employees with specialized skills and knowledge to maximize harvest quality and yield and to develop new varieties. Botanical extraction of concentrated oils, product formulation and product manufacturing each require their own specific sets of specialized skill and knowledge to ensure maximization of yields and quality from extraction and to create consistent, high-quality products. Additionally, the operation of a quality retail cannabis store requires extensive product knowledge to provide the optimal experience for customers. Each of these operations requires extensive knowledge and understanding of the Nevada regulatory landscape to ensure compliance with all local and state laws and regulations.

City Trees’ Director of Laboratory Operations has gained important skills and knowledge through experience with all areas needed to run a successful cultivation and extraction operation. These include indoor warehouse, outdoor, greenhouse, greenhouse light deprivation, meristem tissue culture, hydroponic irrigation/fertigation, DWC (deep water culture), coco, soil, rockwool, no-till, organic and synthetic feedings, and non-solvent, hydrocarbon, ethanol, and CO2 extraction respectively. With these skills and knowledge, we expect the Company to continue to develop unique, new strains that are only available to City Trees and will build on the current knowledge of the organization through testing new techniques and technologies in a small research and development room within the Cultivation Facility.

A Doctor of Pharmacy heads City Trees’ extraction/product formulation team and includes employees with hands-on experience in cannabis extraction and product manufacturing. This team provides us access to both the technical and hands-on applications of knowledge that benefits product formulation in addition to extraction efficiency and productivity.

The leadership at the Oasis LLCs is knowledgeable in all the products available in the United States market because the leadership team at Oasis has operated in Nevada since the beginning of medical cannabis sales.

We conduct ongoing training to ensure compliance with all laws and regulations. The leadership and all employees of each business unit receives compliance training materials and attends trainings when provided by local, state and METRC officials.

In addition to our internal resources, there is a broad market of skilled employees with cannabis knowledge and experience in Nevada to facilitate growth of the labor force.

### **Competitive Conditions**

We currently operate in the Nevada cannabis market, which has limited licensing opportunities for retail locations in accordance with state regulations. These conditions create significant barriers to entry for new competition.

There is currently no legal limitation on the number of cultivation and product manufacturing licenses that may be issued and there is no limitation on how much can be grown or produced with those licenses. However, the CCB is tasked with determining what it believes is an adequate supply of cultivation and production licenses and at present there is no open application period.

The limitation on the number of licenses available for retail sales creates a significant barrier to entry for potential competition in the retail cannabis market. Acquisition is the only method available for most companies to enter Nevada's retail cannabis market absent changes in legislation. There is also a 10% legal limitation on the number of retail licenses that may be owned by any one entity within a given county. The size and number of locations in a potential acquisition are limited as a result. These conditions mitigate the risk of losing market share to new companies entering the Nevada retail market.

The wholesale market, however, is more fluid. At present, both supply and demand for raw cannabis are increasing, but the increase in supply precipitated by the commencement of recreational sales, is outpacing the increase in demand. As a result, Nevada wholesale prices have decreased over the last two years. We have undertaken and, in some cases, completed various expansion projects to meet the additional demand but we are carefully watching changes in the supply market. Most of the additional supply has been provided by existing participants within the market as very few new cultivation licenses have been issued since 2018, but a few dispensary licenses that were awarded in Nevada in 2018 have since become operational. We believe the ability to expand facilities without limitation will allow the market to reach an equilibrium wholesale price point without the need to license additional operators. Although there is no legal limitation on cultivation and production licenses, we do not currently anticipate that new licenses will be issued because there is no open application period at this time for new dispensary, cultivation or production licenses.

Regardless of whether supply remains high, we believe we can benefit from market conditions. We expect that a low cost for raw cannabis will likely benefit our production operation, which is anticipated to ramp up now that our Warehousing Facility expansion is complete and our state-of-the-art processing facility is operational. We expect that we can produce more quality product with less raw cannabis, thus partially offsetting the impact of low wholesale prices. Low wholesale prices could also benefit our Oasis dispensary as this reduces our cost of product. If conditions change and supply is reduced, we can expand our cultivation facility to take advantage of higher wholesale prices.

**Components**

Raw materials for processing and manufacturing are available from a variety of sources. Oasis maintains relationships with various suppliers for each key component of the raw materials to mitigate vendor concentration risk. City Trees wholesale operations is the sole purchaser of raw materials within the organization because the retail operation only stocks finished consumer packaged products. Raw materials are currently purchased from third parties and oils to a larger extent, are processed for Oasis by City Trees.

The following table describes the key components of the supply chain for City Trees products:

<b>Raw Material Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b># of Suppliers</b>	<b>Pricing</b>	<b>Internal Sourcing</b>
Raw Cannabis Trim	Raw cannabis leaf that is trimmed from raw flowers that will be sold directly to consumers. Trim makes up the majority of what is extracted into oil.	8+	Wholesale prices are currently in the range of \$180 - \$300 per pound. Target pricing is \$200 per pound in order to match the cost of sourcing finished bulk oil.	The Company actively continues to look for sourcing opportunities that meet our requirements and high standards.
Raw Cannabis Flower	Raw cannabis flower is typically trimmed, packaged and sold to consumers or it is rolled into pre-rolled joints, packaged and sold to consumers. City Trees is currently purchasing cured and fresh frozen flower for extraction of its hydrocarbon concentrates.	5+	Wholesale prices for extraction material currently range from \$300 - \$500 per pound.	The Company actively continues to look for sourcing opportunities that meet our requirements and high standards.
Bulk Distillate Cannabis Oil	Cannabis oil refined through distillation processes that maximize potency and remove impurities.	1	Wholesale prices currently range from \$6-\$8 per gram	City Trees produces 100% of its own bulk distillate cannabis oil for all its products and also wholesales bulk liters through its toll processing division.
Custom All-in-One Disposable Vaporizer Pens	Cannabis oil vaporizer “pens” with ceramic heating that contain a single use battery charge customized with City Trees logos and imagery.	2	\$3.20 each	N/A
Vaporizer Pen Cartridges and Custom Batteries	Cannabis oil vaporizer cartridges with ceramic heating that attach to a rechargeable battery customized with City Trees logos and imagery.	2	Branded Cartridges: \$1.35 each Unbranded Carts \$1.25 each Custom Batteries: \$4.20 - \$11.90 each depending on model	N/A
Botanical Terpenes	Natural compounds found in essential oils of plants with strong fragrance and flavor. Some terpenes have been shown to be biologically active with specific effects	2	Isolated Terpenes: \$130-\$770 per kilogram	Some terpenes will be sourced internally through a fractional distillation process.
CBD Isolate	Cannabidiol (CBD) in powder form that is 99.9% pure CBD	2	Wholesale prices range from \$\$500 - \$700 per kilogram	N/A

## Intellectual Property

### ***Domains***

We have protected Internet domain names with the following registered domains as of the date of this annual report:

- <https://www.clsholdingsinc.com/>
- <https://oasiscannabis.com/>
- <http://www.citytrees.com/>

### ***Patent and Trademarks***

We have developed extraction and processing methods that are proprietary and, on April 24, 2018, the United State Patent and Trademark Office awarded the Company (via CLS Labs) a non-provisional U.S. utility patent for cannabidiol extraction and conversion process (the “Extraction Process”) (U.S. patent number 9,950,976 B1). The Company is actively looking for a purchaser of the patent since the current laws of Nevada make the products generated from the Extraction Process illegal in Nevada.

## Employees

As of May 31, 2023, the Oasis LLCs had 80 employees in total, 78 of whom are full-time employees and 2 of whom are part-time employees. The employees are distributed among the following departments:

<b><u>Nevada Market Administration</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Employees</u></b>
Administrative	3
Accounting	5
<b><u>Oasis Cannabis Retail</u></b>	
Product Sales and Customer Service	22
Inventory Control	5
Dispatch / Delivery	8
Safety / Security	6
Management / Leadership	3
Communications / Marketing	1
<b><u>City Trees Wholesale</u></b>	
Wholesale Sales and Distribution	5
Leadership	4
Cultivation / Product Manufacturing	8
Fulfillment	5
Inventory Control	3
Safety / Security	2
Communications / Marketing	0
<b>Total Employees</b>	<b>80</b>

We believe in equal opportunity employment, and we recruit, hire and promote individuals that are best qualified for each position without regard to race, color, creed, sex, national origin or handicap. We pride ourselves on using a selection process that recruits people who are trainable, co-operative and share the core values of the Company. Our employees are highly talented individuals who have educational achievements ranging from masters and undergraduate degrees in a wide range of disciplines to staff who have been trained on the job to uphold the highest standards set as a Company.

We recruit based on a rigorous interview process to ensure the right candidates are selected for the Company and the individual team. In addition to adherence to our core values, we require that each employee acts with integrity and is constantly striving to uphold the highest professional standards.

In addition, the safety of our employees is our priority and we are committed to the prevention of illness and injury through the provision and maintenance of a healthy workplace. We take all reasonable steps to ensure staff are appropriately informed and trained and to ensure their safety, as well as the safety of others around them.

In addition to the Oasis employees, the Company employs four executives and management personnel.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we initially furloughed 23 of our employees, including 19 dispensary employees and 4 employees of City Trees. As our dispensary and our City Trees' revenues have steadily improved and now exceed pre-COVID-19 levels, we have rehired all the furloughed employees who wished to return and have replaced all of the jobs lost at the onset of the pandemic.

### **Growth Strategy**

Our growth strategy includes the following plans:

- Explore opportunities to acquire additional retail outlets in the state of Nevada,
- Grow our City Trees brand, with the possibility of the acquisition of some existing brands.
- Serve people in a lounge format where people can experience cannabis in a group setting.
- Continue to relentlessly pay down our debt which will enable us to deploy our cash flow into revenue generating opportunities.

We also intend to grow through select acquisitions in secondary and tertiary markets, targeting newly regulated states that we believe offer a competitive advantage. Our goal in the long run is to become a successful regional cannabis company.

### **Regulation and Licensure**

Despite the fact that 38 states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories have legalized or decriminalized cannabis use for recreational or medical purposes, the prescription, use and possession of cannabis remains illegal under federal law. As such, although we will only operate processing facilities in states that permit the possession, sale and use of cannabis, certain activities of our business, including the possession of cannabis for processing and the sale of cannabis concentrates, are in violation of federal law.

#### ***Enforcement of United States Federal Laws***

In the United States, cannabis is highly regulated at the state level. Over two-thirds of the United States of America, plus the District of Columbia, and four territories have legalized cannabis in some form, including recreational use of cannabis in many states. Additional states have legalized CBD and low THC oils for a limited class of patients. Notwithstanding the permissive regulatory environment of cannabis at the state level, cannabis continues to be categorized as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act (codified in 21 U.S.C.A. Section 812). Under United States federal law, a Schedule I drug is considered to have a high potential for abuse, no accepted medical use in the United States, and a lack of accepted safety for the use of the substance under medical supervision. Federal law tightly regulates or outright prohibits the commercial production and sale of all Schedule I controlled substances, and as such, cannabis-related activities, including without limitation, the importation, cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis remain illegal under U.S. federal law. It is also illegal to aid or abet such activities or to conspire or attempt to engage in such activities. Strict compliance with state and local laws with respect to cannabis may neither absolve the Company of liability under U.S. federal law, nor provide a defense to any federal proceeding brought against the Company. An investor's contribution to, and involvement in, such activities may result in federal civil and/or criminal prosecution, including, but not limited to, forfeiture of his, her or its entire investment, fines and/or imprisonments.

As a result of the conflicting views between states and the federal government regarding cannabis, investments in, and the operation of, cannabis businesses in the U.S. are subject to inconsistent laws and regulations. The so-called "Cole Memorandum" or "Cole Memo" issued by former Deputy Attorney General James Cole on August 29, 2013 and other Obama-era cannabis policy guidance, discussed below, provided the framework for managing the tension between federal and state cannabis laws. Subsequently, as discussed below, Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinded the Cole Memo and related policy guidance. Although no longer in effect, Cole Memo policies, and the enforcement priorities established within them, appear to continue to be followed during the Biden administration and remain critical factors that inform the past and future trend of state-based legalization.

On January 4, 2018, former Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinded the Cole Memo, the Cole Banking Memorandum, and all other related Obama-era DOJ cannabis enforcement guidance. While the rescission did not change federal law, as the Cole Memo and other DOJ guidance documents were not themselves laws, the rescission removed the DOJ's formal policy that state-regulated cannabis businesses in compliance with the Cole Memo guidelines should not be a prosecutorial priority. Notably, Attorney General Sessions' rescission of the Cole Memo has not affected the status of the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN") memorandum issued by the Department of Treasury, which remains in effect. This memorandum outlines Bank Secrecy Act-compliant pathways for financial institutions to service state-sanctioned cannabis businesses, which echoed the enforcement priorities outlined in the Cole Memo. In addition to his rescission of the Cole Memo, Attorney General Sessions issued a one-page memorandum known as the "Sessions Memorandum". The Sessions Memorandum explains the DOJ's rationale for rescinding all past DOJ cannabis enforcement guidance, claiming that Obama-era enforcement policies are "unnecessary" due to existing general enforcement guidance adopted in the 1980s, in chapter 9.27.230 of the U.S. Attorneys' Manual (the "USAM"). The USAM enforcement priorities, like those of the Cole Memo, are based on the use of the federal government's limited resources and include "law enforcement priorities set by the Attorney General," the "seriousness" of the alleged crimes, the "deterrent effect of criminal prosecution," and "the cumulative impact of particular crimes on the community." Although the Sessions Memorandum emphasizes that cannabis is a federally illegal Schedule I controlled substance, it does not otherwise instruct U.S. Attorneys to consider the prosecution of cannabis-related offenses a DOJ priority, and in practice, most U.S. Attorneys have not changed their prosecutorial approach to date.

William Barr served as United States Attorney General from February 14, 2019 to December 23, 2020. The DOJ under Mr. Barr did not take a formal position on federal enforcement of laws relating to cannabis. On March 11, 2021, United States President Biden's nominee, Merrick Garland was sworn in as the U.S. Attorney General. During his campaign, President Biden stated a policy goal to decriminalize possession of cannabis at the federal level, but he has not publicly supported the full legalization of cannabis. On October 6, 2022, President Biden announced a full, unconditional, and categorical pardon for prior federal and D.C. offenses of simple possession of marijuana. The President's pardon lifts barriers to housing, employment, and educational opportunities for thousands of people with those prior convictions. On December 2, 2022, President Biden signed into law the "Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol Research Expansion Act, H.R. 8454," - the Cannabis Research Bill.

It is unclear what impact, if any, the new administration will have on U.S. federal government enforcement policy on cannabis. Nonetheless, there is no guarantee that the position of the Department of Justice will not change. See "*Risk Factors*".

For the reasons set forth above, our existing operations in the United States, and any future operations or investments the Company may engage in, may become the subject of heightened scrutiny by regulators, stock exchanges and other authorities in Canada. As a result, the Company may be subject to significant direct and indirect interaction with public officials. There can be no assurance that this heightened scrutiny will not in turn lead to the imposition of certain restrictions on our ability to operate in the United States or any other jurisdiction. See "*Risk Factors*".

Government policy changes or public opinion may also result in a significant influence over the regulation of the cannabis industry in the United States or elsewhere. A negative shift in the public's perception of medical cannabis in the United States or any other applicable jurisdiction could affect future legislation or regulation. Among other things, such a shift could cause state jurisdictions to abandon initiatives or proposals to legalize medical cannabis, thereby limiting the number of new state jurisdictions into which the Company could expand. Any inability to fully implement our expansion strategy may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. See "*Risk Factors*".

Further, violations of any federal laws and regulations could result in significant fines, penalties, administrative sanctions, convictions or settlements arising from civil proceedings conducted by either the federal government or private citizens, or criminal charges, including, but not limited to, disgorgement of profits, cessation of business activities or divestiture. This could have a material adverse effect on the Company, including its reputation and ability to conduct business, its holding (directly or indirectly) of medical cannabis licenses in the United States, the listing of its securities on various stock exchanges, its financial position, operating results, profitability or liquidity or the market price of its publicly traded shares. In addition, it is difficult for the Company to estimate the time or resources that would be needed for the investigation of any such matters or its final resolution because, in part, the time and resources that may be needed are dependent on the nature and extent of any information requested by the applicable authorities involved, and such time or resources could be substantial. See "*Risk Factors*".

### ***United States Enforcement Proceedings***

An appropriations rider contained in the fiscal year 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Acts (formerly known as the “Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment”; now known as the “Rohrabacher-Blumenauer Amendment” and currently proposed for the next appropriations rider as the “Joyce Amendment”, referred to herein as the “Amendment”) provides budgetary constraints on the federal government’s ability to interfere with the implementation of state-based medical cannabis laws. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and other courts have interpreted the language to mean that the DOJ cannot expend funds to prosecute state-law-abiding medical cannabis operators complying strictly with state medical cannabis laws. The Amendment prohibits the federal government from using congressionally appropriated funds to prevent states from implementing their own medical cannabis laws. Previously the Amendment was extended until December 8, 2018, as part of the passage of an emergency aid package. The Amendment has now been renewed and is effective through September 30, 2023. Through his signing statement, former President Trump reiterated that the Department of Justice may not use any funds to prevent implementation of medical cannabis laws by various States and territories, and “I will treat this provision consistent with the President’s constitutional responsibility to faithfully execute the laws of the United States.” Continued reauthorization of the Amendment is predicated on future political developments and cannot be guaranteed. If the Amendment expires, federal prosecutors could prosecute even state-compliant medical cannabis operators for conduct within the five-year statute of limitations. The Amendment does not protect state legal adult-use cannabis businesses and the DOJ may spend funds to prosecute persons that are operating in accordance with state adult use cannabis laws. However, the United States Congress also passed the Blumenauer-McClintock-Norton-Lee Amendment which would provide legal protection for all state legal cannabis activities. It is unclear whether the amendment language will be included in the Senate appropriations language. Various other pieces of legislation have been introduced by members of Congress that would legalize cannabis at a federal level, although it is uncertain if any of the proposed bills will gain any traction. Most recently the United States House of Representatives passed the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act (“MORE”), in April of 2022 and stalled in the United States Senate. In April of 2023, Congressman Dave Joyce (OH-14) and House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries reintroduced bipartisan legislation to better and immediately prepare the federal government for the inevitable end to cannabis prohibition. Titled ‘Preparing Regulators 5 Effectively for a Post-prohibition Adult-use Regulated Environment Act of 2023’ or the “PREPARE Act of 2023, which would study regulatory models and make recommendations on cannabis regulations to be considered at a federal level.

### ***Ability to Access Public and Private Capital***

We have historically, and continue to have, access to equity and debt financing from the public and prospectus exempt (private placement) markets in Canada and, to a lesser extent, in the United States. Our executive team and board of directors also have extensive relationships with sources of private capital (such as funds and high net worth individuals), that could be investigated at a higher cost of capital. If such equity and/or debt financing were no longer available in the public markets due to changes in applicable law, then the Company expects that it would have access to raise equity and/or debt financing privately.

Although we are not able to obtain bank financing in the U.S. or financing from other U.S. federally regulated entities, we currently have access to equity financing through the private markets in Canada and in the United States. Since the use of cannabis is illegal under U.S. federal law, and in light of concerns in the banking industry regarding money laundering and other federal financial crimes related to cannabis, U.S. banks have been reluctant to accept deposit funds from businesses involved with the cannabis industry. Consequently, businesses involved in the cannabis industry often have difficulty finding a bank willing to accept their business. Likewise, cannabis businesses have limited, if any, access to credit card processing services. As a result, cannabis businesses in the U.S. are largely cash-based. This complicates the implementation of financial controls and increases security issues.

Commercial banks, private equity firms and venture capital firms have approached the cannabis industry cautiously to date. However, there are increasing numbers of high-net-worth individuals and family offices that have made meaningful investments in companies and projects similar to our projects. Although there has been an increase in the amount of private financing available over the last several years, there is neither a broad nor deep pool of institutional capital that is available to cannabis license holders and license applicants. There can be no assurance that additional financing, if raised privately, will be available to us when needed or on terms which are acceptable. Our inability to raise financing to fund capital expenditures or acquisitions could limit our growth and may have a material adverse effect upon future profitability. See “*Risk Factors*”.

### ***State-Level Overview***

The following sections present an overview of market and regulatory conditions for the cannabis industry in the state of Nevada, where we have an operating presence. This overview is presented as of April 2023, unless otherwise indicated. Although our activities are compliant with applicable state and local laws, strict compliance with state and local laws with respect to cannabis may neither absolve the Company of liability under United States federal law, nor may it provide a defense to any federal proceeding which may be brought against the Company.

*Nevada Summary*

*Medical Cannabis Program*

In 2000 Nevada voters passed an amendment to the Nevada state constitution allowing physicians to recommend cannabis for an inclusive set of qualifying conditions including chronic pain and created a limited non-commercial medical cannabis patient/caregiver system. Senate Bill 374, which passed the legislature and was passed by operation of law in 2013, expanded this program and established a for-profit regulated medical cannabis industry. Nevada has a medical cannabis program and passed adult-use legalization through the ballot box in November 2016.

The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health licensed medical cannabis establishments up until July 1, 2017 when the state's medical cannabis program merged with adult-use cannabis enforcement under the Nevada Department of Taxation. In 2019 Nevada Governor Sisolak established the Cannabis Compliance Board ("CCB") which took over the regulation of cannabis on July 1, 2020. In 2014, Nevada accepted medical cannabis business applications and a few months later the Division approved 182 cultivation licenses, 118 licenses for the production of edibles and infused products, 17 independent testing laboratories, and 55 medical cannabis dispensary licenses. In 2017 these medical cannabis establishments were able to apply for and obtain retail cannabis licenses of the same type (cultivation, production, laboratory or dispensary). From September 7, 2018 to September 20, 2018 Nevada began accepting retail cannabis store business applications and shortly thereafter in December 2018, the State of Nevada awarded sixty-one (61) retail cannabis store licenses. The application process was merit-based, competitive, and is currently closed. Residency is not required to own or invest in a Nevada medical cannabis business or recreational cannabis business. In addition, vertical integration is neither required nor prohibited. Nevada's medical law includes patient reciprocity, which permits medical patients from other states to purchase cannabis from Nevada dispensaries. Nevada also allows for dispensaries to deliver medical cannabis to patients.

The 81st Session of the Nevada State Legislature authorized the CCB to license and regulate cannabis consumption lounges by approving bill AB341 in 2021. Cannabis consumption lounges are venues where adults 21 and older can openly consume cannabis products in a social setting while enjoying food, non-alcoholic beverages, an assortment of live entertainment and various events within the venues.

Cannabis consumption lounges are seen as valuable additions to Las Vegas's massive tourist industry, as well as for the tourists themselves. Since the state first launched legal sales in 2017 and as Nevada's cannabis retail locations have become popular attractions, consuming cannabis anywhere outside a private residence has remained illegal.

Within bill AB341, state lawmakers created two categories of licenses: one for retail cannabis consumption lounges, which allows for existing cannabis retailers to sell products to be consumed on-site within the lounge, and another for independent cannabis consumption lounges that will function as standalone lounges and sell single-serving and ready-to-consume products. State lawmakers established the designation of a social equity applicant category for individuals who meet qualifications to apply for an independent cannabis consumption lounge. The CCB reserved 10 of the first 20 adult-use cannabis establishment licenses to social equity applicants.

Each medical cannabis establishment must maintain a medical cannabis establishment registration certificate with the CCB. Among other requirements, there are minimum liquidity requirements and restrictions on the geographic location of a medical cannabis establishments as well as restrictions relating to the age and criminal background of employees, owners, officers and board members of the establishment. All employees must be over 21 and all owners, officers and board members must not have any previous felony convictions or had a previously granted medical cannabis registration revoked. Additionally, each volunteer, employee, owner (subject to certain exceptions for owners holding less than 5% of the interests in an entity that holds a cannabis establishment certificate or license if a waiver is granted by the CCB), officer and board member of a cannabis establishment must be registered with the CCB as a cannabis agent and hold a valid cannabis establishment agent card. The establishment must have adequate security measures and use an electronic verification system and inventory control system. If the cannabis establishment sells or delivers edible cannabis products or cannabis-infused products, proposed operating procedures for handling such products must be approved by the CCB.

In response to the rescission of the Cole Memorandum, former Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt issued a public statement, pledging to defend the law after it was approved by voters. Former Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval also stated, "Since Nevada voters approved the legalization of recreational cannabis in 2016, I have called for a well-regulated, restricted and respected industry. My administration has worked to ensure these priorities are met while implementing the will of the voters and remaining within the guidelines of both the Cole and Wilkinson federal memos," and that he would like for Nevada to follow in the footsteps of Colorado, where the U.S. attorneys do not plan to change the approach to prosecuting crimes involving recreational cannabis.

To our knowledge, there have not been any additional statements made or guidance provided by federal authorities or prosecutors regarding the risk of enforcement action in Nevada.

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In determining whether to issue a medical cannabis establishment registration certificate pursuant to NRS 453A.322, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health or the Nevada Department of Taxation (“NV DOT”) considers the following criteria of merit, in addition to the application requirements set forth in the statute:

- (a) the total financial resources of the applicant, both liquid and illiquid;
- (b) the previous experience of the persons who are proposed to be owners, officers or board members of the proposed medical cannabis establishment, at operating other businesses or non- profit organizations;
- (c) the educational achievements of the persons who are proposed to be owners, officers or board members of the proposed medical cannabis establishment;
- (d) any demonstrated knowledge or expertise on the part of the persons who are proposed to be owners, officers or board members of the proposed medical cannabis establishment with respect to the compassionate use of cannabis to treat medical conditions;
- (e) whether the proposed location of the proposed medical cannabis establishment would be convenient to serve the needs of persons who are authorized to engage in the medical use of cannabis;
- (f) the likely impact of the proposed medical cannabis establishment on the community in which it is proposed to be located;
- (g) the adequacy of the size of the proposed medical cannabis establishment to serve the needs of persons who are authorized to engage in the medical use of cannabis;
- (h) whether the applicant has an integrated plan for the care, quality and safekeeping of medical cannabis from seed to sale;
- (i) the amount of taxes paid to, or other beneficial financial contributions made to, the State of Nevada or its political subdivisions by the applicant or the persons who are proposed to be owners, officers or board members of the proposed medical cannabis establishment; and
- (j) any other criteria of merit that the Division determines to be relevant.

A medical cannabis registration certificate expires one year after the date of issuance and may be renewed upon resubmission of the application information to the CCB and a payment of the renewal fee.

Governor Sisolak has signed multiple Assembly Bills and Senate Bills having to do with or affecting both retail and medical aspects in the cannabis industry. Specifically, Senate Bill 430 effects the medical cannabis industry, amending NRS 453A.050, to further expand the definition of chronic or debilitating medical condition as it is defined in relation to the medical use of cannabis. The new definition includes: an anxiety disorder, autism spectrum disorder, autoimmune disease, dependence upon opioids, anorexia, medical condition related to acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and a neuropathic condition. The applicable sections of Nevada Revised Statutes continue to protect a person who holds a valid registry identification card or letter of approval from state prosecution for possession, delivery and production of cannabis.

*Adult-Use Retail Cannabis Program*

The sale of cannabis for adult-use in Nevada was approved by ballot initiative on November 8, 2016. Title 56 of Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Cannabis Compliance Regulations (NCCR) exempts a person who is 21 years of age or older from state or local prosecution for possession, use, consumption, purchase, transportation or cultivation of certain amounts of cannabis.

In February 2017, the Nevada Department of Taxation announced plans to issue “early start” recreational cannabis establishment licenses in the summer of 2017. Beginning on July 1, 2017, these licenses allowed cannabis establishments holding both a retail cannabis store and dispensary license to sell their existing medical cannabis inventory as either medical or adult-use cannabis. Starting July 1, 2017, medical and adult-use cannabis have incurred a 15% excise tax on the first wholesale sale (calculated on the fair market value) and adult-use cannabis have incurred an additional 10% special retail cannabis sales tax in addition to any general state and local sales and use taxes. Effective July 1, 2019, revenue collected from the 10% excise tax on retail cannabis stores is deposited into the State Distributive School Account in the State General Fund.

On January 16, 2018, the Marijuana Enforcement Division of the NV DOT issued final rules governing its adult-use cannabis program, pursuant to which up to sixty-six (66) permanent adult-use cannabis retail store licenses were to be issued. That application period occurred in September 2018 and there is ongoing litigation relating to that licensing process that is currently pending appeal through Nevada’s state courts.

On July 1, 2020, portions of Assembly Bill 533 went into effect. Among the provisions of AB 533 that went into effect are any person who owns more than five percent (5%) ownership interest in a cannabis establishment has to obtain a cannabis establishment agent registration card. Under that same provision, a person who owns less than five percent (5%) must either obtain a waiver for the agent registration card requirement or obtain an agent registration card. During the 2023 legislative session, Senate Bill 277 was passed which stated that a person who holds an ownership interest of less than five percent (5%) in a cannabis establishment, is not required to obtain an agent card. That provision of the bill will go into effect on January 1, 2024.

Under Nevada’s adult-use cannabis law, the CCB licenses and regulates cannabis cultivation facilities, product manufacturing facilities, distributors, retail stores and testing facilities. After merging medical and adult-use cannabis regulation and enforcement into the Marijuana Enforcement Division of the Department of Taxation in 2017, Governor Sisolak created the single regulatory agency known as the “Cannabis Compliance Board” that took over the regulation of the program on July 1, 2020. For the first 18 months of retail cannabis starting in 2017, applications to the Department for adult-use establishment licenses were only accepted from existing medical cannabis establishment certificate holders and existing liquor distributors for the adult-use distribution license, but in September 2018 applications for retail cannabis stores were accepted and conditional licenses were issued in December 2018. In enforcing the new regulations, the CCB has filed formal complaints against several licensees for various violations of the NCCRs. The CCB has sought significant monetary penalties, and suspension or revocation of certain cannabis licenses.

There are six types of retail cannabis establishment licenses under Nevada’s retail cannabis program:

1. **Cultivation Facility** - licensed to cultivate (grow), process, and package cannabis; to have cannabis tested by a testing facility; and to sell cannabis to retail cannabis stores, to cannabis product manufacturing facilities, and to other cultivation facilities, but not to consumers.
2. **Distributor** - licensed to transport cannabis from a cannabis establishment to another cannabis establishment. For example, from a cultivation facility to a retail store.
3. **Product Manufacturing Facility** - licensed to purchase cannabis; manufacture, process, and package cannabis and cannabis products; and sell cannabis and cannabis products to other product manufacturing facilities and to retail cannabis stores, but not to consumers. Cannabis products include things like edibles, ointments, and tinctures.
4. **Testing Facility** - licensed to test cannabis and cannabis products, including for potency and contaminants.
5. **Retail Store** - licensed to purchase cannabis from cultivation facilities, cannabis and cannabis products from product manufacturing facilities, and cannabis from other retail stores; can sell cannabis and cannabis products to consumers.
6. **Consumption Lounge** – licensed to purchase cannabis from retail stores; can sell to consumers for consumption within the facility.

The NV DOT conducted public consultation and received public comments on the Revised Proposed Adult-Use Marijuana Regulation (LCB File No. R092-17) dated December 13, 2017 (the “Nevada Adult-Use Regulation”). On February 27, 2018, the NV DOT adopted the Nevada Adult-Use Regulations and the NV DOT began accepting applications for adult-use cannabis registration certificates shortly thereafter. In December of 2018, the Department of Taxation awarded 61 conditional retail cannabis store licenses throughout the State of Nevada. There is ongoing litigation regarding the issuance of these licenses. In 2022, the Cannabis Compliance Board, pursuant to Assembly Bill 341, opened applications for cannabis consumption lounge licenses and in November 2022, awarded 40 prospective cannabis consumption lounge licenses. We were the recipient of one of those 40 prospective cannabis consumption lounge licenses and are now in the process of obtaining an operating license for the cannabis consumption lounge.

In determining who shall receive a license for a retail cannabis store in response to the request for applications made pursuant to NAC 453D.260, the Department ranked the applications in order from first to last based on compliance with NAC 453D and chapter 453D of NRS and on the following content:

- a. Whether the owners, officers or board members have experience operating another kind of business that has given them experience which is applicable to the operation of a cannabis establishment;
- b. The diversity of the owners, officers or board members of the proposed cannabis establishment;
- c. The educational achievements of the owners, officers or board members of the proposed cannabis establishment;
- d. The financial plan and resources of the applicant, both liquid and illiquid;
- e. Whether the applicant has an adequate integrated plan for the care, quality and safekeeping of cannabis from seed to sale;
- f. The amount of taxes paid and other beneficial financial contributions, including, without limitation, civic or philanthropic involvement with this State or its political subdivisions, by the applicant or the owners, officers or board members of the proposed cannabis establishment;
- g. Whether the owners, officers or board members of the proposed cannabis establishment have direct experience with the operation of a medical cannabis establishment or cannabis establishment in this State and demonstrated a record of operating such an establishment in compliance with the laws and regulations of this State for an adequate period of time to demonstrate success;
- h. The experience of key personnel that the applicant intends to employ in operating the type of cannabis establishment for which the applicant seeks a license; and
- i. Any other criteria that the Department determines to be relevant.

Governor Sisolak signed Assembly Bills: 132, 466, and 533 along with Senate Bills: 346, and 545, amongst others, all relating to the cannabis industry in the State of Nevada.

Assembly Bill 132, which went into effect on January 1, 2020, provides that it is unlawful for an employer to refuse/fail to hire a prospective employee who submitted to a drug test and the results showed a presence of cannabis. AB 132 does not apply to persons applying to be a firefighter or medical tech, persons who operate a motor vehicle or a person whose employment affects the safety of others.

Assembly Bill 466 required the creation of a pilot program to facilitate certain financial transactions relating to cannabis. AB 466 began on October 1, 2019 and expired, by limitation, on June 23, 2023.

Assembly Bill 533 was approved by Governor Sisolak on June 12, 2018. Included in AB 533 is Section 52 which calls for the creation of the Cannabis Advisory Commission (CAM) and the Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB). Any reference to NV DOT and the need for NV DOT approval discussed herein, now means that CCB approval is required. The CAM is comprised of Officers and Members appointed by the Governor. The purpose of the CAM is to study issues and make recommendations to the CCB in regard to cannabis regulations. Additionally, the CAM will recommend to the CCB any guidelines, rules, or changes to existing regulations. Furthermore, the CAM will study the distribution of licenses, emerging technologies for collecting data and recommend to the board any statutory changes that the Commission determines to be appropriate. The CCB was created as a part of Section 54 of Assembly Bill 533. AB 533 calls for the authority to license and regulate persons and establishments involved in the cannabis industry in Nevada to be transferred to the Cannabis Compliance Board. The CCB consists of five (5) members appointed by the Governor. The Nevada legislature modeled the CCB after the successful Nevada Gaming Control Board. The CCB licenses, registers and regulates cannabis establishments and those who are engaged in the production and/or sale of cannabis and cannabis products. Additionally, section 65 of AB 533 outlines the procedures by which the CCB can adopt regulations. Among other things, the CCB regulates ownership of cannabis companies and requires approvals of and regulatory filings by cannabis companies, including disclosure of owners, officers and board members. The regulatory requirements remain subject to change and interpretation.

Section 57 of AB 533 outlines that the CCB can perform certain audits of the accounts, programs, funds, activities, and functions of the licensees or they are authorized to require the Department of Taxation to do so. Section 68 provides the procedures for disciplinary actions if a cannabis establishment violates any provision or has an unsatisfactory audit.

Section 178 of Assembly Bill 533 which went into effect on July 1, 2020 further expands on the concept that a person who is 21 years of age or older is exempt from state prosecution for:

- A. The possession, delivery or production of cannabis;
- B. The possession or delivery of paraphernalia;
- C. Aiding and abetting another in the possession, delivery or production of cannabis;
- D. Aiding and abetting another in the possession or delivery of paraphernalia;
- E. Any combination of the acts described in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive; and
- F. Any other criminal offense in which the possession, delivery or production of cannabis or the possession or delivery of paraphernalia is an element.

The legislative intent behind Section 178 is to provide protection for persons and establishments engaged in certain actions relating to the adult use of cannabis. Section 178 extends the provision of no-state-prosecution to persons in the presence or vicinity of the adult use of cannabis in accordance with the provisions of this title.

In 2021 Assembly Bill 341 was passed by the Nevada legislature adding an additional adult use license type – cannabis consumption lounges.

In addition to the Assembly Bills passed, Governor Sisolak also signed various Senate Bills related to the cannabis industry. As mentioned below in Training, Senate Bill (SB) 346 allows for an independent contractor to enter into a contract to provide training to a medical cannabis establishment and cannabis establishment agents.

Senate Bill 430 amended NRS 453A.050 to further expand the definition of a chronic or debilitating medical condition as it is defined in relation to the medical use of cannabis. The new definition includes: an anxiety disorder, autism spectrum disorder, autoimmune disease, dependence upon opioids, anorexia, medical condition related to acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and a neuropathic condition.

Senate Bill 168, passed in the 2021 Nevada legislature, allowed for curbside pick-up for medical cannabis dispensaries and adult use retail cannabis stores and changed some labeling requirements for cannabis.

The Nevada legislature meets every two years and convened on February 1, 2023. The Nevada legislature met in 2023 and passed several bills relating to the cannabis industry including Senate Bill 195, Senate Bill 328, Assembly Bill 503, Assembly Bill 430 and Senate Bill 277. Senate Bill 195 changed the disciplinary practices by the Cannabis Compliance Board to consider certain mitigating factors and placing a limit on civil penalties per violation. It also limited time and effort billing by the Cannabis Compliance Board. Senate Bill 328 made the Cannabis Compliance Board subject to the Nevada Administrative Procedures Act and changed the terms of the Board such that the members' terms would be staggered and the Chair position is limited in duration. Assembly Bill 503 defined "owner" "officer" and "board member" for cannabis statutes and regulations in Nevada. Senate Bills 195 and 328 and Assembly Bill 503 took effect upon passage and approval. Assembly Bill 430 and most portions of Senate Bill 277 take effect January 1, 2024. Assembly Bill 430 will change how the wholesale cultivation tax is assessed. The fair market value will be utilized to calculate the wholesale cultivation tax for sales to an affiliate while the sales price will be utilized to calculate the wholesale cultivation tax for sales to a non-affiliate. Senate Bill 277 addressed a variety of cannabis related issues. In addition to other changes this bill increases the transaction limit, changes the license fees, removes agent card and background check requirements for owners holding less than five percent, and creates dual-licenses in lieu of separate medical and adult use cannabis establishment licenses.

#### *Nevada Licenses and Regulations*

In the state of Nevada, only cannabis that is grown or produced in the state by a licensed establishment may be sold in the state.

A retail cannabis store license permits the holder to purchase cannabis from Nevada licensed cultivation facilities, cannabis products from Nevada licensed product manufacturing facilities and cannabis from other Nevada licensed retail stores and allows the sale of cannabis and cannabis products to consumers and to cannabis consumption lounges. No cannabis or cannabis infused products may be brought into Nevada from outside of Nevada. Unlicensed cannabis activities are subject to harsh criminal penalties under Nevada state law.

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A medical cannabis dispensary registration certificate permits the holder to purchase medical cannabis from Nevada licensed medical cultivation facilities, medical cannabis products from Nevada licensed medical product manufacturing facilities and medical cannabis from other Nevada licensed cannabis dispensaries and allows the sale of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products to consumers. No medical cannabis or medical cannabis infused products may be brought into Nevada from outside of Nevada. Unlicensed medical cannabis activities are subject to harsh criminal penalties under Nevada state law.

A medical cultivation license permits its holder to acquire, possess, cultivate, deliver, transfer, have tested, transport, supply or sell cannabis and related supplies to medical cannabis dispensaries, facilities for the production of edible medical cannabis products and/or medical cannabis-infused products, or other medical cannabis cultivation facilities.

A retail cultivation license permits its holders to acquire, possess, cultivate, transfer, have tested, transport, supply or sell cannabis and related supplies to retail cannabis stores, retail cannabis production facilities for the production of edible, cannabis products and/or cannabis infused products or other retail cannabis cultivation facilities.

The medical product manufacturing license permits its holder to acquire, possess, manufacture, transfer, transport, supply, or sell edible cannabis products or cannabis infused products to other medical cannabis production facilities or medical cannabis dispensaries.

The retail product manufacturing license permits its holder to acquire, possess, manufacture, transfer, transport, supply, or sell edible cannabis products or cannabis infused products to other retail cannabis production facilities or retail cannabis stores.

The retail cannabis consumption lounge license permits its holder to acquire, possess, or sell cannabis and cannabis products to consumers who are 21 years of age or older, to use on the premises.

*Reporting Requirements*

The state of Nevada uses a computerized track and trace system used to track commercial cannabis activity from seed-to-sale. Individual licensees, whether directly or through third-party integration systems, are required to send data to the state to meet all reporting requirements. See section entitled “*Compliance with Applicable State Law in the United States*” below.)

*Storage and Security*

To ensure the safety and security of the cannabis business premises and to maintain adequate controls against the diversion, theft, and loss of cannabis or cannabis products, Nevada state law requires the following:

- (a) be an enclosed, locked facility;
- (b) have a single secure entrance;
- (c) train employees in security measures and controls, emergency response protocol, confidentiality requirements, safe handling of equipment, procedures for handling products, as well as the differences in strains, methods of consumption, methods of cultivation, methods of fertilization and methods for health monitoring;
- (d) install security equipment to deter and prevent unauthorized entrances, which includes:
  - a. devices that detect unauthorized intrusion which may include a signal system; and
  - b. exterior lighting to facilitate surveillance;

- (e) electronic monitoring must be in place, which includes:
  - a. at least one call-up monitor that is 19 inches or more;
  - b. a video printer capable of immediately producing a clear still photo from any video camera image;
  - c. video cameras with recording resolution of at least 1920 x 1080, or the equivalent, at a rate of at least 15 frames per second, which records 24 hours a day and is capable of being accessed remotely by a law enforcement agency in real time upon request.
  - d. video cameras with a recording resolution of at least 720 x 480 which provides coverage of all entrances to and exits from limited access areas and all entrances to and exits from the building and which can identify any activity occurring in or adjacent to the building;
  - e. a video camera at each point-of-sale location which allows for the identification of any person who holds a valid registry identification card, including, without limitation, a designated primary caregiver, purchasing medical cannabis;
  - f. a video camera in each grow room which can identify any activity occurring within the grow room in low light conditions;
  - g. a method for storing video recordings from the video cameras for at least thirty (30) calendar days;
  - h. a failure notification system that provides an audible and visual notification of any failure in the electronic monitoring system;
  - i. sufficient battery backup for video cameras and recording equipment to support at least five (5) minutes of recording in the event of a power outage; and
  - j. security alarm to alert local law enforcement of an unauthorized breach of security; and
- (f) implement security procedures that:
  - a. restrict access of the establishment to only those persons/employees authorized to be there;
  - b. deter and prevent theft;
  - c. provide identification (badge) for those persons/employees authorized to be in the establishment;
  - d. prevent loitering;
  - e. require and explain electronic monitoring; and
  - f. require and explain the use of automatic or electronic notification to alert local law enforcement of an unauthorized breach of security.

*Training*

Nevada law and regulations require owners, officers, board members, employees, independent contractors and volunteers to be trained on various topics before working in a cannabis establishment.

*Transportation*

In Nevada, cannabis may only be transported from a licensed cultivation or production facility to a retail cannabis store by a licensed cannabis distributor. Prior to transporting the cannabis or cannabis products, the distributor must complete a trip plan which includes: the agent name and registration number providing and receiving the cannabis; the date and start time of the trip; a description, including the amount, of the cannabis or cannabis products being transported; and the anticipated route of transportation.

During the transportation of cannabis or cannabis products, the licensed cannabis distributor agent must: (a) carry a copy of the trip plan with him or her for the duration of the trip; (b) have his or her cannabis establishment agent card in his or her immediate possession; (c) use a vehicle without any identification relating to cannabis and which is equipped with a secure lockbox or locking cargo area which must be used for the sanitary and secure transportation of cannabis, or cannabis products; (d) have a means of communicating with the cannabis establishment for which he or she is providing the transportation; and (e) ensure that all cannabis or cannabis products are not visible. After transporting cannabis or cannabis products, a licensed cannabis distributor agent must enter the end time of the trip and any changes to the trip plan that was completed.

Each licensed cannabis distributor agent transporting cannabis or cannabis products must report any: (a) vehicle accident that occurs during the transportation to a person designated by the cannabis distributor to receive such reports within two (2) hours after the accident occurs; and (b) loss or theft of cannabis or cannabis products that occurs during the transportation to a person designated by the cannabis distributor to receive such reports immediately after the cannabis establishment agent becomes aware of the loss or theft. A cannabis distributor that receives a report of loss or theft must immediately report the loss or theft to the appropriate law enforcement agency and to the CCB. The distributor must report any unauthorized stop that lasts longer than two (2) hours to the CCB.

A cannabis distributor shall maintain the required documents and provide a copy of the documents required to the CCB for review upon request. Each cannabis distributor shall maintain a log of all received reports.

Employees of licensed cannabis distributors, including drivers transporting cannabis and cannabis products, must be 21 years of age or older and must obtain a valid cannabis establishment agent registration card issued by the CCB. While engaged in the transportation of cannabis and cannabis products, any person that occupies a transport vehicle when it is loaded with cannabis or cannabis products must have their physical cannabis establishment agent registration card in their possession.

All drivers must carry in the vehicle valid driver's insurance at the limits required by the State of Nevada and the CCB. All drivers must be bonded in an amount sufficient to cover any claim that could be brought or disclose to all parties that their drivers are not bonded. Cannabis establishment agent registration cardholders and the licensed cannabis distributor they work for are responsible for the cannabis and cannabis product once they take control of the product and leave the premises of the cannabis establishment.

There is no load limit on the amount or weight of cannabis and cannabis products that are being transported by a licensed cannabis distributor, but there are additional requirements for loads of a certain value that travel over 100 miles. Cannabis distributors are required to adhere to CCB regulations and those required through their insurance coverage. The motor vehicle which a cannabis distributor uses to transport cannabis shall be equipped with an audible car alarm. When transporting by vehicle, cannabis and cannabis product must be in a lockbox or locked cargo area. A trunk of a vehicle is not considered secure storage unless there is no access from within the vehicle and it is not the same key access as the vehicle. Live plants can be transported in a fully enclosed, windowless locked trailer or secured area inside the body/compartments of a locked van or truck so that they are not visible to the outside. If the value of the cannabis and cannabis products being transported by vehicle is in excess of \$75,000 (the insured fair market value per the shipping manifest), and the distance traveled between the two establishments is greater than 100 miles, the transporting vehicle will have no less than two (2) of the cannabis distributor's cannabis establishment agent registration cardholders involved in the transportation. All cannabis and cannabis products must be tagged for purposes of inventory tracking with a unique identifying label as required by the CCB and remain tagged during transport. All cannabis and cannabis products when transported by vehicle must be transported in sealed packages and containers and remain unopened during transport. All cannabis and cannabis product transported by vehicle should be inventoried and accounted for in the inventory tracking system. Loading and unloading of cannabis and cannabis products from the transporting vehicle must be within view of existing video surveillance systems prior to leaving the origination location. Security requirements are required for the transportation of cannabis and cannabis products.

*Serenity Wellness Center LLC Licenses dba Oasis*

Oasis is licensed to operate in the City of Las Vegas as a Dual Use Marijuana Business and in the State of Nevada as a Medical Cannabis Dispensary Establishment and a Retail Cannabis Store. City Trees Production is licensed to operate in the state of Nevada as a Medical Cannabis Production Establishment, a Retail Cannabis Product Manufacturing facility and a Retail Cannabis Distributor. City Trees Production is licensed to operate in the state of Nevada as a Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facility and a Retail Cannabis Cultivator. The table below lists the licenses issued to the "Serenity Entities" operations in Nevada (including municipal licenses). Under applicable laws, the licenses permit the companies to cultivate, manufacture, process, package, sell, and purchase cannabis pursuant to the terms of the licenses, which are issued by the CCB under the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") sections 678A, 678B, 678C and 678D and the associated sections of the Nevada Administrative Code, CCB regulations and local regulations pertaining to cannabis businesses. All licenses are independently issued for each approved activity for use at the companies' facilities in Nevada.

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All cannabis establishments must register with the CCB. If applications contain all required information, establishments may be issued a cannabis license or medical cannabis establishment registration certificate only during an open application period. In a local governmental jurisdiction that issues business licenses, the issuance by the CCB of a cannabis license or medical cannabis establishment registration certificate is considered provisional or conditional until the local government has issued a business license for operation and the establishment is in compliance with all applicable local governmental ordinances and the facility meets all CCB requirements. Final licenses and registration certificates are valid for a period of one year and are subject to annual renewals after required fees are paid and the business remains in good standing. Renewal requests are typically communicated through email or mailings from the CCB and include a renewal form or application. The renewal periods serve as an update for the CCB on the licensee’s status. Maintaining the licenses in good standing is critical to the success of a cannabis business in Nevada. Failure to adhere to the regulations can result in significant fines and penalties, including the suspension or revocation of the license.

The licenses are independently issued for each approved activity for use at the Company’s subsidiaries’ facilities. The table below lists the licenses issued to the Company’s subsidiaries in respect of their operations in Nevada.

Licenses in the State of Nevada

<b>Holding Entity</b>	<b>Permit/License</b>	<b>Location City</b>	<b>Expiration/Renewal Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
Serenity Wellness Center LLC d/b/a Oasis Cannabis	D90 – Medical Marijuana Dispensary License #: M66-00051	Las Vegas	07/01/2023	City of Las Vegas Marijuana Business License for a Medical Dispensary
Serenity Wellness Center LLC d/b/a Oasis Cannabis	R90 – Retail Marijuana Store (Rec Sales) License # M66-00052	Las Vegas	07/01/2023	City of Las Vegas Marijuana Business License for a Retail Marijuana Store
Serenity Wellness Center LLC d/b/a Oasis Medical Cannabis	Medical Marijuana Registration Certificate: # 02916424476864783141 MME Code: D046	Las Vegas	06/30/2024	State of NV Final Registration Certificate – Medical Marijuana Dispensary Establishment
Serenity Wellness Center LLC d/b/a Oasis Medical Cannabis	Retail Marijuana Store License #: 55910347793434478299 ME Code: RD046	Las Vegas	06/30/2024	State of NV – Retail Marijuana Store License
Oasis Cannabis	G50 – General Retail Sales Drug Paraphernalia License #: G66-07378	Las Vegas	08/01/2023	City of Las Vegas general retail sales license
Oasis Cannabis	Curbside Cannabis Sales License # PMT20-01468	Las Vegas	06/30/2023	City of Las Vegas Time-Limited Cannabis Curbside Sales Permit
Community Oasis LLC	A51 – Automated Teller Operator License #: G63-09197	Las Vegas	12/01/2023	City of Las Vegas license to operate an automated teller
Community Oasis LLC	150 – Instruction Services Workshop/Yoga/Art Sales License #: G6400802	Las Vegas	09/01/2023	City of Las Vegas Instruction Services Workshop/Yoga/Art Sales License
Serenity Wellness Products LLC d/b/a City Trees	MM Production – GS License #: BL105437	North Las Vegas	07/31/2023	City of North Las Vegas Marijuana Production License
Serenity Wellness Products LLC d/b/a City Trees	RM Rec Production – GS License #: BL111296	North Las Vegas	07/31/2023	City of North Las Vegas Marijuana Production License
Serenity Wellness Products LLC d/b/a City Trees	Marijuana Distributor License #: 2020313713	Henderson	09/30/2023	City of Henderson Marijuana Distributor License
Serenity Wellness Products LLC d/b/a City Trees	Medical Marijuana Registration Certificate: # 40297970315350477547 MME Code: P024	North Las Vegas	06/30/2024	State of NV Final Registration Certificate – Medical Marijuana Production Establishment
Serenity Wellness Products LLC d/b/a City Trees	Retail Marijuana Product Manufacturing License #: 79484750509886968559 ME Code: RP024	North Las Vegas	06/30/2024	State of NV Retail Marijuana Product Manufacturing License

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<b>Holding Entity</b>	<b>Permit/License</b>	<b>Location City</b>	<b>Expiration/Renewal Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
Serenity Wellness Products LLC d/b/a City Trees	Retail Marijuana Distributor License #: 61611537222691531848 ME Code: T073	North Las Vegas	06/30/2024	State of NV Retail Marijuana Distributor License
Serenity Wellness Products LLC d/b/a City Trees	Z90 – Medical Marijuana Production Facility OLV Marijuana Production License #: P70-00254	North Las Vegas	07/01/2023	City of Las Vegas license required to sell to dispensaries within its jurisdiction
Serenity Wellness Growers LLC d/b/a City Trees	MM Cultivation – GS License #: BL105436	North Las Vegas	07/31/2023	City of North Las Vegas Marijuana Cultivation License
Serenity Wellness Growers LLC d/b/a City Trees	RM Rec Cultivation – GS License #: BL111295	North Las Vegas	07/31/2023	City of North Las Vegas Marijuana Cultivation License
Serenity Wellness Growers LLC d/b/a City Trees	Medical Marijuana Registration Certificate: 36161311931874315998 MME Code: C039	North Las Vegas	06/30/2023	State of NV Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility Registration Certificate
Serenity Wellness Growers LLC d/b/a City Trees	Retail Marijuana Cultivator License #: 77486514896179438118 ME Code: RC039	North Las Vegas	06/30/2024	State of NV Retail Marijuana Cultivator License
Serenity Wellness Growers LLC d/b/a City Trees	X90 – Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility OLV License #: P70-00281	Las Vegas	07/01/2023	City of Las Vegas license required to sell cannabis within its jurisdiction
Serenity Wellness Products LLC d/b/a City Trees	F90 Cannabis Distributor OLV License #: M68-00005	Las Vegas	07/01/2023	City of Las Vegas License required to distribute cannabis within its jurisdiction
Serenity Wellness Products LLC d/b/a City Trees	Marijuana Distributor License # BL113029	North Las Vegas	01/31/2024	City of North Las Vegas Marijuana Distributor License
Serenity Wellness Products LLC d/b/a City Trees	Hemp Handlers Certificate Certificate # 32-202305H	North Las Vegas	12/31/2023	State of NV Department of Agriculture
Serenity Wellness Products LLC d/b/a City Trees	Permissible Persons Permit ID# 2300015698725	North Las Vegas	06/30/2024	State of NV Department of Taxation
Serenity Wellness Products LLC d/b/a City Trees	Town of Pahrump Business License (Distribution) BL# S 7993 SL	North Las Vegas	05/31/2024	Town of Pahrump, Nevada

*Nevada Reporting Requirements*

The state of Nevada uses METRC as the state’s computerized T&T (track and trace) system for seed-to-sale. Individual licensees whether directly or through third-party integration systems are required to send data to the state to meet all reporting requirements. The Company’s subsidiaries each have a designated in-house computerized seed-to-sale software that integrates with METRC via API POSaBit which captures the required data points for cultivation, manufacturing and retail as required by the Nevada Revised Statutes and by the NCCRs.

***Compliance with Applicable State Law in the United States***

We, via the Oasis LLCs, are classified as having a “direct” involvement in the U.S. cannabis industry and are in compliance with applicable licensing requirements and the regulatory framework enacted by the state of Nevada. Neither the Company nor the Oasis LLCs are the subject of any citations or notices of violation of applicable licensing requirements that may have an impact on the licenses, business activities or operations.

We have in place a detailed compliance program overseen and maintained by external state and local regulatory/compliance counsel. Our internal compliance team (consisting of managers for each respective business unit) implements the compliance program.

Our internal compliance team oversees training for all employees, including on the following topics:

- compliance with state and local laws
- safe cannabis use
- dispensing procedures
- security and safety policies and procedures
- inventory control
- quality control
- transportation procedures

Our compliance program emphasizes security and inventory control to ensure strict monitoring of cannabis and inventory from delivery by a licensed distributor to sale or disposal. Only authorized, properly trained employees are allowed to access the Company's computerized seed-to-sale system.

Our internal compliance team, together with external state and local regulatory/compliance counsel, monitors all compliance notifications from the regulators and inspectors in each market, timely resolving any issues identified. We keep records of all compliance notifications received from the state regulators or inspectors and how and when the issue was resolved.

Further, we have created comprehensive standard operating procedures that include detailed descriptions and instructions for receiving shipments of inventory, inventory tracking, recordkeeping and record retention practices related to inventory, as well as procedures for performing inventory reconciliation and ensuring the accuracy of inventory tracking and recordkeeping. We maintain accurate records of our inventory at all licensed facilities. Adherence to our standard operating procedures is mandatory and ensures that our operations are compliant with the rules set forth by the applicable state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, licenses and other requirements. We ensure adherence to standard operating procedures by regularly conducting internal inspections and quickly and thoroughly resolving any issues that are identified.

In January 2018, former United States Attorney General, Jeff Sessions rescinded the Cole Memorandum and thereby created a vacuum of guidance for enforcement agencies and the Department of Justice. As an industry best practice, despite the recent rescission of the Cole Memorandum, the Company continues to do the following to ensure compliance with the guidance provided by the Cole Memorandum:

- Ensure the operations of its subsidiaries are compliant with all licensing requirements that are set forth with regards to cannabis operation by the applicable state, county, municipality, town, township, borough, and other political/administrative divisions. To this end, the Company retains appropriately experienced legal counsel to conduct the necessary due diligence to ensure compliance of such operations with all applicable regulations;
- the Company only works through licensed operators, which must pass a range of requirements, adhere to strict business practice standards and be subjected to strict regulatory oversight whereby sufficient checks and balances ensure that no revenue is distributed to criminal enterprises, gangs and cartels; and
- we conduct reviews of products and product packaging to ensure that the products comply with applicable regulations and contain necessary disclaimers about the contents of the products to help prevent adverse public health consequences from cannabis use and impaired driving.

We, together with external state and local regulatory/compliance counsel, will continue to monitor compliance on an ongoing basis in accordance with our compliance program and standard operating procedures. While our operations are in material compliance with all applicable state laws, regulations and licensing requirements, such activities remain illegal under United States federal law. For the reasons described above and the risks further described in the "*Risk Factors*" section below, there are significant risks associated with the business of the Company. Readers are strongly encouraged to carefully read all of the risk factors contained in the "*Risk Factors*" section below.

Although state-licensed businesses engaged in such activities are currently proceeding largely free from federal prosecution and recently-enacted federal spending legislation prohibits the Department of Justice from using federal funds to prevent states from implementing their own cannabis laws, changes in congress or in the executive administration, including presidential elections, could result in changes to current federal enforcement policies regarding cannabis-related activities which are legal under certain state laws. Therefore, by operating the business, we will face the possibility of civil and criminal sanctions.

Additionally, certain states in which we seek to operate in the future may prohibit non-resident companies from conducting business directly in the state. In such states, we will seek to enter into a collaborative arrangement with a local entity holding the necessary licensure, whereby we will agree to lease our facilities, equipment and employees to the licensed entity in exchange for a fee. Such an arrangement may be difficult to secure and/or expensive to maintain, as we will be reliant on the licensee to maintain its license in order to continue operations. Further, various state and local licensure application and approval processes may require significant time and expense, and, upon becoming authorized to do business in a state, it may be difficult or expensive for us to comply with the oft-changing laws, regulations and licensure requirements of each state and municipality where we are doing business.

We will need to obtain applicable state licenses in each state in which we will operate processing facilities. License requirements and procedures vary from state to state. The initial state in which we operate is Nevada.

#### **Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

Our business faces certain risks. The risks described below may not be the only risks we face. Additional risks that we do not yet know of or that we currently think are immaterial may also impair our business. If any of the events or circumstances described as risks below or elsewhere in this report actually occurs, our business, results of operations or financial condition could be materially and adversely affected. In connection with any investment decision, you should carefully consider the following factors, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. You should read these Risk Factors in conjunction with “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in Item 7 and our Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes in Item 8.

#### **Risks Related to the Cannabis Industry**

*Cannabis continues to be a Controlled Substance under the United States Federal Controlled Substances Act and our business may result in federal civil or criminal prosecution.*

We are directly engaged in the medical and adult-use cannabis industry in the U.S. where local state law permits such activities, however, all such activities remain illegal under federal law in the U.S. Investors are cautioned that in the U.S., cannabis is highly regulated at the state level. To our knowledge, there are to date 38 states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories that have legalized medical cannabis in some form, including Nevada, although not all states have fully implemented their legalization programs. To our knowledge, 23 states and the District of Columbia have legalized cannabis for adult use. Additional states have legalized high-cannabidiol (“CBD”), low THC oils for a limited class of patients. Notwithstanding the permissive regulatory environment of cannabis at the state level, cannabis continues to be categorized as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act. Under United States federal law, a Schedule I drug is considered to have a high potential for abuse, no accepted medical use in the United States, and a lack of accepted safety for the use of the substance under medical supervision. Federal law prohibits commercial production and sale of all Schedule I controlled substances, and as such, cannabis-related activities, including without limitation, the importation, cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis remain illegal under U.S. federal law. It is also illegal to aid or abet such activities or to conspire or attempt to engage in such activities. Strict compliance with state and local laws with respect to cannabis may neither absolve us of liability under U.S. federal law, nor provide a defense to any federal proceeding brought against us. An investor’s contribution to and involvement in such activities may result in federal civil and/or criminal prosecution, including, but not limited to, forfeiture of his, her or its entire investment, fines and/or imprisonment.

An appropriations rider contained in the fiscal year 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Acts (formerly known as the “Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment”; now known as the “Rohrabacher-Blumenauer Amendment” and currently proposed for the next appropriations rider as the “Joyce Amendment”, referred to herein as the “Amendment”) provides budgetary constraints on the federal government’s ability to interfere with the implementation of state-based medical cannabis laws. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and other courts have interpreted the language to mean that the U.S. Department of Justice (the “DOJ”) cannot expend funds to prosecute state-law-abiding medical cannabis operators complying strictly with state medical cannabis laws. The Amendment prohibits the federal government from using congressionally appropriated funds to prevent states from implementing their own medical cannabis laws. The Rohrabacher Amendment was renewed for fiscal year 2021 and again through various spending bills and is effective until September 2023. Through his signing statement, former President Trump reiterated that the Department of Justice may not use any funds to prevent implementation of medical cannabis laws by various States and territories, and “I will treat this provision consistent with the President’s constitutional responsibility to faithfully execute the laws of the United States.” Continued reauthorization of the Amendment is predicated on future political developments and cannot be guaranteed. If the Amendment expires, federal prosecutors could prosecute even state-compliant medical cannabis operators for conduct within the five-year statute of limitations. The Amendment does not protect state legal adult-use cannabis businesses and the DOJ may spend funds to prosecute persons that are operating in accordance with state adult use cannabis laws. However, the United States Congress also passed the Blumenauer-McClintock-Norton-Lee Amendment which would provide legal protection for all state legal cannabis activities. It is unclear whether the amendment language will be included in the Senate appropriations language. Various other pieces of legislation have been introduced by members of Congress that would legalize cannabis at a federal level, although it is uncertain if any of the proposed bills will gain any traction. Most recently the United States House of Representatives passed the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act (“MORE”), in April of 2022 and stalled in the United States Senate. In April of 2023, Congressman Dave Joyce (OH-14) and House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries reintroduced bipartisan legislation to better and immediately prepare the federal government for the inevitable end to cannabis prohibition. Titled “Preparing Regulators 5 Effectively for a Post-prohibition Adult-use Regulated Environment Act of 2023” or the “PREPARE Act of 2023, which would study regulatory models and make recommendations on cannabis regulations to be considered at a federal level.

Violations of any federal laws and regulations could result in significant fines, penalties, administrative sanctions, convictions or settlements arising from civil proceedings conducted by either the federal government or private citizens, or criminal charges and penalties, including, but not limited to, disgorgement of profits, cessation of business activities, divestiture, or prison time. This could have a material adverse effect on us, including our reputation and ability to conduct business, our holding (directly or indirectly) of medical and adult-use cannabis licenses in the U.S., the listing of our securities on the Canadian Securities Exchange (the “CSE”), our financial position, operating results, profitability or liquidity or the market price of our publicly traded shares. In addition, it is difficult for us to estimate the time or resources that would be needed for the investigation or defense of any such matters or our final resolution because, in part, the time and resources that may be needed are dependent on the nature and extent of any information requested by the applicable authorities involved, and such time or resources could be substantial.

***The approach to the enforcement of cannabis laws may be subject to change, which creates uncertainty for our business.***

As a result of the conflicting views between states and the federal government regarding cannabis, investments in, and the operations of, cannabis businesses in the U.S. are subject to inconsistent laws and regulations. The so-called “Cole Memorandum” issued by former Deputy Attorney General James Cole on August 29, 2013 and other Obama-era cannabis policy guidance, discussed below, provided the framework for managing the tension between federal and state cannabis laws. Subsequently, as discussed below, former Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinded the Cole Memo and related policy guidance. Although no longer in effect, these policies, and the enforcement priorities established within, appear to continue to be followed during the Biden administration and remain critical factors that inform the past and future trend of state-based legalization.

The Cole Memo directed U.S. Attorneys not to prioritize the enforcement of federal cannabis laws against individuals and businesses that comply with state medical or adult-use cannabis regulatory programs, provided certain enumerated enforcement priorities (such as diversion or sale of cannabis to minors) were not implicated. In addition to general prosecutorial guidance issued by the DOJ, FinCEN issued the “FinCEN Memorandum” on February 14, 2014 outlining Bank Secrecy Act-compliant pathways for financial institutions to service state-sanctioned cannabis businesses, which echoed the enforcement priorities outlined in the Cole Memorandum. On the same day the FinCEN Memorandum was published, the DOJ issued complimentary policy guidance directing prosecutors to apply the enforcement priorities of the Cole Memo when determining whether to prosecute individuals or institutions with crimes related to financial transactions involving the proceeds of cannabis-related activities.

On January 4, 2018, the then Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinded the Cole Memo, the Cole Banking Memorandum, and all other related Obama-era DOJ cannabis enforcement guidance. While the rescission did not change federal law, as the Cole Memo and other DOJ guidance documents were not themselves laws, the rescission removed the DOJ’s formal policy that state-regulated cannabis businesses in compliance with the Cole Memo guidelines should not be a prosecutorial priority. Notably, former Attorney General Sessions’ rescission of the Cole Memo and the Cole Banking Memorandum has not affected the status of the FinCEN Memorandum issued by the Department of Treasury, which remains in effect. In addition to his rescission of the Cole Memo, former Attorney General Sessions issued a one-page memorandum known as the “Sessions Memorandum.” The Sessions Memorandum explains the DOJ’s rationale for rescinding all past DOJ cannabis enforcement guidance, claiming that Obama-era enforcement policies are “unnecessary” due to existing general enforcement guidance adopted in the 1980s, in chapter 9.27.230 of the U.S. Attorneys’ Manual (the “USAM”). The USAM enforcement priorities, like those of the Cole Memo, are based on the use of the federal government’s limited resources and include “law enforcement priorities set by the Attorney General,” the “seriousness” of the alleged crimes, the “deterrent effect of criminal prosecution,” and “the cumulative impact of particular crimes on the community.” Although the Sessions Memorandum emphasizes that cannabis is a federally illegal Schedule I controlled substance, it does not otherwise instruct U.S. Attorneys to consider the prosecution of cannabis-related offenses a DOJ priority, and in practice, most U.S. Attorneys have not changed their prosecutorial approach to date.

William Barr served as United States Attorney General from February 14, 2019 to December 23, 2020. The DOJ under Mr. Barr did not take a formal position on federal enforcement of laws relating to cannabis. On March 11, 2021, United States President Biden’s nominee, Merrick Garland was sworn in as the U.S. Attorney General. During his campaign, President Biden stated a policy goal to decriminalize possession of cannabis at the federal level, but he has not publicly supported the full legalization of cannabis. On October 6, 2022, President Biden announced a full, unconditional, and categorical pardon for prior federal and D.C. offenses of simple possession of marijuana. The President’s pardon lifts barriers to housing, employment, and educational opportunities for thousands of people with those prior convictions. On December 2, 2022, President Biden signed into law the “Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol Research Expansion Act, H.R. 8454,” (the “Cannabis Research Bill”).

It is unclear what impact, if any, the Biden administration will have on U.S. federal government enforcement policy on cannabis. Nonetheless, there is no guarantee that the position of the Department of Justice will not change.

Such potential proceedings could involve significant restrictions being imposed upon us or third parties, while diverting the attention of key executives. Such proceedings could have a material adverse effect on our business, revenues, operating results and financial condition as well as our reputation and prospects, even if such proceedings were concluded successfully in our favor. In the extreme case, such proceedings could ultimately involve the criminal prosecution of key executives of the Company, the seizure of corporate assets, and consequently, the inability of the Company to continue its business operations. Strict compliance with state and local laws with respect to cannabis does not absolve the Company of potential liability under U.S. federal law, nor provide a defense to any federal proceeding which may be brought against us. Any such proceedings brought against us may adversely affect our operations and financial performance.

***Uncertainty surrounding existing protection from U.S. federal prosecution may adversely affect our operations and financial performance.***

Pursuant to the Amendment, until such time as it is not renewed or expires of its own accord, the DOJ is prohibited from expending any funds to prevent states from implementing their own medical cannabis laws. If the Amendment or an equivalent thereof is not successfully included in the next or any subsequent federal omnibus spending bill, the protection which has been afforded thereby to U.S. medical cannabis businesses in the past would lapse, and such businesses would be subject to a higher risk of prosecution under federal law. Although unlikely, there is a possibility that all amendments may be banned from federal omnibus spending bills, and if this occurs and the substantive provisions of the Amendment are not included in the base federal omnibus spending bill or other law, these protections would lapse. To the extent the Amendment is included in a continuing resolution, the protections of the Amendment would lapse if Congress does not reauthorize the resolution or pass another funding measure that includes the Amendment.

***We may be in violation of anti-money laundering laws and regulations which could impact our ability to obtain banking services, result in the forfeiture or seizure of our assets and could require us to suspend or cease operations.***

We are subject to a variety of laws and regulations domestically and in the U.S. that involve money laundering, financial recordkeeping and proceeds of crime, including the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended by Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act), the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act (Canada), as amended and the rules and regulations thereunder, the Criminal Code (Canada) and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by governmental authorities in the U.S. and Canada. Since the cultivation, manufacture, distribution and sale of cannabis remains illegal under the Controlled Substances Act, banks and other financial institutions providing services to cannabis-related businesses risk violation of federal anti-money laundering statutes (18 U.S.C. §§ 1956 and 1957), the unlicensed money-remitter statute (18 U.S.C. § 1960) and the Bank Secrecy Act, among other applicable federal statutes. Banks or other financial institutions that provide cannabis businesses with financial services such as a checking account or credit card in violation of the Bank Secrecy Act could be criminally prosecuted for willful violations of money laundering statutes, in addition to being subject to other criminal, civil, and regulatory enforcement actions. Banks often refuse to provide banking services to businesses involved in the cannabis industry due to the present state of the laws and regulations governing financial institutions in the U.S. The lack of banking and financial services presents unique and significant challenges to businesses in the cannabis industry. The potential lack of a secure place in which to deposit and store cash, the inability to pay creditors through the issuance of checks and the inability to secure traditional forms of operational financing, such as lines of credit, are some of the many challenges presented by the unavailability of traditional banking and financial services. These statutes can impose criminal liability for engaging in certain financial and monetary transactions with the proceeds of a “specified unlawful activity” such as distributing controlled substances which are illegal under federal law, including cannabis, and for failing to identify or report financial transactions that involve the proceeds of cannabis-related violations of the Controlled Substances Act. We may also be exposed to the foregoing risks.

As previously introduced, in February 2014, FinCEN issued the FinCEN Memo providing instructions to banks seeking to provide services to cannabis-related businesses. The FinCEN Memo states that in some circumstances, it is permissible for banks to provide services to cannabis-related businesses without risking prosecution for violation of the Bank Secrecy Act. It refers to supplementary guidance that former Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole issued to federal prosecutors relating to the prosecution of money laundering offenses predicated on cannabis-related violations of the Controlled Substances Act. Although the FinCEN Memo remains in effect today, it is unclear at this time whether the current administration will follow the guidelines of the FinCEN Memo. Overall, the DOJ continues to have the right and power to prosecute crimes committed by banks and financial institutions, such as money laundering and violations of the Bank Secrecy Act, that occur in any state, including in states that have legalized the applicable conduct and the DOJ’s current enforcement priorities could change for any number of reasons. A change in the DOJ’s enforcement priorities could result in the DOJ prosecuting banks and financial institutions for crimes that previously were not prosecuted. If we do not have access to a U.S. banking system, our business and operations could be adversely affected.

Other potential violations of federal law resulting from cannabis-related activities include the Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act (“RICO”). RICO is a federal statute providing criminal penalties in addition to a civil cause of action for acts performed as part of an ongoing criminal organization. Under RICO, it is unlawful for any person who has received income derived from a pattern of racketeering activity (which includes most felonious violations of the Canadian Securities Administrators), to use or invest any of that income in the acquisition of any interest, or the establishment or operation of, any enterprise which is engaged in interstate commerce. RICO also authorizes private parties whose properties or businesses are harmed by such patterns of racketeering activity to initiate a civil action against the individuals involved. Although RICO suits against the cannabis industry are rare, a few cannabis businesses have been subject to a civil RICO action. Defending such a case has proven extremely costly, and potentially fatal to a business’ operations.

In the event that any of our operations, or any proceeds thereof, any dividends or distributions therefrom, or any profits or revenues accruing from such operations in the United States were found to be in violation of money laundering legislation or otherwise, such transactions may be viewed as proceeds of crime under one or more of the statutes noted above or any other applicable legislation. This could restrict or otherwise jeopardize our ability to declare or pay dividends, effect other distributions or subsequently repatriate such funds back to Canada, and subject us to civil and/or criminal penalties. Furthermore, while there are no current intentions to declare or pay dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future, in the event that a determination was made that our proceeds from operations (or any future operations or investments in the United States) could reasonably be shown to constitute proceeds of crime, we may decide or be required to suspend declaring or paying dividends without advance notice and for an indefinite period of time. We could likewise be required to suspend or cease operations entirely.

***We may become subject to federal and state forfeiture laws which could negatively impact our business operations.***

Violations of any federal laws and regulations could result in significant fines, penalties, administrative sanctions, convictions or settlements arising from civil proceedings conducted by either the federal government or private citizens, or criminal charges, including, but not limited to, seizure of assets, disgorgement of profits, cessation of business activities or divestiture. As an entity that conducts business in the cannabis industry, we are potentially subject to federal and state forfeiture laws (criminal and civil) that permit the government to seize the proceeds of criminal activity. Civil forfeiture laws could provide an alternative for the federal government or any state (or local police force) that wants to discourage residents from conducting transactions with cannabis related businesses but believes criminal liability is too difficult to prove beyond a reasonable doubt. Also, an individual can be required to forfeit property considered to be the proceeds of a crime even if the individual is not convicted of the crime, and the standard of proof in a civil forfeiture matter is lower than the standard in a criminal matter. Depending on the applicable law, whether federal or state, rather than having to establish liability beyond a reasonable doubt, the federal government or the state, as applicable, may be required to prove that the money or property at issue is proceeds of a crime only by either clear and convincing evidence or a mere preponderance of the evidence.

Investors located in states where cannabis remains illegal may be at risk of prosecution under federal and/or state conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and money laundering statutes, and be at further risk of losing their investments or proceeds under forfeiture statutes. Many states remain fully able to take action to prevent the proceeds of cannabis businesses from entering their state. Because state legalization is relatively new, it remains to be seen whether these states would take such action and whether a court would approve it. Investors and prospective investors of the Company should be aware of these potentially relevant federal and state laws in considering whether to invest in the Company.

***We are subject to certain tax risks and treatments that could negatively impact our results of operations.***

Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, prohibits businesses from deducting certain expenses associated with trafficking controlled substances (within the meaning of Schedule I and II of the Controlled Substances Act). The IRS has invoked Section 280E in tax audits against various cannabis businesses in the U.S. that are permitted under applicable state laws. Although the IRS issued a clarification allowing the deduction of certain expenses, the scope of such items is interpreted very narrowly and the bulk of operating costs and general administrative costs are not permitted to be deducted. While there are currently several pending cases before various administrative and federal courts challenging these restrictions, there is no guarantee that these courts will issue an interpretation of Section 280E favorable to cannabis businesses.

***Our business in the cannabis industry is subject to heightened scrutiny by regulatory authorities.***

For the reasons set forth above, our existing operations in the United States, and any future operations, joint ventures or investments, may become the subject of heightened scrutiny by regulators, stock exchanges and other authorities in Canada and the United States. As a result, we may be subject to significant direct and indirect interaction with public officials. There can be no assurance that this heightened scrutiny will not in turn lead to the imposition of certain restrictions on our ability to operate or invest in the United States or any other jurisdiction, in addition to those described herein.

Prior to the CDS MOU (as defined below), it had been reported by certain publications in Canada that The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited is considering a policy shift that would see its subsidiary, CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. (“CDS”), refuse to settle trades for cannabis issuers that have investments in the United States. CDS is Canada’s central securities depository, clearing and settlement hub settling trades in the Canadian equity, fixed income and money markets. CDS or its parent company has not issued any public statement in regard to these reports.

In the United States, many clearing houses for major broker-dealer firms, including Pershing LLC, the largest clearing, custody and settlement firm in the United States, have refused to handle securities or settle transactions of companies engaged in cannabis related business. Many other clearing firms have taken a similar approach. This means that certain broker-dealers cannot accept for deposit or settle transactions in the securities of companies, which may inhibit the ability of investors to trade in our securities in the United States and could negatively affect the liquidity of our securities.

In addition, on November 24, 2017, the TMX Group provided an update regarding issuers with cannabis-related activities in the United States and confirmed that TMX Group will rely on the Canadian Securities Administrators’ recommendation to defer to individual exchange’s rules for companies that have cannabis-related activities in the United States and to determine the eligibility of individual issuers to list based on those exchanges’ listing requirements. On February 8, 2018, CDS signed a memorandum (the “CDS MOU”) with Aequitas NEO Exchange Inc., CNSX Markets Inc., TSX Inc., and TSX Venture Exchange Inc. (collectively, the “Exchanges”). The CDS MOU outlines the parties understanding of Canada’s regulatory framework applicable to the rules and procedures and regulatory oversight of the Exchanges and CDS. The CDS MOU confirms, with respect to the clearing of listed securities, that CDS relies on the Exchanges to review the conduct of listed issuers. As a result, there currently is no CDS ban on the clearing of securities of issuers with cannabis-related activities in the U.S. However, there can be no guarantee that this approach to regulation will continue in the future. If such a ban were to be implemented at a time when our common stock or other securities of the Company are listed on a stock exchange, it would have a material adverse effect on the ability of holders of common stock or such other securities to make and settle trades. In particular, the common stock or such other securities would become highly illiquid as until an alternative was implemented, investors would have no ability to affect a trade of the common stock or such other securities through the facilities of the applicable stock exchange.

Any restrictions imposed by the CSE or other applicable exchange on the business of the Company and/or the potential delisting of our common stock from the CSE or other applicable exchange would have a material adverse effect on the Company and on the ability of holders of common stock to make trades in Canada.

***Heightened regulatory scrutiny could have a negative impact on our ability to raise capital.***

Our business activities rely on newly established and/or developing laws and regulations in multiple jurisdictions, including in Nevada. These laws and regulations are rapidly evolving and subject to change with minimal notice. Regulatory changes may adversely affect our profitability or force us to cease operations entirely. The cannabis industry may come under the scrutiny or further scrutiny of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, SEC, the DOJ, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority or other federal, Nevada or other applicable state or non-governmental regulatory authorities or self-regulatory organizations that supervise or regulate the production, distribution, sale or use of cannabis for medical or non-medical purposes in the U.S. It is impossible to predict the extent of the impact of any new laws, regulations or initiatives that may be proposed, or whether any proposals will become law. The regulatory uncertainty surrounding our industry may adversely affect our business and operations, including without limitation, the costs to remain compliant with applicable laws and the impairment of our ability to raise additional capital, create a public trading market in the U.S. for securities of the Company or to find a suitable acquirer, which could reduce, delay or eliminate any return on investment in the Company.

***Our business is subject to risk from changing regulatory and political environments surrounding the cannabis industry.***

The success of our business strategy depends on the legality of the cannabis industry. The political environment surrounding the cannabis industry in general can be volatile and the regulatory framework remains in flux. To our knowledge, there are to date 38 states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories that have legalized cannabis in some form, including Nevada, and additional states have pending legislation regarding the same; *however*, the risk remains that a shift in the regulatory or political realm could occur and have a drastic impact on the industry as a whole, adversely impacting our business, results of operations, financial condition or prospects.

Delays in enactment of new state or federal regulations could restrict our ability to reach strategic growth targets and lower return on investor capital. Our strategic growth strategy is reliant upon certain federal and state regulations being enacted to facilitate the legalization of medical and adult-use cannabis. If such regulations are not enacted, or enacted but subsequently repealed or amended, or enacted with prolonged phase-in periods, our growth target, and thus, the effect on the return of investor capital, could be detrimental. We are unable to predict with certainty when and how the outcome of these complex regulatory and legislative proceedings will affect our business and growth.

Further, there is no guaranty that state laws legalizing and regulating the sale and use of cannabis will not be repealed or overturned, or that local governmental authorities will not limit the applicability of state laws within their respective jurisdictions. If the federal government begins to enforce federal laws relating to cannabis in states where the sale and use of cannabis is currently legal, or if existing applicable state laws are repealed or curtailed, our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects would be materially adversely affected. It is also important to note that local and city ordinances may strictly limit and/or restrict disbursement of cannabis in a manner that will make it extremely difficult or impossible to transact business that is necessary for the continued operation of the cannabis industry. Federal actions against individuals or entities engaged in the cannabis industry or a repeal of applicable cannabis related legislation could adversely affect us and our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

We are aware that multiple states are considering special taxes or fees on businesses in the cannabis industry. It is a potential yet unknown risk at this time that other states are in the process of reviewing such additional fees and taxation. Any new taxes or fees could have a material adverse effect upon our business, results of operations, financial condition or prospects.

The commercial, medical and adult-use cannabis industries are in their infancy and we anticipate that such regulations will be subject to change as the jurisdictions in which we do business mature. We have in place a detailed compliance program overseen and maintained by external state and local regulatory/compliance counsel. Our internal compliance team (consisting of managers for each respective business unit) implements the compliance program.

Our internal compliance team oversees training for all employees, including on the following topics:

- compliance with state and local laws
- safe cannabis use
- dispensing procedures
- security and safety policies and procedures
- inventory control
- quality control
- transportation procedures

Our compliance program emphasizes security and inventory control to ensure strict monitoring of cannabis and inventory from delivery by a licensed distributor to sale or disposal. Only authorized, properly trained employees are allowed to access our computerized seed-to-sale system.

Additionally, we have created comprehensive standard operating procedures that include detailed descriptions and instructions for monitoring inventory at all stages of development and distribution. We will continue to monitor compliance on an ongoing basis in accordance with our compliance program, standard operating procedures, and any changes to regulation in the cannabis industry.

Overall, the medical and adult-use cannabis industry is subject to significant regulatory change at both the state and federal level. The inability of the Company to respond to the changing regulatory landscape may cause it to be unsuccessful in capturing significant market share and could otherwise harm its business, results of operations, financial condition or prospects.

***The potential re-classification of cannabis in the United States could create additional regulatory burdens on our operations and negatively affect our results of operations.***

If cannabis and/or CBD is re-categorized as a Schedule II or lower controlled substance, the ability to conduct research on the medical benefits of cannabis would most likely be improved; however, rescheduling cannabis may materially alter enforcement policies across many federal agencies, primarily the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”). FDA is responsible for ensuring public health and safety through regulation of food, drugs, supplements, and cosmetics, among other products, through its enforcement authority pursuant to the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (the “FFDCA”). FDA’s responsibilities include regulating the ingredients as well as the marketing and labeling of drugs sold in interstate commerce. Because cannabis is federally illegal to produce and sell, and because it has no federally recognized medical uses, the FDA has historically deferred enforcement related to cannabis to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (the “DEA”); *however*, the FDA has enforced the FFDCA with regard to hemp-derived products, especially CBD, sold outside of state-regulated cannabis businesses. If cannabis were to be rescheduled to a federally controlled, yet legal, substance, the FDA would likely play a more active regulatory role. Further, in the event that the pharmaceutical industry directly competes with state-regulated cannabis businesses for market share, as could potentially occur with rescheduling, the pharmaceutical industry may urge the DEA, FDA, and others like the Canadian Securities Administrators to enforce the FFDCA against businesses that comply with state but not federal law. The potential for multi-agency enforcement post-rescheduling could threaten or have a materially adverse effect on the operations of existing state-legal cannabis businesses, including the Company.

***Our participation in the cannabis industry may lead to costly litigation, which could adversely affect our financial condition and business operations.***

Our participation in the cannabis industry may lead to litigation, formal or informal complaints, enforcement actions, and inquiries by various federal, state, or local governmental authorities against us or our investments. Litigation, complaints, and enforcement actions involving either us or our investments could consume considerable amounts of financial and other corporate resources, which could have an adverse effect on our future cash flows, earnings, results of operations and financial condition.

***There is uncertainty regarding the availability of U.S. federal patent and trademark protection.***

As long as cannabis remains illegal under U.S. federal law, the benefit of certain federal laws and protections which may be available to most businesses, such as federal trademark and patent protection regarding the intellectual property of a business, may not be available to us. As a result, our intellectual property may never be adequately or sufficiently protected against use or misappropriation by third-parties. In addition, since the regulatory framework of the cannabis industry is in a constant state of flux, we can provide no assurance that the Company will ever obtain any protection of its intellectual property, whether on a federal, state or local level.

***Current constraints on marketing our products could adversely affect our sales and results of operations.***

The development of our business and operating results may be hindered by applicable restrictions on sales and marketing activities imposed by government regulatory bodies. The regulatory environment in the United States limits cannabis companies' abilities to compete for market share in a manner similar to other industries. If we are unable to effectively market our products and compete for market share, or if the costs of compliance with government legislation and regulation cannot be absorbed through increased selling prices for our products, our sales and results of operations could be adversely affected.

***We could experience difficulty enforcing our contracts.***

Due to the nature of our business and the fact that our contracts involve cannabis and other activities that are not legal under U.S. federal law and in some jurisdictions, we may face difficulties in enforcing our contracts in federal and certain state courts. The inability to enforce any of our contracts could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition or prospects.

***Our payments system may depend on third-party providers and is subject to evolving laws and regulations.***

We have engaged third-party service providers in the past, and may do so again in the future, to perform underlying debit card processing. If these service providers do not perform adequately our ability to process payments could be adversely affected and our business would be harmed.

The laws and regulations related to payments are complex and are potentially impacted by tensions between federal and state treatment of the cannabis industry. These laws and regulations also vary across different jurisdictions in which we operate. As a result, we are required to spend significant time and effort to comply with those laws and regulations. Any failure or claim of our failure to comply, or any failure by our third-party service providers to comply, could cost us substantial resources, could result in the failure of the third-party service provider to pay us, or could result in liabilities, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

**Risks Related to our Business**

***Our business may be materially adversely affected by another COVID-19 or similar outbreak.***

A public health epidemic, including COVID-19, or the fear of a potential pandemic, poses the risk that we or our employees, contractors, suppliers, and other partners may be prevented from conducting business activities for an indefinite period of time, and our customers may be prevented from purchasing our products, due to shutdowns, "stay at home" mandates or other preventative measures that may be requested or mandated by governmental authorities. While it is not possible at this time to estimate the impact that any actual or potential pandemic could have on our business in the future, or the duration of any future pandemic, a resurgence in the spread of COVID-19 (or any other actual or potential pandemic) and the measures taken by the U.S. federal and state governments, could disrupt the manufacture or sale of our products and adversely impact our business, financial condition or results of operations. It could also affect the health and availability of our workforce at our facilities, as well as those of our suppliers, wholesale and retail customers. Because cannabis remains federally illegal, we were not eligible to participate in any federal government relief programs (such as Small Business Administration loans) resulting from COVID-19 and would not be eligible for such federal government relief programs in response to another actual or potential pandemic.

***We will require additional financing to re-finance our debt and support our on-going operations.***

We will require equity and/or debt financing to re-finance our debt and support on-going operations, to undertake capital expenditures or to undertake acquisitions, joint ventures or other business combination transactions. A number of factors could cause us to incur higher borrowing costs and experience greater difficulty accessing public and private markets for debt. These factors include disruptions or declines in the global capital markets and/or a decline in our financial performance, outlook, or credit ratings. There can be no assurance that additional financing will be available to us when needed or on terms which are acceptable. Our inability to raise financing to fund our debt, on-going operations, capital expenditures or acquisitions may adversely affect our ability to fund our operations, meet contractual commitments, make future investments or desirable acquisitions, or respond to competitive challenges and could have a material adverse effect upon our business, and our ability to continue our operations.

If additional funds are raised through further issuances of equity or convertible debt securities, existing stockholders could suffer significant dilution, and any new equity securities issued could have rights, preferences and privileges superior to those of holders of common stock. Any debt financing secured in the future could involve restrictive covenants relating to capital raising activities and other financial and operational matters, which may make it more difficult for us to obtain additional capital and to pursue business opportunities, including potential acquisitions.

***We may have difficulty continuing as a going-concern.***

The financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis under which an entity is considered to be able to realize its assets and satisfy its liabilities in the ordinary course of business. Our future operations are dependent upon the Company's ability to conduct profitable operations in the future and/or obtain the necessary financing to meet its obligations and repay its liabilities arising from normal business operations when they come due. There can be no assurances that we will be successful in completing an equity or debt financing or in achieving sustained profitability. The financial statements do not give effect to any adjustments relating to the carrying values and classification of assets and liabilities that would be necessary should we be unable to continue as a going-concern.

***We had negative cash flow for the financial year ended May 31, 2023.***

We had negative cash flow from operating activities for the year ended May 31, 2023 but we generated positive cash flow from operating activities for the third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2023. To the extent that we have negative operating cash flow in future periods, we may need to allocate a portion of our cash reserves to fund such negative cash flow. We may also be required to raise additional funds through the issuance of equity or debt securities. There can be no assurance that we will be able to generate a positive cash flow from our operations, that additional capital or other types of financing will be available when needed or that these financings will be on terms favorable to the Company.

***We may experience difficulties in generating profits.***

We may experience difficulties in our development process, such as capacity constraints, quality control problems or other disruptions, any of which would make it more difficult to generate profits. A failure by the Company to achieve a low-cost structure through economies of scale or improvements in manufacturing processes and design could have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, results of operations and financial condition.

***We will likely incur significant costs and obligations in relation to our on-going and anticipated business operations.***

We expect to incur significant on-going costs and obligations related to our investment in infrastructure and growth and for regulatory compliance, which could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. In addition, future changes in regulations, more vigorous enforcement thereof or other unanticipated events could require extensive changes to our operations, increased compliance costs or give rise to material liabilities, which could have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations and financial condition of the Company.

***Our business is reliant on the Oasis Dispensary and City Trees.***

Our current activities and resources are focused on the Oasis Dispensary and City Trees production facility. The licenses held by the Oasis LLCs are specific to Oasis and City Trees. Adverse changes or developments affecting Oasis or City Trees, including but not limited to, a breach of security, could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition and prospects. Any breach of the security measures and other facility requirements could also have an impact on the Oasis LLCs' ability to continue operating under their respective licenses or the prospect of renewing their respective licenses. Oasis and City Trees continue to operate with routine maintenance, however, buildings do have components that require replacement. We will bear many, if not all, of the costs of maintenance and upkeep of Oasis and City Trees. Our operations and financial performance may be adversely affected if either Oasis or City Trees are unable to keep up with maintenance requirements.

Furthermore, given our reliance on Oasis and City Trees, any negative publicity could have a material adverse effect on our business and operations, as could other regional occurrences such as local strikes, terrorist attacks, increases in energy prices, or natural or man-made disasters, or the enactment of more stringent state and local laws and regulations.

***We are reliant on key employees in the management of our business and loss of their services could materially adversely affect our business.***

Our success is dependent upon the ability, expertise, judgment, discretion and good faith of our senior management. While employment agreements or management agreements are customarily used as a primary method of retaining the services of key employees, these agreements cannot assure the continued services of such employees. Any loss of the services of such individuals could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition or prospects.

***Our business is heavily regulated which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.***

The business and activities of the Company are heavily regulated in all jurisdictions where it carries on business. Our operations are subject to various laws, regulations and guidelines by governmental authorities, relating to the manufacture, marketing, management, transportation, storage, sale, pricing and disposal of medical cannabis and cannabis oil, and also including laws and regulations relating to health and safety, insurance coverage, the conduct of operations and the protection of the environment. Laws and regulations, applied generally, grant government agencies and self-regulatory bodies broad administrative discretion over the activities of the Company, including the power to limit or restrict business activities as well as impose additional disclosure requirements on our products and services. Achievement of our business objectives is contingent, in part, upon compliance with regulatory requirements enacted by governmental authorities and obtaining all regulatory approvals, where necessary, for the sale of our products. Similarly, the Company cannot predict the time required to secure all appropriate regulatory approvals for its products, or the extent of testing and documentation that may be required by governmental authorities. Any delays in obtaining, or failure to obtain, regulatory approvals would significantly delay the development of markets and products and could have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations and financial condition of the Company.

We will incur ongoing costs and obligations related to regulatory compliance. Failure to comply with regulations may lead to possible sanctions including the revocation or imposition of additional conditions on licenses to operate our business, the suspension or expulsion from a particular market or jurisdiction or of our key personnel, and the imposition of fines and censures. In addition, changes in regulations, more vigorous enforcement thereof or other unanticipated events could require extensive changes to our operations, increased compliance costs or give rise to material liabilities, which could have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations and financial condition of the Company.

***Our business is subject to general regulatory risks, which could negatively impact our operations.***

Our business is subject to a variety of laws, regulations and guidelines relating to the manufacture, management, transportation, storage and disposal of cannabis, including laws and regulations relating to health and safety, the conduct of operations and the protection of the environment. Achievement of our business objectives are contingent, in part, upon compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and obtaining all requisite regulatory approvals. Changes to such laws, regulations and guidelines due to matters beyond the control of the Company may cause adverse effects to the Company.

We are required to obtain or renew government permits and licenses for our current and contemplated operations. Obtaining, amending or renewing the necessary governmental permits and licenses can be a time-consuming process potentially involving numerous regulatory agencies, involving public hearings and costly undertakings on our part. The duration and success of our efforts to obtain, amend and renew permits and licenses are contingent upon many variables not within our control, including the interpretation of applicable requirements implemented by the relevant permitting or licensing authority. We may not be able to obtain, amend or renew permits or licenses that are necessary to our operations. Any unexpected delays or costs associated with the permitting and licensing process could impede the ongoing or proposed operations of the Company. To the extent permits or licenses are not obtained, amended or renewed, or are subsequently suspended or revoked, the Company may be curtailed or prohibited from proceeding with its ongoing operations or planned development and commercialization activities. Such curtailment or prohibition may result in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects.

There can be no assurance that our licenses will be renewed by each applicable regulatory authority in the future in a timely manner. Any unexpected delays or costs associated with the licensing renewal process for any of the licenses held by the Company could impede the ongoing or planned operations of the Company and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects.

We may become involved in a number of government or agency proceedings, investigations and audits. The outcome of any regulatory or agency proceedings, investigations, audits, and other contingencies could harm our reputation, require the Company to take, or refrain from taking, actions that could harm its operations or require the Company to pay substantial amounts of money, harming its financial condition. There can be no assurance that any pending or future regulatory or agency proceedings, investigations and audits will not result in substantial costs or a diversion of management's attention and resources or have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects.

***Changes in laws, regulations and guidelines could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.***

Our operations are subject to various laws, regulations, guidelines and licensing requirements relating to the production, manufacture, sale, distribution, management, transportation, storage and disposal of medical cannabis, as well as being subject to laws and regulations relating to health and safety, the conduct of operations and the protection of the environment. Any changes to such laws, regulations, guidelines and policies due to matters beyond the control of the Company could have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations and financial condition of the Company.

***Volatility of industry conditions could have a material adverse effect on our operations.***

Industry conditions are influenced by numerous factors over which we have no control, including the level of medical cannabis prices, expectations about future medical cannabis prices and production, the cost of producing and delivering medical cannabis; any rates of declining current production, political, regulatory and economic conditions; alternative fuel requirements; and the ability of medical cannabis companies to raise equity capital or debt financing.

The level of activity in the medical cannabis industry is volatile. No assurance can be given that expected trends in medical cannabis production and sales activities will continue or that demand for medical cannabis will reflect the level of activity in the industry. Any prolonged substantial reduction in medical cannabis prices would likely affect medical cannabis production levels and therefore affect the demand for medical cannabis. A material decline in medical cannabis prices or industry activity could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

***Our industry is subject to intense competition.***

There is potential that we will face intense competition from other companies, some of which can be expected to have longer operating histories and more financial resources and experience than us. Increased competition by larger and better-financed competitors could materially and adversely affect the business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Company. If we are unable to compete effectively, it could decrease our customer traffic and sales and profit margins, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Because of the early stage of the industry in which we operate, we expect to face additional competition from new entrants. To become and remain competitive, we will require research and development, marketing, sales and support. We may not have sufficient resources to maintain research and development, marketing, sales and support efforts on a competitive basis which could materially and adversely affect the business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Company.

If the number of users of medical or recreational cannabis increases, the demand for products will increase and we expect that competition will become more intense, as current and future competitors begin to offer an increasing number of diversified products. To remain competitive, we will require a continued high level of investment in research and development, marketing, sales and client support. We may not have sufficient resources to maintain research and development, marketing, sales and client support efforts on a competitive basis which could materially and adversely affect the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

The legal landscape for medical and recreational cannabis is changing internationally. More countries have passed laws that allow for the production and distribution of medical cannabis in some form or another. We have some international partnerships in place, which may be affected if more countries legalize medical cannabis. Increased international competition might lower the demand for our products on a global scale.

***New well-capitalized entrants in our industry may develop large-scale operations which will make it difficult for our business to compete and remain profitable.***

Currently, the cannabis industry generally is comprised largely of individuals and small to medium-sized entities, however, the risk remains that large conglomerates and companies who also recognize the potential for financial success through investment in this industry could strategically purchase or assume control of larger dispensaries and cultivation facilities. In doing so, these larger competitors could establish price setting and cost controls which would effectively “price out” many of the individuals and small to medium-sized entities who currently make up the bulk of the participants in the varied businesses operating within and in support of the cannabis industry. The cannabis industry remains quite nascent, so what the landscape will be in the future remains largely unknown, which in itself is a risk.

***Future acquisitions and dispositions could increase our risks and uncertainties.***

Material acquisitions, dispositions and other strategic transactions, including joint ventures, involve a number of risks, including: (i) potential disruption of our ongoing business; (ii) distraction of management; (iii) financial leverage; (iv) unrealized or delayed benefits and cost savings; (v) increased complexity of our operations; and (vi) loss or reduction of control over certain of our assets.

The presence of one or more material liabilities of an acquired company that are unknown to us at the time of acquisition could have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations, prospects and financial condition of the Company. A strategic transaction may result in a significant change in the nature of our business, operations and strategy. In addition, the Company may encounter unforeseen obstacles or costs in implementing a strategic transaction or integrating any acquired business into our operations.

***Acquisitions, strategic collaborations and joint ventures may never materialize or may fail.***

We intend to explore a variety of acquisitions, strategic collaborations and joint ventures with existing cannabis growers, dispensaries and related businesses in various states. We are likely to face significant competition in seeking appropriate acquisitions, strategic collaborators or joint venture partners, and these acquisitions, strategic collaborations and joint ventures can be complicated and time consuming to negotiate and document. We may not be able to negotiate acquisitions, strategic collaborations and joint ventures on acceptable terms, or at all, and we are unable to predict when, if ever, we will enter into any such acquisitions, strategic collaborations or joint ventures due to the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with them.

***Failure to successfully integrate acquired businesses, their products and other assets, or if integrated, failure to further our business strategy, may result in our inability to realize any benefit from such acquisition.***

The consummation and integration of any acquired business, product or other assets into the Company may be complex and time consuming and, if not successfully integrated, the Company may not achieve the anticipated benefits, cost-savings or growth opportunities. Furthermore, even if successfully integrated, the acquisition target may fail to further the Company’s business strategy as anticipated, expose us to increased competition or other challenges with respect to our products or geographic markets, and expose us to additional liabilities associated with an acquired business, technology or other asset or arrangement.

When we acquire cannabis businesses, we may obtain the rights to applications for licenses as well as licenses; however, the procurement of such applications for licenses and licenses generally will be subject to governmental and regulatory approval. There are no guarantees that the Company will successfully consummate such acquisitions, and even we consummate such acquisitions, the procurement of applications for licenses may never result in the grant of a license by any state or local governmental or regulatory agency and the transfer of any rights to licenses may never be approved by the applicable state and/or local governmental or regulatory agency.

***We are a holding company.***

We are a holding company and essentially all of our assets are the capital stock of our material subsidiaries and investments in joint ventures. As a result, investors in the Company are subject to the risks attributable to its subsidiaries and joint ventures. Consequently, our cash flows and ability to complete current or desirable future enhancement opportunities are dependent on the earnings of our subsidiaries and investments and the distribution of those earnings to us. The ability of these entities to pay dividends and other distributions will depend on their operating results and will be subject to applicable laws and regulations which require that solvency and capital standards be maintained by such companies and contractual restrictions contained in the instruments governing their debt. In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of the Company's material subsidiaries, holders of indebtedness and trade creditors may be entitled to payment of their claims from the assets of those subsidiaries before the Company.

***We have a limited operating history.***

The Company and its subsidiaries have varying and limited operating histories, which can make it difficult for investors to evaluate our operations and prospects and may increase the risks associated with investment into the Company. Our business plan is subject to all business risks associated with early-stage business enterprises, including the absence of any significant operating history upon which to evaluate an investment. The likelihood of our success must be considered in light of the problems, expenses, difficulties, complications and delays frequently encountered by early-stage businesses, the development of new strategy and the competitive environment in which we will operate. It is possible that we will incur losses in the future. There is no guarantee that we will be profitable.

***We have not generated profits in the periods covered by our financial statements included herein, and, as a result, have only a very limited operating history upon which our business and future prospects may be evaluated.***

Our subsidiaries and joint ventures are not yet generating a net profit and accordingly, we expect to remain subject to many of the risks common to early-stage enterprises for the foreseeable future, including challenges related to laws, regulations, licensing, integrating and retaining qualified employees; making effective use of limited resources; achieving market acceptance of existing and future solutions; competing against companies with greater financial and technical resources; acquiring and retaining customers; and developing new solutions. There is no assurance that we will be successful in achieving a return on stockholders' investment and the likelihood of success must be considered in light of the early stage of operations.

***Potential reputational risks to third parties could result in difficulties in maintaining our operations.***

The parties with which the Company does business may perceive that they are exposed to reputational risk as a result of our cannabis-related business activities. The Company may in the future have difficulty establishing or maintaining bank accounts or other business relationships. Failure to establish or maintain business relationships could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

***Changes in public opinion and perception could negatively affect our business operations.***

Government policy changes or changes in public opinion may significantly influence the regulation of the cannabis industry in the United States or elsewhere. Public opinion and support for medical and adult-use cannabis has traditionally been inconsistent and varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Medical and adult-use cannabis remains a controversial issue subject to differing opinions surrounding the level of legalization (for example, medical cannabis as opposed to legalization in general). A negative shift in the public's perception of cannabis in the United States or any other applicable jurisdiction could affect future legislation or regulation. Among other things, such a shift could cause state jurisdictions to abandon initiatives or proposals to legalize medical and/or adult-use cannabis, thereby limiting the number of new state jurisdictions into which the Company could expand. Any inability to fully implement our expansion strategy may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or prospects.

***We may be subject to unfavorable publicity or consumer perception which could negatively affect our results of operations.***

We believe the cannabis industry is highly dependent upon consumer perception regarding the safety, efficacy and quality of the cannabis produced. Consumer perception can be significantly influenced by scientific research or findings, regulatory investigations, litigation, media attention and other publicity regarding the consumption of cannabis products. There can be no assurance that future scientific research or findings, regulatory investigations, litigation, media attention or other publicity will be favorable to the cannabis market or any particular product, or consistent with earlier publicity. Future research reports, findings, regulatory investigations, litigation, media attention or other publicity that are perceived as less favorable than, or that question, earlier research reports, findings or other publicity could have a material adverse effect on the demand for cannabis and on the business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects of the Company. Further, adverse publicity reports or other media attention regarding the safety, efficacy and quality of cannabis in general, or associating the consumption of cannabis with illness or other negative effects or events, could have such a material adverse effect. There is no assurance that such adverse publicity reports or other media attention will not arise.

***Research and development costs may negatively impact our results of operations.***

Before we can obtain regulatory approval for the commercial sale of any of our products, we are required to complete extensive trial testing to demonstrate safety and efficacy. Depending on the exact nature of trial testing, such trials can be expensive and are difficult to design and implement. The testing process is also time consuming and can often be subject to unexpected delays.

The timing and completion of trial testing may be subject to significant delays relating to various causes, including: inability to manufacture or obtain sufficient quantities of units and or test subjects for use in trial testing; delays arising from collaborative partnerships; delays in obtaining regulatory approvals to commence a study, or government intervention to suspend or terminate a study; delays, suspensions or termination of trial testing due to the applicable institutional review board or independent ethics board responsible for overseeing the study to protect research subjects; delays in identifying and reaching agreement on acceptable terms with prospective trial testing sites and subjects; variability in the number and types of subjects available for each study and resulting difficulties in identifying and enrolling subjects who meet trial eligibility criteria; scheduling conflicts; difficulty in maintaining contact with subjects after testing, resulting in incomplete data; unforeseen safety issues or side effects; lack of efficacy during trial testing; reliance on research organizations to conduct trial testing, which may not conduct such trials with good laboratory practices; or other regulatory delays.

***We may experience difficulty in developing products.***

If we cannot successfully develop, manufacture and distribute our products, or if we experience difficulties in the development process, such as capacity constraints, quality control problems or other disruptions, the Company may not be able to develop market-ready commercial products at acceptable costs, which would adversely affect our ability to effectively enter the market. A failure by the Company to achieve a low-cost structure through economies of scale or improvements in cultivation and manufacturing processes would have a material adverse effect on our commercialization plans and our business, prospects, results of operations and financial condition.

***We are dependent on the success of our new and existing products and services.***

We have committed, and expect to continue to commit, significant resources and capital to develop and market existing product and service enhancements and new products and services. These products and services are relatively untested, and the Company cannot guarantee that they will operate as expected or that it will achieve market acceptance for these products and services, or other new products and services that we may offer in the future. Moreover, these and other new products and services may be subject to significant competition with offerings by new and existing competitors in the business of manufacturing and distributing vaporizers and accessories. In addition, new products, services and enhancements may pose a variety of technical challenges and require us to attract additional qualified employees. The failure to successfully develop and market these new products, services or enhancements or to hire qualified employees could seriously harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***We are dependent on the continued market acceptance by consumers of our products.***

We are substantially dependent on continued market acceptance of our products by consumers. We cannot predict the future growth rate and size of the market for cannabis products in the U.S. or internationally.

***We may incur significant expenses in promoting and maintaining brands, which could negatively impact our profitability.***

We believe that establishing and maintaining the brand identities of products is a critical aspect of attracting and expanding a large customer base. Promotion and enhancement of brands will depend largely on success in continuing to provide high quality products. If customers and end users do not perceive our products to be of high quality, or if we introduce new products or enter into new business ventures that are not favorably received by customers and end users, we will risk diluting brand identities and decreasing their attractiveness to existing and potential customers. Moreover, in order to attract and retain customers and to promote and maintain brand equity in response to competitive pressures, we may have to increase substantially our financial commitment to creating and maintaining a distinct brand loyalty among customers. If we incur significant expenses in an attempt to promote and maintain brands, the business, results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

***The results of future clinical research may negatively impact our business.***

Research in Canada, the U.S. and internationally regarding the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy, dosing and social acceptance of cannabis or isolated cannabinoids (such as CBD and THC) remains in early stages. There have been relatively few clinical trials on the benefits of cannabis or isolated cannabinoids (such as CBD and THC). Although the Company believes that the articles, reports and studies support its beliefs regarding the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy, dosing and social acceptance of cannabis, future research and clinical trials may prove such statements to be incorrect, or could raise concerns regarding, and perceptions relating to, cannabis. Given these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, prospective purchasers of our common stock should not place undue reliance on such articles and reports. Future research studies and clinical trials may draw opposing conclusions to those stated in this annual report or reach negative conclusions regarding the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy, dosing, social acceptance or other facts and perceptions related to cannabis, which could have a material adverse effect on the demand for our products with the potential to lead to a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects.

***We are reliant on key inputs and changes in the cost of raw materials and supplies could negatively impact our profitability.***

The manufacturing segment of our business is dependent on a number of key inputs and their related costs including raw materials and supplies related to product development and manufacturing operations. Any significant interruption or negative change in the availability or economics of the supply chain for key inputs could materially impact the business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Company. Some of these inputs may only be available from a single supplier or a limited group of suppliers. If a sole source supplier were to go out of business, the Company might be unable to find a replacement for such source in a timely manner or at all. If a sole source supplier were to be acquired by a competitor, that competitor may elect not to sell to the Company in the future. Any inability to secure required supplies and services or to do so on appropriate terms could have a materially adverse impact on the business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Company.

***Our business is subject to certain environmental risks.***

Our operations are subject to environmental regulation in the various jurisdictions in which we operate. These regulations mandate, among other things, the maintenance of air and water quality standards and land reclamation. They also set forth limitations on the generation, transportation, storage and disposal of solid and hazardous waste. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which will require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors (or the equivalent thereof) and employees. There is no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect our operations.

Government approvals and permits are currently, and may in the future, be required in connection with our operations. To the extent such approvals are required and not obtained, the Company may be curtailed or prohibited from its production of cannabis or from continuing its operations.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions thereunder, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. We may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of our operations and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

Amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing the production of cannabis, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on the Company and cause increases in expenses, capital expenditures or production costs or reduction in levels of production or require abandonment or delays in development.

***Our business is subject to certain agricultural risks.***

Our future business involves the growing of cannabis, an agricultural product. Such business will be subject to the risks inherent in the agricultural business, such as insects, plant diseases and similar agricultural risks. There can be no assurance that natural elements will not have a material adverse effect on any outdoor future production.

***Our business is vulnerable to rising energy costs.***

Adult-use and medical cannabis growing operations consume considerable energy, making us potentially vulnerable to rising energy costs. Rising or volatile energy costs may adversely impact the business, results of operations, financial condition or prospects of the Company.

***We are dependent on equipment and skilled labor.***

Our ability to compete and grow is dependent on our having access, at a reasonable cost and in a timely manner, to skilled labor, equipment, parts and components. No assurances can be given that we will be successful in maintaining our required supply of skilled labor, equipment, parts and components. It is also possible that the final costs of the major equipment contemplated by our capital expenditure plans may be significantly greater than anticipated by our management, and may be greater than funds available to us, in which circumstance the Company may curtail, or extend the timeframes for completing, its capital expenditure plans. This could have an adverse effect on the business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Company.

***The market for our products is difficult to forecast and our forecasts may not be accurate which could negatively impact our results of operations.***

We must rely largely on our own market research to forecast sales as detailed forecasts are not generally obtainable from other sources at this early stage of the industry. A failure in the demand for our products to materialize as a result of competition, technological change or other factors could have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations, financial condition or prospects of the Company.

***We are subject to certain risks regarding the management of our growth.***

We may be subject to growth-related risks including capacity constraints and pressure on our internal systems and controls. The ability of the Company to manage growth effectively will require it to continue to implement and improve its operational and financial systems and to expand, train and manage its employee base. The inability of the Company to deal with this growth may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects.

***We may experience difficulties in maintaining adequate internal controls.***

Effective internal controls are necessary for the Company to provide reliable financial reports and to help prevent fraud. Failure to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in their implementation, could harm our results of operations or cause it to fail to meet its reporting obligations. If the Company or its auditors discover a material weakness, the disclosure of that fact, even if quickly remedied, could reduce the market's confidence in our Consolidated Financial Statements and materially adversely affect the trading price of our common stock.

***Certain of our officers and directors may have conflicts of interest.***

Certain of the directors and officers of the Company are, or may become directors and officers of other companies, and conflicts of interest may arise between their duties as officers and directors of the Company and as officers and directors of such other companies.

***We may become subject to costly litigation regarding our operations.***

We may become party to litigation from time to time in the ordinary course of business which could adversely affect our business. Should any litigation in which the Company becomes involved be determined against the Company, such a decision could adversely affect our ability to continue operating and the market price for our common stock. Even if we are involved in litigation and win, litigation can redirect significant company resources.

***We are subject to product liability regarding our products, which could result in costly litigation and settlements.***

As a distributor of products designed to be ingested by humans, we face an inherent risk of exposure to product liability claims, regulatory action and litigation if our products are alleged to have caused significant loss or injury. In addition, the sale of our products involves the risk of injury to consumers due to tampering by unauthorized third parties or product contamination. Previously unknown adverse reactions resulting from human consumption of our products alone or in combination with other medications or substances could occur. We may be subject to various product liability claims, including, among others, that our products caused injury or illness, include inadequate instructions for use or include inadequate warnings concerning possible side effects or interactions with other substances.

A product liability claim or regulatory action against the Company could result in increased costs, could adversely affect our reputation with our clients and consumers generally, and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition of the Company. Although we have secured product liability insurance, and strictly enforce a quality standard within the operations, there can be no assurances that we will be able to maintain our product liability insurance on acceptable terms or with adequate coverage against potential liabilities. This scenario could prevent or inhibit the commercialization of our potential products. To date, there have been no product related issues.

***Our products may become subject to product recalls, which could negatively impact our results of operations.***

Manufacturers and distributors of products are sometimes subject to the recall or return of their products for a variety of reasons, including product defects, such as contamination, unintended harmful side effects or interactions with other substances, packaging safety and inadequate or inaccurate labeling disclosure. If any of our products are recalled due to an alleged product defect or for any other reason, the Company could be required to incur the unexpected expense of the recall and any legal proceedings that might arise in connection with the recall. We may lose a significant amount of sales and may not be able to replace those sales at an acceptable margin or at all. In addition, a product recall may require significant management attention. There can be no assurance that any quality, potency or contamination problems will be detected in time to avoid unforeseen product recalls, regulatory action or lawsuits. Additionally, if one of our significant brands were subject to recall, the image of that brand and the Company as its owner could be harmed. A recall for any of the foregoing reasons could lead to decreased demand for the Company's products and could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations and financial condition of the Company. Additionally, product recalls may lead to increased scrutiny of our operations by the U.S. FDA, Health Canada or other regulatory agencies, requiring further management attention and potential legal fees and other expenses.

***We are subject to certain intellectual property risks.***

Our viability will depend, in part, on our ability to develop and maintain the proprietary aspects of our technology to distinguish our products from our competitors' products. We have certain proprietary intellectual property, including but not limited to brands, trademarks, trade names, and proprietary processes. We will rely on this intellectual property, know-how and other proprietary information, and may require employees, consultants and suppliers to sign confidentiality agreements. However, any confidentiality agreement may be breached, and the Company may not have adequate remedies for such breaches. Third parties may independently develop substantially equivalent proprietary information without infringing upon any proprietary technology. Third parties may otherwise gain access to our proprietary information and adopt it in a competitive manner. Any loss of intellectual property protection may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or prospects.

As long as cannabis remains illegal under U.S. federal law as a Schedule I controlled substance pursuant to the *Controlled Substances Act*, the benefit of certain federal laws and protections which may be available to most businesses, such as federal trademark and patent protection regarding the intellectual property of a business, may not be available us. As a result, our intellectual property may never be adequately or sufficiently protected against the use or misappropriation by third parties. In addition, since the regulatory framework of the cannabis industry is in a constant state of flux, the Company can provide no assurance that it will ever obtain any protection of its intellectual property, whether on a federal, state, provincial and/ or local level.

We may also find it necessary to bring infringement or other actions against third parties to seek to protect our intellectual property rights. Litigation of this nature, even if successful, is often expensive and time-consuming to prosecute and there can be no assurance that we will have the financial or other resources to enforce our rights or prevent other parties from developing similar technology or designing around our intellectual property. It is possible such infringement or violation has occurred or may occur, which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

In the event that products the Company sells are deemed to infringe upon the patents or proprietary rights of others, the Company could be required to modify its products or obtain a license for the manufacture and/or sale of such products or cease selling such products. In such event, there can be no assurance that the Company would be able to do so in a timely manner, upon acceptable terms and conditions, or at all, and the failure to do any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect upon our business.

There can be no assurance that the Company will have the financial or other resources necessary to enforce or defend a patent infringement or proprietary rights violation action. If our products or proposed products are deemed to infringe or likely to infringe upon the patents or proprietary rights of others, the Company could be subject to injunctive relief and, under certain circumstances, become liable for damages, which could also have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

***Fraudulent or illegal activity by employees, contractors and consultants could negatively impact our operations.***

We are exposed to the risk that our employees, independent contractors and consultants may engage in fraudulent or other illegal activity. Misconduct by these parties could include intentional, reckless and/or negligent conduct or disclosure of unauthorized activities to us that violates: (i) government regulations; (ii) manufacturing standards; (iii) federal and provincial healthcare fraud and abuse laws and regulations; or (iv) laws that require the true, complete and accurate reporting of financial information or data. It may not always be possible for the Company to identify and deter misconduct by its employees and other third parties, and the precautions taken by the Company to detect and prevent this activity may not be effective in controlling unknown or unmanaged risks or losses or in protecting the Company from governmental investigations or other actions or lawsuits stemming from a failure to comply with such laws or regulations. If any such actions are instituted against the Company and it is not successful in defending itself or asserting its rights, those actions could have a significant impact on our business, including the imposition of civil, criminal and administrative penalties, damages, monetary fines, contractual damages, reputational harm, diminished profits and future earnings, and curtailment of our operations, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects.

***We are subject to certain risks regarding our information technology systems and cyber-attacks.***

Our operations depend, in part, on how well we and our suppliers protect networks, equipment, IT systems and software against damage from a number of threats, including, but not limited to, cable cuts, damage to physical plants, natural disasters, intentional damage and destruction, fire, power loss, hacking, computer viruses, vandalism and theft. Our operations also depend on the timely maintenance, upgrade and replacement of networks, equipment, IT systems and software, as well as pre-emptive expenses to mitigate the risks of failures. Any of these and other events could result in information system failures, delays and/or increase in capital expenses. The failure of information systems or a component of information systems could, depending on the nature of any such failure, adversely impact our reputation and results of operations.

There can be no assurance that the Company will not incur material losses relating to cyber-attacks in the future. Our risk and exposure to these matters cannot be fully mitigated because of, among other things, the evolving nature of these threats. As a result, cyber security and the continued development and enhancement of controls, processes and practices designed to protect systems, computers, software, data and networks from attack, damage or unauthorized access is a priority. As cyber threats continue to evolve, the Company may be required to expend additional resources to continue to modify or enhance protective measures or to investigate and remediate any security vulnerabilities.

***If we experience security breaches, it could negatively impact our operations and result in litigation or civil penalties and fees.***

Given the nature of our product and its lack of legal availability outside of channels approved by the government of the United States, as well as the concentration of inventory in the Company's facilities, the Company faces a risk of inventory shrinkage as well as theft. A security breach at one of our facilities could expose the Company to additional liability and to potentially costly litigation, increase expenses relating to the resolution and future prevention of these breaches and may deter potential patients from choosing our products.

In addition, we collect and store personal information about our customers and are responsible for protecting that information from privacy breaches. A privacy breach may occur through procedural or process failure, information technology malfunction, or deliberate unauthorized intrusions. Theft of data for competitive purposes, particularly patient lists and preferences, is an ongoing risk whether perpetrated via employee collusion or negligence or through deliberate cyber-attack. Any such theft or privacy breach would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***The lack of reliable data on the cannabis industry may negatively impact our results of operations.***

As a result of recent and ongoing regulatory and policy changes in the cannabis industry, the market data available is limited and unreliable. Federal, and state laws prevent widespread participation and hinder market research. Therefore, market research and projections by the Company of estimated total retail sales, demographics, demand, and similar consumer research, are based on assumptions from limited and unreliable market data, and generally represent the personal opinions of our management team as of the date of this document.

***We do not have long-term agreements or guaranteed price or delivery arrangements with most of our suppliers. The loss of a significant supplier would require us to rely more heavily on our other existing suppliers or to develop relationships with new suppliers. Such a loss may have an adverse effect on our product offerings and our business.***

Consistent with industry practice, we do not have guaranteed price or delivery arrangements with most of our suppliers. We generally make our purchases through purchase orders. As a result, we have experienced and may in the future experience inventory shortages or price increases on certain products. Furthermore, our industry occasionally experiences significant product supply shortages, and we sometimes experience customer order backlogs due to the inability of certain suppliers to make available to us certain products as needed. We cannot assure investors that suppliers will maintain an adequate inventory of products to fulfill our orders on a timely basis, or at all, or that we will be able to obtain particular products on favorable terms, or at all. Additionally, we cannot assure investors that product lines currently offered by suppliers will continue to be available to us. A decline in the supply or continued availability of the products of our suppliers, or a significant increase in the price of those products, could reduce our sales and negatively affect our operating results.

In addition, some of our suppliers have the ability to terminate their relationships with us at any time, or to decide to sell, or increase their sales of, their products through other channels. Although we believe there are numerous suppliers with the capacity to supply the products we distribute, the loss of one or more of our major suppliers could have an adverse effect on our product offerings and our business. Such a loss would require us to rely more heavily on our other existing suppliers, develop relationships with new suppliers or undertake our own manufacturing, which may cause us to pay higher prices for products. Any termination, interruption or adverse modification of our relationship with a key supplier or a significant number of other suppliers would likely adversely affect our operating income, cash flow and future prospects.

***We are subject to certain operating risks for which our insurance coverage may not be adequate.***

Our operations are subject to hazards inherent in the cannabis industry, such as equipment defects, malfunction and failures, natural disasters which result in fires, accidents and explosions that can cause personal injury, loss of life, suspension of operations, damage to facilities, business interruption and damage to or destruction of property, equipment and the environment, labor disputes, and changes in the regulatory environment. These risks could expose the Company to substantial liability for personal injury, wrongful death, property damage, pollution, and other environmental damages. The frequency and severity of such incidents will affect operating costs, insurability and relationships with customers, employees and regulators.

We continuously monitor our operations for quality control and safety. However, there can be no assurance that our safety procedures will always prevent such damages. Although we maintain insurance coverage that we believe to be adequate and customary in the industry, there can be no assurance that such insurance will be adequate to cover the liabilities. In addition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain adequate insurance in the future at rates we consider reasonable and commercially justifiable. The occurrence of a significant uninsured claim, a claim in excess of the insurance coverage limits maintained by the Company, or a claim at a time when we are not able to obtain liability insurance, could have a material adverse effect on us, our ability to conduct normal business operations and on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows in the future.

***We may have uninsured or uninsurable risk.***

We may be subject to liability for risks against which we cannot insure or against which we 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 our normal business activities. Payment of liabilities for which the Company does not carry insurance may have a material adverse effect on our financial position and operations.

***We may issue debt.***

From time to time, the Company may enter into transactions to acquire assets or the shares of other organizations or enter into joint ventures. These transactions may be financed in whole or in part with debt, which may increase our debt levels above industry standards for companies of similar size. Depending on future exploration and development plans, the Company may require additional equity and/or debt financing that may not be available or, if available, may not be available on favorable terms to us. Neither our articles of incorporation nor our by-laws limit the amount of indebtedness that the Company may incur. As a result, the level of our indebtedness from time to time, could impair our ability to obtain additional financing on a timely basis to take advantage of business opportunities that may arise.

***Certain remedies stockholders may seek against our officers and directors may be limited and such officers and directors may be entitled to indemnification by us.***

Our governing documents and indemnification agreements we have entered into with members of our board of directors and officers provide that the liability of our board of directors and officers is eliminated to the fullest extent allowed under the laws of the State of Nevada. Thus, the Company and our stockholders may be prevented from recovering damages for alleged errors or omissions made by the members of our board of directors and our officers. Our governing documents and these agreements also provide that we will, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify members of the board of directors and our officers for certain liabilities incurred by them by virtue of their acts on our behalf.

***We are dependent on attracting new customers.***

Our success depends on our ability to attract and retain customers. There are many factors which could impact our ability to attract and retain clients, including but not limited to our ability to continually produce desirable and effective products, the successful implementation of our client-acquisition plan and continued growth in the aggregate number of people purchasing cannabis for medical or personal use. Our failure to acquire and retain customers would have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

***We are subject to certain credit risks.***

We are exposed to credit risk through our cash and cash equivalents. Credit risk arises from deposits with banks and attorneys and outstanding receivables. These arrangements are unsecured. There can be no assurance that we will not suffer loss.

**Risks related to the Ownership of our Common Stock**

***Because our common stock is deemed a low-priced “Penny” stock, an investment in our common stock should be considered high risk and subject to marketability restrictions.***

Since our common stock is a penny stock, as defined in Rule 3a51-1 under the Exchange Act, it will be more difficult for investors to liquidate their investment. The SEC defines “penny stock” to be any equity security that has a market price (as defined) less than \$5.00 per share or an exercise price of less than \$5.00 per share, subject to certain exceptions. The shares of common stock are covered by the penny stock rules pursuant to Rule 15g-9 under the Exchange Act, which impose additional sales practice requirements on broker-dealers who sell to persons other than established customers and “accredited investors”. The term “accredited investor” refers generally to institutions with assets in excess of \$5,000,000 or individuals with a net worth in excess of \$1,000,000, not including their primary residence, or annual income exceeding \$200,000 or \$300,000 jointly with their spouse. The penny stock rules require a broker-dealer, prior to a transaction in a penny stock not otherwise exempt from the rules, to deliver a standardized risk disclosure document in a form prepared by the SEC which provides information about penny stocks and the nature and level of risks in the penny stock market. The broker-dealer also must provide the customer with current bid and offer quotations for the penny stock, the compensation of the broker-dealer and its salesperson in the transaction and monthly account statements showing the market value of each penny stock held in the customer’s account. The bid and offer quotations, and the broker-dealer and salesperson compensation information, must be given to the customer orally or in writing prior to effecting the transaction and must be given to the customer in writing before or with the customer’s confirmation. In addition, the penny stock rules require that prior to a transaction in a penny stock not otherwise exempt from these rules, the broker-dealer must make a special written determination that the penny stock is a suitable investment for the purchaser and receive the purchaser’s written agreement to the transaction. These disclosure requirements may have the effect of reducing the level of trading activity in the secondary market for the securities of the Company that are captured by the penny stock rules. Consequently, the penny stock rules may affect the ability of broker-dealers to trade our securities. Management believes that the penny stock rules could discourage investor interest in and limit the marketability of our common stock.

***Financial Industry Regulatory Authority sales practice requirements may also limit a stockholder's ability to buy and sell our common stock, which could depress the price of our common stock.***

In addition to the “penny stock” rules described above, the U.S. Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) has adopted rules that require a broker-dealer to have reasonable grounds for believing that an investment is suitable for a customer before recommending an investment to a customer. Prior to recommending speculative, low priced securities to non-institutional customers, broker-dealers must make reasonable efforts to obtain information about the customer’s financial status, tax status, investment objectives, and other information. Pursuant to the interpretation of these rules, FINRA believes that there is a high probability that speculative, low priced securities will not be suitable for at least some customers. Thus, the FINRA requirements make it more difficult for broker-dealers to recommend our common stock to customers which may limit an investor’s ability to buy and sell our common stock, have an adverse effect on the market for our common stock, and thereby negatively impact the price of our common stock.

***We are subject to market price volatility risks.***

The market price of our common stock may be subject to wide fluctuations in response to many factors, including variations in the operating results of the Company, divergence in financial results from analysts’ expectations, changes in earnings estimates by stock market analysts, changes in the business prospects for the Company, general economic conditions, legislative changes, and other events and factors outside of our control. In addition, stock markets have from time-to-time experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations, which, as well as general economic and political conditions, could adversely affect the market price for our common stock.

***Our common stock is subject to liquidity risks.***

In the United States, our common stock trades on the OTCQB. The OTCQB is an inter-dealer, over-the-counter market that provides significantly less liquidity than other national or regional exchanges. Securities traded on the OTCQB are usually thinly traded, highly volatile, have fewer market makers and are not followed by analysts. The SEC’s order handling rules, which apply to NASDAQ-listed securities, do not apply to securities quoted on the OTCQB. Quotes for stocks listed on the OTCQB are not listed in newspapers. Therefore, prices for securities traded solely on the OTCQB may be difficult to obtain and holders of our securities may be unable to resell their securities at or near their original acquisition price, or at any price.

We cannot predict at what prices our common stock will trade and there can be no assurance that an active trading market will develop or be sustained. Commencing in January 2019, our common stock began trading on the CSE. We have not developed other liquidity on this exchange and we cannot guaranty that we will do so in the future. There is a significant liquidity risk associated with an investment in the Company.

***The shares of our common stock we may issue in the future and the options we may issue in the future may have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock and cause dilution to investors.***

We may issue shares of common stock and warrants to purchase common stock pursuant to private offerings and we may issue options to purchase common stock to our executive officers pursuant to their employment agreements. The sale, or even the possibility of sale, of shares pursuant to a separate offering or to executive officers could have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock or on our ability to obtain future financing. The issuance of additional shares of common stock will dilute existing investors.

***Our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws could discourage acquisition proposals, delay a change in control or prevent other transactions.***

Provisions of our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws, as well as provisions of Nevada Corporation Law, may discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of the Company or other transactions that you as a stockholder may consider favorable and may be in your best interest. The amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that: authorize the issuance of shares of “blank check” preferred stock that could be issued by our board of directors to increase the number of outstanding shares and discourage a takeover attempt; limit who may call special meetings of stockholders; and require advance notice for business to be conducted at stockholder meetings, among other anti-takeover provisions.

Our directors have the authority to issue common and preferred shares without stockholder approval, and preferred shares can be issued with such rights, preferences, and limitations as may be determined by our board of directors. The rights of the holders of common stock will be subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of any holders of preferred stock that may be issued in the future. Although we authorized a series A preferred stock in 2017, we presently have no commitments or contracts to issue any shares of preferred stock. Authorized and unissued preferred stock could delay, discourage, hinder or preclude an unsolicited acquisition of our company, could make it less likely that stockholders receive a premium for their shares as a result of any such attempt, and could adversely affect the market prices of and the voting and other rights, of the holders of outstanding shares of our common stock.

***We do not expect to pay any cash dividends for the foreseeable future.***

The continued operation and expansion of our business may require substantial funding. Accordingly, we do not anticipate that we will pay any cash dividends on shares of our common stock for the foreseeable future. Any determination to pay dividends in the future will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon results of operations, financial condition, contractual restrictions, including any indebtedness we may incur, restrictions imposed by applicable law and other factors our board of directors deems relevant.

***We may sell additional equity securities in the future and your ownership interest in the Company may be diluted as a result of such sales.***

We intend to sell additional equity securities in order to fully implement our business plan. Such sales will be made at prices determined by our board of directors based on the market value of the Company and could be made at prices less than the price of the shares of our common stock purchased by investors, in which case, such investors could experience dilution of their investment.

***Our stock price may be volatile and you may not be able to sell your shares for more than what you paid.***

Our stock price may be subject to significant volatility, and you may not be able to sell shares of common stock at or above the price you paid for them. The trading price of our common stock has been subject to fluctuations in the past and the market price of our common stock could continue to fluctuate in the future in response to various factors, including, but not limited to: quarterly variations in operating results; our ability to control costs and improve cash flow; announcements of innovations or new products by us or by our competitors; changes in investor perceptions; and new products or product enhancements by us or our competitors.

***If securities analysts or industry analysts downgrade our shares, publish negative research or reports, or cease to publish reports about our business, our share price and trading volume could decline.***

The trading market for our common stock is influenced by the research and reports that industry or securities analysts publish about us, our business and our industry. If one or more analysts adversely change their recommendation regarding our shares or our competitors' stock, our share price would likely decline. If one or more analysts cease coverage of us or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause our share price or trading volume to decline. As a result, the market price for our common stock may decline below the offering price and you might not be able to resell your shares of our common stock at or above the price you paid to purchase them.

**Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.**

Not Applicable.

**Item 2. Properties.**

The mailing address of our principal executive office is 1800 S. Industrial Road Suite 100, Las Vegas Nevada, 89102. Alternative Solutions and the Oasis LLCs lease space for a dispensary and administrative offices at 1800 S. Industrial Road, Suites 100, 102, 160, and 180, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102, and for a cultivation and processing facility at 203 E. Mayflower Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030.

*Lease Arrangements*

We lease several facilities for office, warehouse, and retail space as follows:

- A lease that commenced in February 2019 for 1,400 square feet of office space located at 1718 Industrial Road, Las Vegas, NV 89102, for a term of eighteen months, and for rent of \$1,785 per month. In June 2020, this lease was extended to August 31, 2022, with the monthly rent increasing to \$1,867 until September 2021, after which time it will be subject to annual increases of 3%. The lease was extended again on April 1, 2022, effective September 1, 2022 until August 31, 2024. The monthly rent will increase on September 1, 2022 to \$2,084 with annual increases of 3%.
- A lease that commenced January 2018 for 1,000 square feet of storefront space plus 5,900 square feet of warehouse space located at 1800 Industrial Road, Suites 102, 160, and 180, Las Vegas, NV 89102, for a term of five years and for initial base rent of \$7,500 per month, with annual increases of 3%. In February 2020, this lease was extended to February 28, 2030 and the monthly rent was increased by \$600.

- A lease that commenced in February 2019 for 2,504 square feet of office space located at 1800 Industrial Road, Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV 89102 for a term of eighteen months and for initial rent of \$3,210 per month, with annual increases of 4%. In February 2020, this lease was extended to February 28, 2030, and the lease was modified to include annual rent increases of 3%.
- A lease that commenced in January 2016 for 22,000 square feet of warehouse space located at 203 E. Mayflower Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89030 for a term of five years and initial rent of \$11,000 per month, which amount increased to \$29,000 per month on January 1, 2020. In June 2020, this lease was extended to February 28, 2026, and the monthly rent was amended as follows: \$25,000 for the months of April, May, and June 2020; \$22,500 for the months of March 2021 through February 2022; \$23,175 for the months of March 2022 through February 2023; 23,870 for the months of March 2023 through February 2024; \$24,586 for the months of March 2024 through February 2025; and \$25,323 for the months of March 2025 through February 2026.
- A lease that commenced on May 17, 2022 for approximately 20 acres of land for purposes of developing a cultivation facility along the Quinn River in Nevada at a cost of \$3,500 per quarter beginning on or before May 31, 2022 (the “Quinn River Land Lease”). The Quinn River Land Lease has a term of 9 years, with two-year renewal options. The lessee under this Lease is CLS Nevada, Inc.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings.**

From time to time, we may become involved in various lawsuits and legal proceedings, which arise, in the ordinary course of business. However, litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties, and an adverse result in these or other matters may arise from time to time that may harm our business.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.**

Not Applicable.

**PART II****Item 5. Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.**

We were initially incorporated on March 31, 2011 as Adelt Design, Inc. Effective August 21, 2013; our common stock became eligible for quotation on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol ADSN. On November 12, 2014, CLS Labs acquired 6,250,000 shares, or 55.6%, of our outstanding common stock from our founder, Larry Adelt. As a condition to CLS Labs’ purchase of these shares, and pursuant to five stock purchase agreements each dated November 12, 2014, five people or entities unaffiliated with the Company purchased an aggregate of 4,984,376 shares of common stock in the Company from twenty-four stockholders other than Mr. Adelt. The total number of shares acquired by these five purchasers represented 44.3% of our outstanding shares of common stock. On November 20, 2014, we adopted amended and restated articles of incorporation therein changing the Company’s name to CLS Holdings USA, Inc. Effective December 10, 2014 we changed our stock symbol to “CLSH” to reflect the name change of the Company. Our common stock is currently eligible for quotation on the OTC Markets’ OTCQB under the symbol “CLSH”. Commencing in January 2019, we also listed our common stock on the CSE under the symbol “CLSH”. We have no outstanding shares of preferred stock.

The following table sets forth the range of high and low sales prices on the OTCQB for the applicable periods on a post-Reverse-Split basis.

Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2023:	Common Stock	
	High (\$)	Low (\$)
Fourth Quarter	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.04
Third Quarter	0.10	0.05
Second Quarter	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.50
First Quarter	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.39
Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2022:		
Fourth Quarter	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.062
Third Quarter	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.007
Second Quarter	\$ 0.166	\$ 0.109
First Quarter	\$ 0.231	\$ 0.128

At August 7, 2023, we had 72,543,141 outstanding shares of common stock and approximately 55 stockholders of record. The number of record holders was determined from the records of our transfer agent and does not include beneficial owners of common stock whose shares are held in the names of bank, brokers and other nominees. We have no outstanding shares of preferred stock.

**Dividend Policy**

We have not paid any cash dividends on our common stock to date. Any future decisions regarding dividends will be made by our board of directors. We do not anticipate paying dividends in the foreseeable future but expect to retain earnings to finance the growth of our business. Our board of directors has complete discretion on whether to pay dividends. Even if our board of directors decides to pay dividends, the form, frequency and amount will depend upon our future operations and earnings, capital requirements and surplus, general financial condition, contractual restrictions and other factors that the board of directors may deem relevant.

**Purchases of Equity Securities by the Small Business Issuer and Affiliates**

None.

**Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans**

The Company does not have an Equity Compensation Plan. Pursuant to his employment agreement, Andrew Glashow is entitled to receive annual stock options, exercisable at the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant, in an amount equal to 2% of our annual EBITDA up to \$42.5 million and 4% of our annual EBITDA in excess of \$42.5 million. We are currently unable to determine the number of shares that could be granted under these plans.

## **Penny Stock Regulations**

The SEC has adopted regulations which generally define “penny stock” to be an equity security that has a market price of less than \$5.00 per share. Our common stock, when and if a trading market develops, may fall within the definition of penny stock and be subject to rules that impose additional sales practice requirements on broker-dealers who sell such securities to persons other than established customers and accredited investors (generally those with assets in excess of \$1,000,000, excluding the value of their primary residence, or annual incomes exceeding \$200,000 individually, or \$300,000, together with their spouse).

For transactions covered by these rules, the broker-dealer must make a special suitability determination for the purchase of such securities and have received the purchaser’s prior written consent to the transaction. Additionally, for any transaction, other than exempt transactions, involving a penny stock, the rules require the delivery, prior to the transaction, of a risk disclosure document mandated by the SEC relating to the penny stock market. The broker-dealer also must disclose the commissions payable to both the broker-dealer and the registered representative, current quotations for the securities and, if the broker-dealer is the sole market-maker, the broker-dealer must disclose this fact and the broker-dealer’s presumed control over the market. Finally, monthly statements must be sent disclosing recent price information for the penny stock held in the account and information on the limited market in penny stocks. Consequently, the penny stock rules may restrict the ability of broker-dealers to sell our common stock and may affect the ability of investors to sell their common stock in the secondary market.

## **Item 6. [Reserved]**

## **Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**

### **History and Outlook**

We were incorporated on March 31, 2011 as Adelt Design, Inc. to manufacture and market carpet binding art. Production and marketing of carpet binding art never commenced. On November 20, 2014, we adopted amended and restated articles of incorporation, thereby changing our name to CLS Holdings USA, Inc. On April 29, 2015, we entered into a merger agreement with CLS Labs and a newly-formed, wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the “Merger Sub”) and effected the Merger (the “Merger”). Upon the consummation of the Merger, the separate existence of the Merger Sub ceased and CLS Labs, the surviving corporation in the Merger, became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, with the Company acquiring the stock of CLS Labs. As a result of the Merger, we acquired the business of CLS Labs and abandoned our previous business.

CLS Labs was originally incorporated in the state of Nevada on May 1, 2014 under the name RJF Labs, Inc. before changing its name to CLS Labs, Inc. on October 24, 2014. It was formed to commercialize a proprietary method of extracting cannabinoids from cannabis plants and converting the resulting cannabinoid extracts into concentrates such as oils, waxes, edibles and shatter.

We have been issued a U.S. patent with respect to our proprietary method of extracting cannabinoids from cannabis plants and converting the resulting cannabinoid extracts into concentrates such as oils, waxes, edibles and shatter. We have not commercialized our proprietary process and due to the current Nevada State laws governing these types of extraction methods, we do not intend to commercialize the proprietary process in the future. CLSH is actively engaged in attempting to find a buyer for the patent who may be able to use it in another state or another application.

We generate revenues through: (i) our retail dispensary (Oasis), and (ii) our City Trees cultivation and processing of cannabis and wholesale of cannabis-related products for Oasis and third-parties. We continue to explore opportunities for growth through the acquisition of companies, the creation of joint ventures, licensing agreements, and fee-for-service arrangements with growers and dispensaries of cannabis products. We believe that we can ultimately establish a position as one of the premier cannabinoid extraction and processing companies in the industry. We have created our own brand of concentrates for consumer use, which we sell wholesale to cannabis dispensaries. We are attempting to create a “gold standard” national brand by standardizing the testing, compliance and labeling of our products in an industry currently comprised of small, local businesses with erratic and unreliable product quality, testing practices and labeling.

Finally, we intend to grow through select acquisitions in secondary and tertiary markets, targeting newly regulated states that we believe offer a competitive advantage. Our goal at this time is to become a successful regional cannabis company.

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On December 4, 2017, we entered into the Acquisition Agreement with Alternative Solutions to acquire the outstanding equity interests in the Oasis LLCs. Pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement, as amended, we paid a non-refundable deposit of \$250,000 upon signing, which was followed by an additional payment of \$1,800,000 on February 5, 2018, for an initial 10% of Alternative Solutions and each of the subsidiaries. At the closing of our purchase of the remaining 90% of the ownership interests in Alternative Solutions and the Oasis LLCs, which occurred on June 27, 2018, we paid the following consideration: \$5,995,543 in cash, a \$4.0 million promissory note due in December 2019, and \$6,000,000 in shares of our common stock. At that time, we applied for regulatory approval to own an interest in the Oasis LLCs, which approval the CCB Granted on June 21, 2018. Just prior to closing, the parties agreed that we would instead acquire all of the membership interests in Alternative Solutions, the parent of the Oasis LLCs, from its members, and the membership interests in the Oasis LLCs owned by members other than Alternative Solutions. The CCB granted final regulatory approval for us to own our interest in the Oasis LLCs through Alternative Solutions under the final structure of the transaction on April 26, 2022.

On October 20, 2021, we entered into a management services agreement (the “Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement”) through our 50% owned subsidiary, Kealii Okamalu LLC, with CSI Health MCD LLC (“CSI”) and a commission established by the authority of the Tribal Council of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe (“Tribe”). The purpose of the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement was to establish a business (the “Quinn River Joint Venture”) to grow, cultivate, process, and sell cannabis and related products. The Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement had an initial term of 10 years plus a 10-year renewal option from the date the first cannabis crop was harvested and sold. Pursuant to the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement, Kealii Okamalu LLC was expected to eventually lease approximately 20-30 acres of the Tribe’s land located along the Quinn River at a cost of \$3,500 per quarter and manage the design, finance and construction of a cannabis cultivation facility on such tribal lands (the “JV Cultivation Facility”). In 2022 and 2023 Kealii Okamalu LLC managed the ongoing operations of the JV Cultivation Facility and related business, including, but not limited to, cultivation of cannabis crops, personnel staffing, product packaging, testing, marketing and sales. Packaged products were branded as “Quinn River Farms.” We provided 10,000 square feet of warehouse space at our Las Vegas facility, and the Quinn River Joint Venture granted us preferred vendor status including the right to purchase cannabis flower and the Quinn River Joint Venture’s cannabis trim at favorable prices. Kealii Okamalu LLC was expected to contribute \$6 million towards the construction of the JV Cultivation Facility and the working capital for the Quinn River Joint Venture. This amount was to be repaid from the portion of the net profits of the Quinn River Joint Venture otherwise payable to CSI and the Tribe at the rate of \$750,000 per quarter for eight quarters. Kealii Okamalu LLC was to receive one-third of the net profits of the Quinn River Joint Venture. We were the manager of and held a 50% ownership interest in Kealii Okamalu LLC. Kealii Okamalu LLC is a variable interest entity which we consolidate. The Quinn River Joint Venture was not a legal entity but rather a business operated by Kealii Okamalu LLC. The Quinn River Joint Venture completed its first harvest during the year ended May 31, 2023, from which the Company purchased inventory in the amount of \$952,124.

As of the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company’s 50% partner in Kealii Okamalu LLC had defaulted on its obligations under both the Kealii Okamalu LLC Operating Agreement and the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement by failing to make any of its required capital contribution of \$3 million. As a result of the partner’s breach, the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement was officially terminated in July of 2023. Kealii Okamalu LLC is no longer an active operating entity, and the Company has entered into negotiations directly with the Tribal Council to restructure the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement. As of the filing of this Form 10-K, no new agreement with the Tribal Council has been reached and no new agreement appears to be imminent. The Company does not believe it is likely to recover its investment in Kealii Okamalu LLC and has made an impairment charge in the amount of \$1,590,742 against these assets during the year ended May 31, 2023.

#### Results of Operations for the Years Ended May 31, 2023 and May 31, 2022

The table below sets forth our select expenses as a percentage of revenue for the applicable periods:

	Year Ended May 31, 2023	Year Ended May 31, 2022
Cost of Goods Sold	58%	54%
Gross Margin	42%	46%
Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses	48%	50%
Impairment of investment	7%	-%
Impairment of intangible assets	4%	-%
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt	29%	-%
Gain on Settlement of Notes Receivable	2%	12%
Provision for Income Tax	10%	9%

The table below sets forth certain statistical and financial highlights for the applicable periods:

	Year Ended May 31, 2023	Year Ended May 31, 2022
Number of Customers Served (Dispensary)	322,389	278,209
Revenue	\$ 23,133,607	\$ 22,622,895
Gross Profit	\$ 9,804,007	\$ 10,490,245

### Non-GAAP Measures

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are non-GAAP financial performance measures and should not be considered as alternatives to net income(loss) or any other measure derived in accordance with GAAP. These non-GAAP measure have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our financial results as reported in accordance with GAAP. Because not all companies use identical calculations, these presentations may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. As required by the rules of the SEC, we provide below a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures contained herein to the most directly comparable measure under GAAP. Management believes that EBITDA provides relevant and useful information, which is widely used by analysts, investors and competitors in our industry as well as by our management. Management also believes that adjusting EBITDA for the effects of non-recurring transactions may provide insight into the nature of the core business. By providing these non-GAAP profitability measure, management intends to provide investors with a meaningful, consistent comparison of our profitability measures for the periods presented.

	Year Ended May 31, 2023	Year Ended May 31, 2022
Net Loss attributable to CLS Holdings, Inc.	\$ (13,799,629)	\$ (2,343,179)
Add:		
Interest expense, net	2,667,004	2,149,729
Provision for taxes	2,220,675	2,041,487
Depreciation and amortization	952,133	753,740
EBITDA (1)	\$ (7,959,817)	\$ 2,601,777
Less non-recurring gains:		
Gain on settlement of legal dispute	\$ (146,092)	\$ -
Gain on settlement of accounts payable	(145,106)	-
Gain on note receivable	(348,165)	(2,740,820)
Gain on settlement of debt	(2,384)	-
Add non-recurring losses:		
Loss on equity investment	178,674	112,139
Impairment of investment	1,590,742	-
Impairment of intangible assets	866,288	-
Loss on extinguishment of debt	6,659,359	-
Adjusted EBITDA (2)	\$ 693,499	\$ (26,904)

(1) Net loss plus interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization.

(2) EBITDA adjusted for non-recurring gains, losses, and impairments.

### Revenues

We had revenue of \$23,133,607 during the year ended May 31, 2023, an increase of \$470,712, or 2%, compared to revenue of \$22,622,895 during the year ended May 31, 2022. Our cannabis dispensary accounted for \$14,822,577, or 64%, of our revenue for the year ended May 31, 2023, a decrease of \$47,274, or less than 1%, compared to \$14,869,851 during the year ended May 31, 2022. Dispensary revenue decreased during the fiscal year 2023 because our average sales per day decreased from \$40,739 during the fiscal year 2022 to \$40,610 during the fiscal year 2023. Our cannabis production accounted for \$8,311,030, or 36%, of our revenue for the year ended May 31, 2023, an increase of \$517,987 or 7%, compared to \$7,793,043 for the year ended May 31, 2022. The increase in production revenues for the fiscal year 2023 was primarily due to an increase in our THC distillate sales of almost \$1,000,000, as well as sales to 10 new dispensaries and significant increases in existing customer order size and frequency. These improvements occurred as a result of our addition of a new sales director, an improvement in our product mix, the introduction of new products, and the procurement of higher quality materials. The increase was also due to greater revenue from third parties for whom we manufactured and processed their products.

**Cost of Goods Sold**

Our cost of goods sold for the year ended May 31, 2023 was \$13,329,600, an increase of \$1,156,950, or 10%, compared to cost of goods sold of \$12,172,650 for the year ended May 31, 2022. The increase in cost of goods sold for the year ended May 31, 2023 was due primarily to an increase in the amount \$951,513 for overhead charged to cost of goods sold to \$2,000,306 during the year ended May 31, 2023 compared to \$1,048,793 during the prior year. Cost of goods sold also increased due to increased revenue and more aggressive competitive discounts. Cost of goods sold was 58% of sales during year ended May 31, 2023 resulting in a gross margin of 42%. Cost of goods sold was 54% for the year ended May 31, 2022 resulting in a gross margin of 46%. Cost of goods sold during the 2023 fiscal year primarily consisted of \$9,947,580 of product cost, \$2,000,306 of allocated overhead, \$770,641 of state and local fees and taxes, \$511,143 of supplies and materials, \$66,724 for licenses and fees and \$33,206 of processing fees.

The following table illustrates the components of cost of goods sold a a percentage of revenue for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	May 31, 2023		May 31, 2022	
	Amount	% of revenue	Amount	% of revenue
	\$ 23,133,607		\$ 22,662,895	
Cost of product and materials	\$ 10,457,308	45.2%	\$ 10,319,644	45.5%
Overhead	2,000,306	8.6%	1,048,793	4.6%
Taxes	770,641	3.3%	739,578	3.3%
License fees	66,724	0.3%	39,050	0.2%
Processing fees and other	34,621	0.1%	25,585	0.1%
Total	\$ 13,329,600	57.5%	\$ 12,172,650	53.7%

**Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

Selling, general and administrative expenses, or SG&A, decreased by \$260,803, to \$11,107,297 during the year ended May 31, 2023, compared to \$11,368,100 for the year ended May 31, 2022. The decrease in SG&A expenses for the year ended May 31, 2023 was primarily due to decreases in costs associated with operating the Oasis LLCs.

SG&A expense during the year ended May 31, 2023 was primarily attributable to an aggregate of \$9,006,600 in costs associated with operating the Oasis LLCs, an increase of \$187,122 compared to \$8,759,391 during the fiscal year 2022. The major components of the \$247,209 increase in SG&A associated with the operation of the Oasis LLCs during the year ended May 31, 2023 compared to the year ended May 31, 2022 were as follows: payroll and related costs of \$5,524,308 compared to \$4,785,270; professional fees of \$625,144 compared to \$352,385; depreciation and amortization of \$655,334 compared to \$455,521; land lease expense of \$42,787 compared to \$21,213; uninsured loss of cash of \$48,173 compared to \$0; and taxes and licenses of \$146,823 compared to \$71,312. Payroll costs increased during the fiscal year 2023 primarily due to increases in salaries of our employees related to the national labor shortage and due to an increase in the number of employees in our manufacturing division as we planned for the rollout of our pre-roll division. Professional fees increased primarily due to legal fees related to the restructuring of debt and the implementation of a reverse stock split. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in sales and marketing costs of \$855,798 due to a concerted effort to reduce professional outsourced marketing programs.

Finally, SG&A decreased by \$508,012 during the year ended May 31, 2023 as a result of a decrease in the expenses associated with the ongoing implementation of other aspects of our business plan and our general corporate overhead to \$2,100,698 from \$2,608,710 during the year ended May 31, 2022. The major component of this decrease was a decrease in expenses related to the November 2021 Debenture Offering of \$411,298; there was no comparable expense in the current period. Payroll costs also decreased by \$234,375 during the year ended May 31, 2023 compared to the prior period. The decrease in SG&A expenses for fiscal 2023 was partially offset by an increase in professional fees in the amount of \$159,209 which was primarily due to former counsel's last series of invoices before termination

### ***Impairment of Investment***

As of the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company's 50% partner in Kealii Okamalu LLC had defaulted on its obligations under both the Kealii Okamalu LLC Operating Agreement and the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement by failing to make any of its required capital contribution of \$3 million. As a result of the partner's breach, the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement was officially terminated in July of 2023. Kealii Okamalu LLC is no longer an active operating entity, and the Company has entered into negotiations directly with the Tribal Council to restructure the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement. As of the filing of this 10K, no new agreement with the Tribal Council has been reached and no new agreement appears to be imminent. The Company does not believe it is likely to recover its investment in Kealii Okamalu LLC and has made an impairment charge in the amount of \$1,590,742 against these assets during the year ended May 31, 2023. There was no comparable transaction in the prior period.

### ***Impairment of Intangible Assets***

During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company recorded an impairment charge in the amount of \$866,288 in connection with intangible assets acquired in the Company's purchase of the membership interests of Alternative Solutions on June 27, 2018. There was no comparable charge in the prior year.

### ***Interest Expense, Net***

Our interest expense was \$2,667,004 for the year ended May 31, 2023, an increase of \$517,275, or 24%, compared to \$2,149,729 for the year ended May 31, 2022. The increase in interest expense was primarily due to amortization of the original issue discount in the amount of \$740,324 on loans payable to compared to \$277,017 in the prior year, an increase of \$463,307. Interest expense also increased during the current fiscal year by \$470,310 due to the interest and fees on short-term loans of \$554,674 compared to \$84,364 in the prior year, and by \$42,611 due to of interest expense on financing leases of \$52,050 compared to \$9,439 in the prior year. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in the interest on notes payable in the amount of \$447,233 from \$1,728,417 in the prior fiscal year to \$1,281,184 in the year ended May 31, 2023. Interest expense during the current fiscal year also consisted of the amortization of a discount on notes payable in the amount of \$38,772, a decrease of \$11,720 compared to \$50,492 in the prior year;

### ***Loss on Extinguishment of Debt***

During the year ended May 31, 2023, certain of our convertible debentures were amended to: (i) permit mandatory conversion of \$11,343,619 in principal plus \$189,061 in accrued interest into units at a reduced rate of \$0.285 per unit; (ii) decrease the conversion price of the remaining debentures to \$0.40 per unit; (iii) reduce the mandatory conversion VWAP provision from \$2.40 to \$0.80; (iv) change the maturity date so that half of the remaining balance matures on December 31, 2023 and the remaining on December 31, 2024. We recognized a loss on the amendment of the debt in the amount of \$6,659,359 in connection with these amendments during the first half of fiscal 2023. There was no comparable transaction in the prior year.

### ***Loss on Equity Investment***

During the year ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, we had a loss on equity investment in the amount of \$178,674, an increase of \$66,535 or 59% compared to \$112,139 for the year ended May 31, 2022. The Company, through its 50% owned subsidiary Kealii Okamalu, owns a one-third interest in the Quinn River Joint Venture. The Quinn River Joint Venture completed its first harvest during the year ended May 31, 2023, and the Company purchased inventory in the amount of \$952,124 from the Quinn River Joint Venture.

### ***Gain on Settlement of Accounts Payable***

During the year ended May 31, 2023, we recorded a gain on the settlement of various accounts payable in the amount of \$145,106; there was no comparable transaction in the prior year.

### ***Gain on Settlement of Litigation Expense***

During the year ended May 31, 2023, we recorded a gain on the settlement of litigation expenses in the amount of \$146,092 associated with former legal counsel's final series of invoices before termination; there was no comparable transaction in the prior year.

**Gain on Settlement of Debt**

During the year ended May 31, 2023, our U.S. Convertible Debenture 4 in the amount \$599,101 in principal and accrued interest in the amount of \$3,283, went into default. We entered into a forbearance agreement with the lender, whereby we would pay the amount of \$600,000 in installments beginning with a \$150,000 payment on November 2, 2022 and \$50,000 payments each month thereafter through August of 2023. All payments have been timely made. As a result of this agreement, we recognized a gain on the settlement of debt in the amount of \$2,384. There is no comparable transaction in the prior period.

**Gain on Settlement of Note Receivable**

During the year ended May 31, 2023, we recorded a gain on the settlement of the IGH Settlement Note in the amount of \$348,165 compared to \$2,740,820 for the fiscal year 2022. This gain on the settlement arose after IGH notified us on February 27, 2021, that it did not plan to make further payments in accordance with the terms of the IGH Note on the theory that the Break-Up Fee excused such additional payments. We disagreed and litigation ensued. On June 14, 2021, the parties to the IGH lawsuit entered into a confidential settlement agreement to resolve the action and executed the \$3,000,000 IGH Settlement Note. Pursuant to the IGH Settlement Note, IGH paid us \$1,000,000 on or before July 21, 2021. The remaining \$2,000,000 and accrued interest was paid in 12 equal monthly installments, and the final installment was paid in July 2022.

**Provision for Income Taxes**

We recorded a provision for income taxes in the amount of \$2,220,675 during the year ended May 31, 2023 compared to \$2,041,487 during the year ended May 31, 2022. Although we have net operating losses that we believe are available to us to offset this entire tax liability, which arises under section 280E of the Code because we are a cannabis company, as a conservative measure, we have accrued this liability.

**Net Loss**

Our net loss for the year ended May 31, 2023 was \$14,844,285 compared to a net loss of \$2,440,390 for the year ended May 31, 2022, an increase of \$12,403,895, or 508%. The net loss amount was primarily due to the loss on extinguishment of debt in the amount of \$6,659,359, impairment of investment of \$1,590,742, impairment of intangible assets of \$866,288, and interest expense in the amount of \$2,667,004.

**Non-Controlling Interest**

During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, loss associated with the non-controlling interest in the operations of Kealii Okamalu was \$178,674 and \$112,139, respectively. This amount is composed of the third-party portion of the operating loss of the Quinn River Joint Venture and our loss on equity investment. In addition, during the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company recorded an impairment on its investment in Kealii Okamalu LLC in the amount of \$1,590,742.

**Net Loss Attributable to CLS Holdings USA, Inc.**

Our net loss attributable to CLS Holdings USA, Inc. for the year ended May 31, 2023 was \$13,799,629 compared to a net loss of \$2,343,179 for the year ended May 31, 2022, an increase of \$11,456,450, or 489%. The net loss amount was primarily due to the loss on extinguishment of debt in the amount of \$6,659,359, impairment of investment of \$1,590,742, impairment of intangible assets of \$866,288, and interest expense in the amount of \$2,667,004.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The following table summarizes our total current assets, liabilities and working capital at May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<b>May 31, 2023</b>	<b>May 31, 2022</b>
Current Assets	\$ 4,591,510	\$ 6,883,557
Current Liabilities	\$ 16,340,529	\$ 28,112,190
Working Capital (Deficit)	\$ (11,749,019)	\$ (21,228,633)

At May 31, 2023, we had a working capital deficit of \$11,749,019 a decrease of \$9,479,614 from the working capital deficit of \$21,228,633 we had at May 31, 2022. Our working capital increased primarily due to the restructuring of debenture agreements whereby (i) the current principal and interest in the aggregate amount of \$11,532,679 was converted to common stock, and (ii) the principal in the aggregate amount of \$3,753,052 was converted to long term liabilities. Our working capital was negatively impacted by an increase in our accrued potential tax liability in the amount of \$1,971,732 as a result of the calculation of our tax liability under 280E, which can change based on the deductibility of applicable expenses and is not necessarily tied to operating income.

We have a 50% ownership of Kealii Okamalu which in turn has a 1/3 interest in the Quinn River Joint Venture. We recently completed the first harvest of the Quinn River Joint Venture and have been selling the products derived from that initial harvest since October of 2022. We received inventory with a value of \$952,125 from this initial crop. As of the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company's 50% partner in Kealii Okamalu LLC had defaulted on its obligations under both the Kealii Okamalu LLC Operating Agreement and the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement by failing to make any of its required capital contribution of \$3 million. As a result of the partner's breach, the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement was officially terminated in July of 2023. Kealii Okamalu LLC is no longer an active operating entity, and the Company has entered into negotiations directly with the Tribal Council to restructure the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement. As of the filing of this 10K, no new agreement with the Tribal Council has been reached and no new agreement appears to be imminent. The Company does not believe it is likely to recover its investment in Kealii Okamalu LLC and has made an impairment charge in the amount of \$1,590,742 against these assets during the year ended May 31, 2023. There was no comparable transaction in the prior period.

In September 2022, we successfully refinanced all but one of the U.S. Convertible Debentures and all of the Canaccord Debentures so that 60% of them were converted into equity and the balance of them mature in equal portions in December 2023 and December 2024.

Although our revenues are expected to grow as we expand our operations, we only achieved net income for the first time during our first quarter of fiscal 2022 and we have experienced net losses since such time. Due to our cost control efforts, we have generated positive cash flow from operating activities in the amounts of \$802,729 and \$788,724 for the three months ended February 28, 2023 and May 31, 2023, respectively. As a result of this improved operational performance and our debt we believe we will have funds sufficient to sustain our operations at their current level, or if we require additional cash, we expect to obtain the necessary funds through short-term financing agreements; however, our prospects must be considered in light of the risks, expenses and difficulties frequently encountered by companies in the cannabis business. To address these risks, we must, among other things, seek growth opportunities through investments and acquisitions in our industry, successfully execute our business strategy and successfully navigate business environment in which we currently operate as well as any changes that may arise in the cannabis regulatory environment. We cannot assure that we will be successful in addressing such risks, and the failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

Cash flows used in operating activities were \$229,859 during the year ended May 31, 2023, an improvement of \$2,927,811, or approximately 93%, compared to \$3,157,670 during the year ended May 31, 2022. In deriving cash flows used in operating activities from the net losses for fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2022, certain non-cash items were deducted from or added back to the net loss for each such period. These amounts were \$10,450,762 and (\$1,458,805) for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. For fiscal year 2023, the most significant item deducted from net income was \$348,165 related to the gain on settlement of the IGH Note; compared to \$2,740,820 for fiscal 2022. For fiscal 2023, this included adding back the loss on extinguishment of debt in the amount of \$6,659,359, impairment of investment of \$1,590,742, depreciation and amortization of \$952,133, impairment of intangible assets of \$866,288, amortization of the discount on notes payable and fees of \$801,325, bad debt expense of \$43,122, and stock-based compensation of \$656. These add-backs were partially offset by the following deductions: gain on settlement of note receivable of \$348,165; gain on settlement of legal fees of \$146,092; gain settlement of accounts payable of \$145,106, and gain on debt settlement of \$2,384.

Finally, our cash used in operating activities was affected by changes in the components of working capital. The amounts of the components of working capital fluctuate for a variety of reasons, including management's expectation of required inventory levels; the amount of accrued interest, both receivable and payable; the amount of prepaid expenses; the amount of accrued compensation and other accrued liabilities; our accounts payable and accounts receivable balances; and the capitalization of right of use assets and liabilities associated with operating leases. The overall net change in the components of working capital resulted in an increase in cash from operating activities in the amount of \$4,163,664 during the year ended May 31, 2023, compared to an increase in cash from operating activities of \$741,525 during fiscal 2022. The more significant changes for fiscal 2023 which were added back to the net loss in deriving cash used in operating activities were the accrual for taxes in the amount of \$2,220,675 as we accrued potential taxes in connection with Section 280E of the tax code; net changes in accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$650,483; accrued interest of \$534,680; inventory of \$404,670; prepaid and other current assets of \$185,916; and accounts receivable of \$143,901.

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Cash flows used by investing activities were \$108,255 for the year ended May 31, 2023, a decrease of \$1,100,510, or 111%, compared to cash flow provided by investing activities of \$992,255 during the year ended May 31, 2022. This decrease was primarily due to payments for our investment in the Quinn River Joint Venture of \$304,145, payments to acquire property, plant and equipment of \$152,275. The decrease was partially offset by our receipt of principal payments on the IGH Settlement Note in the amount of \$348,165 during the year ended May 31, 2023, compared to our receipt of \$2,740,820 during the year ended May 31, 2022.

Cash flows used by financing activities were \$1,215,324 for the year ended May 31, 2023, an increase of \$4,267,335, or 140%, compared to cash flow provided by financing activities of \$3,052,011 during the year ended May 31, 2022. This increase was primarily due to proceeds from loans payable in the amount of \$1,717,115. This increase was offset by principal payments made on loans payable in the amount \$2,356,806, principal payments on convertible notes payable in the amount of \$500,000, and principal payments on our equipment financing lease obligations of \$75,633.

### **Third Party Debt**

The table below summarizes the status of our third-party debt, excluding our short term receivables-based debt facility and reflects whether such debt remains outstanding, has been repaid, or has been converted into or exchanged for our common stock:

<b>Name of Note</b>	<b>Original Principal Amount</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Payment Details</b>
U.S. Convertible Debentures 1 and 2	\$ 2,252,229	Outstanding	Half due on December 31, 2023 and half due on December 31, 2024
Canaccord Debentures	\$ 5,253,872	Outstanding	Half due December 31, 2023 and half due December 31, 2024
Debentures 1,2,3,4,5 and 6*	\$ 2,500,000	Outstanding	Due July 10, 2024
2022 Financing Agreement	\$ 471,381	Outstanding	Due September 2023

\* The terms of the 6 Debentures provide for additional payments in the aggregate amount of not less than \$375,000 per year beginning in 2025, for five years.

#### *U.S. Convertible Debentures 1 and 2*

Between October 22, 2018 and November 2, 2018, we entered into six subscription agreements, pursuant to which we agreed to sell, \$5,857,000 in original principal amount of convertible debentures in minimum denominations of \$1,000 each for an aggregate purchase price of \$5,857,000.

Under the original terms, the debentures bear interest, payable quarterly, at a rate of 8% per annum, with capitalization of accrued interest on a quarterly basis for the first 18 months, by increasing the then-outstanding principal amount of the debentures. The debentures originally matured on a date that was three years following their issuance. The debentures were convertible into units at a conversion price of \$3.20 per unit. Each unit consists of (i) one share of our common stock, par value \$0.001 and (ii) one-half of one warrant, with each warrant exercisable for three years to purchase a share of common stock at an initial price of \$1.10. The warrants also provided that we could force their exercise at any time after the bid price of our common stock exceeds \$2.20 for a period of 20 consecutive business days. The debentures include a provision for the capitalization of accrued interest on a quarterly basis for the first 18 months. After capitalizing accrued interest in the aggregate amount of \$738,663, the aggregate principal amount of the debentures increased to \$6,595,663.

The debentures have other features, such as mandatory conversion in the event our common stock trades at a particular price over a specified period of time and required redemption in the event of a "Change in Control" of the Company. The debentures are unsecured obligations of the Company and rank *pari passu* in right of payment of principal and interest with all other unsecured obligations of the Company. The warrants have anti-dilution provisions that provide for an adjustment to the exercise price in the event of a future sale of our common stock at a lower price, subject to certain exceptions as set forth in the warrant.

On July 26, 2019, we entered into amendments to the debentures with four of the purchasers, pursuant to which we agreed to reduce the conversion price of the original debentures if, in general, we issue or sell common stock, or warrants or options exercisable for common stock, or any other securities convertible into common stock, in a capital raising transaction, at a consideration per share, or exercise or conversion price per share, as applicable, less than the conversion price of the original debentures in effect immediately prior to such issuance. In such case, the conversion price of the original debentures will be reduced to such issuance price. The amendments also provided that, if a dilutive issuance occurs, the warrant to be issued upon conversion will be exercisable at a price equal to 137.5% of the adjusted conversion price at the time of conversion of the debenture. If a dilutive issuance occurs, the form of warrant attached to the subscription agreement would be amended to change the Initial Exercise Price, as defined therein, to be the revised warrant exercise price.

On March 31, 2021, we amended the Canaccord Debentures. This Debenture Amendment (as hereafter defined) was a dilutive issuance. As a result, the conversion price of the convertible debentures was automatically reduced from \$3.20 per unit to \$1.20 per unit and the form of warrant attached to the subscription agreement will be amended to reduce the exercise price from \$4.40 per share of common stock to 137.5% of the debenture conversion price (presently \$1.65 per share of common stock).

On April 15, 2021 and April 19, 2021, we amended three of the purchasers' debentures and subscription agreements in order to (i) reduce the conversion price of the debentures from \$3.20 per unit to \$1.20 per unit, and (ii) extend the maturity date of the debentures by one year to four (4) years from the execution date of the debentures. The subscription agreements, as amended, also provide that we will file a registration statement to register for resale all of the shares of common stock issuable to these three purchasers upon conversion of the debentures and the exercise of the warrants issuable upon conversion of such debentures. Each warrant issuable pursuant to the debentures is exercisable for one share of common stock at a price equal to 137.5% of the conversion price (presently \$1.65 per share) for a period of three years from the earlier of the date of issuance of the warrant or the effectiveness of a registration statement registering the warrant shares.

On October 25, 2021, we repaid three of the debentures at maturity, which comprised \$365,991 of principal and \$2,065 of interest.

Effective September 15, 2022, we entered into agreements with the holders of two of the debentures to make the following changes to these debentures and the related subscription agreements: (i) to permit the mandatory conversion, in our discretion, of an aggregate of \$3,378,342 in principal amount plus \$56,307 in accrued interest into units at the reduced conversion price of \$0.285 per unit; (ii) to decrease the conversion price of the remaining amount due under these debentures (following the mandatory conversion) to \$0.40 per unit; (iii) to reduce the mandatory conversion VWAP provision in the debentures from \$2.40 to \$0.80; (iv) to provide for a reduced conversion price to holders of these debentures who elect to convert more than the mandatory conversion amount on or prior to September 15, 2022; (v) to change the maturity date so that half of the remaining amounts due of \$2,252,229.00 mature on December 31, 2023 and the remaining amounts due mature on December 31, 2024; (vi) to provide for the payment of interest accruing between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2024 so that one-third of the total scheduled interest is paid on December 31, 2023 and the balance of the accrued interest is paid on December 31, 2024; and (vii) subject to the receipt of regulatory approvals, to grant a security interest in certain of our assets (such as licenses, inventory (including work in process), equipment (excluding equipment subject to purchase money financing) and contract rights (excluding investments in entities other than wholly owned subsidiaries)) to the holders of these debentures and to other holders of our debt, now or in the future, as we may elect. Following execution of the amendments to these two debentures and the related subscription documents, the Company elected to affect the mandatory conversion provided for in the amended documents.

#### *Canaccord Debentures*

On December 12, 2018, we entered into an agency agreement with two Canadian agents regarding a private offering of up to \$40 million of convertible debentures of the Company at an issue price of \$1,000 per debenture (the "Canaccord Debentures"). The agents sold the convertible debentures on a commercially reasonable efforts private placement basis. Each debenture was convertible into units of the Company at the option of the holder at a conversion price of \$3.20 per unit at any time prior to the close of business on the last business day immediately preceding the maturity date of the debentures, being the date that is three (3) years from the closing date of the offering (the "2018 Convertible Debenture Offering"). Each unit will be comprised of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase one-half of a share of common stock. Each warrant was initially exercisable for one share of common stock at a price of \$4.40 per warrant for a period of 36 months from the closing date.

We closed the 2018 Convertible Debenture Offering on December 12, 2018, issuing \$12,012,000 million in 8% senior unsecured convertible debentures at the initial closing. At the closing, we paid the agents: (A)(i) a cash fee of \$354,000 for advisory services provided to us in connection with the offering; (ii) a cash commission of \$720,720, equivalent to 6.0% of the aggregate gross proceeds received at the closing of the offering; (B)(i) an aggregate of 46,094 units for advisory services; and (ii) a corporate finance fee equal to 93,844 units, which is the number of units equal to 2.5% of the aggregate gross proceeds received at the closing of the offering divided by the conversion price; and (C)(i) an aggregate of 110,625 advisory warrants; and (ii) 225,225 broker warrants, which was equal to 6.0% of the gross proceeds received at the closing of the offering divided by the conversion price. During the year ended May 31, 2020, principal in the amount of \$25,856 was converted into 8,080 shares of common stock. The debentures include a provision for the capitalization of accrued interest on a quarterly basis for the first 18 months. Accrued interest in the amount of \$1,514,006 was capitalized, and the principal amount of the debentures is \$13,500,150.

The debentures are unsecured obligations of the Company, rank *pari passu* in right of payment of principal and interest and were issued pursuant to the terms of a debenture indenture, dated December 12, 2018, between the Company and Odyssey Trust Company as the debenture trustee. The debentures bear interest at a rate of 8% per annum from the closing date, payable on the last business day of each calendar quarter.

Beginning on the date that is four (4) months plus one (1) day following the closing date, we could force the conversion of all of the principal amount of the then outstanding debentures at the conversion price on not less than 30 days' notice should the daily volume weighted average trading price, or VWAP, of our common stock be greater than \$1.20 per share for the preceding 10 consecutive trading days.

Upon a change of control of the Company, holders of the debentures have the right to require us to repurchase their debentures at a price equal to 105% of the principal amount of the debentures then outstanding plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon. The debentures also contain standard anti-dilution provisions.

On March 31, 2021, the holders of the Canaccord Debentures approved the amendment of the indenture related to the Canaccord Debentures (the "Debenture Amendment") to: (i) extend the maturity date of the Canaccord Debentures from December 12, 2021 to December 12, 2022; (ii) reduce the conversion price from \$3.20 per unit (as such term is defined in the indenture) to \$1.20 per unit; (iii) reduce the mandatory conversion VWAP threshold from \$1.20 to \$0.60 per share; and (iv) amend the definitions of "Warrant" and "Warrant Indenture" (as such terms are defined in the indenture), to reduce the exercise price of each warrant to \$1.60 per share of our common stock. Simultaneously, we amended the warrant indenture to make conforming amendments and extend the expiration date of the warrants to March 31, 2024.

Effective September 15, 2022, we entered into agreements with the holders of the Canaccord Debentures to restructure the debentures as follows: (i) \$7,931,490 in principal amount of the Canaccord Debentures plus \$132,192 in accrued interest on the Canaccord Debentures were converted into units at the reduced conversion price of US\$0.285 per unit; (ii) to decrease the conversion price of the remaining Canaccord Debentures (following the mandatory conversion) to \$0.40 per unit; (iii) to reduce the mandatory conversion VWAP provision in the Canaccord Debentures from \$2.40 to \$0.80; (iv) to provide for a reduced conversion price to holders of Canaccord Debentures who elect to convert more than the mandatory conversion amount of Canaccord Debentures on or prior to the date of the meeting of debenture holders; (v) to change the maturity date so that half of the remaining amount due of \$5,253,872 matures on December 31, 2023 and the remaining amounts due mature on December 31, 2024; (vi) to provide for the payment of interest accruing between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2024 so that one-third of the total scheduled interest is paid on December 31, 2023 and the balance of the accrued interest is paid on December 31, 2024; and (vii) to grant a security interest in certain of our assets (such as licenses, inventory (including work in process), equipment (excluding equipment subject to purchase money financing) and contract rights (excluding investments in entities other than wholly owned subsidiaries)) to the holders of the Canaccord Debentures and to other holders of debt of ours now or in the future, as we may elect, provided that we are able to secure all regulatory approvals required to make such a grant. Following the meeting, we elected to affect the mandatory conversion provided for in the amendments to the Canaccord Debentures and received an additional voluntary conversion of \$33,787 in principal and \$563 in accrued interest of the Canaccord Debentures.

If, at the time of exercise of any warrant in accordance with the warrant indenture, there is no effective registration statement under the Securities Act covering the resale by the holder of a portion of the shares of common stock to be issued upon exercise of the warrant, or the prospectus contained therein is not available for the resale of the shares of common stock by the holder under the Securities Act by reason of a blackout or suspension of use thereof, then the warrants may be exercised, in part for that portion of the shares of common stock not registered for resale by the holder under an effective registration statement or in whole in the case of the prospectus not being available for the resale of such shares of common stock, at such time by means of a “cashless exercise” in which the holder shall be entitled to receive a number of shares of common stock equal to the quotient obtained by dividing  $[(A-B) (X)]$  by (A), where: A = the last volume weighted average price, or VWAP, for the trading day immediately preceding the time of delivery of the exercise form giving rise to the applicable “cashless exercise”; B = the exercise price of the warrant; and X = the number of shares of common stock that would be issuable upon exercise of the warrant in accordance with the terms of such warrant if such exercise were by means of a cash exercise rather than a cashless exercise.

Pursuant to the agency agreement, we granted the agents an option to increase the offering by an additional \$6 million in principal amount of debentures, which option was not exercised by the agents prior to the closing date of the offering.

Pursuant to the agency agreement and the subscription agreements signed by investors in the offering, we granted certain registration rights to the holders of the debentures pursuant to which we agreed to prepare and file a registration statement with the SEC to register the resale by the original purchasers of the debentures of the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the debentures or exercise of the warrants.

#### *Debentures 1,2,3,4,5 and 6*

During November 2021, we commenced an offering of a maximum of \$5,500,000 of 2021 Debentures and warrants to purchase shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$1.65 per share in an aggregate amount equal to one-half of the aggregate purchase price for the 2021 Debentures. The proceeds of the November 2021 Debenture Offering were used to fund our investment in the Quinn River Joint Venture.

On March 9, 2022, we conducted the final closing of the November 2021 Debenture Offering. Between December 1, 2021 and January 4, 2022, we completed multiple closings of the November 2021 Debenture Offering in which we sold an aggregate of \$2,500,000 in 6 debentures and issued an aggregate of 757,576 Debenture Warrants to the investors. Debenture Number 1 was in the principal amount of \$250,000; Debenture Number 2 was in the principal amount of \$250,000; Debenture Number 3 was in the principal amount of \$500,000; Debenture Number 4 was in the principal amount of \$500,000; Debenture Number 5 was in the principal amount of \$500,000; and Debenture Number 6 was in the principal amount of \$500,000. The 6 Debentures bear interest at the rate of 15% per annum calculated on the basis of a 360-day year and mature with 50% due on dates ranging from May 31 to July 4, 2023 and the remaining 50% due all on July 10, 2024. Commencing in 2025, and for a period of 5 years thereafter, all note holders of the 6 Debentures shall receive, on an annual basis, cash payments equal to the greater of (i) 15% of the principal amount of the notes they purchased, or (ii) such purchaser’s pro rata portion of 5% of the distributions we receive for the prior fiscal year pursuant to the terms of the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement. This will result in additional payments in the aggregate amount of not less than \$375,000 per year beginning in 2025, for five years, to the 6 Debenture holders.

On May 31, 2023, the Company entered into the Amended and Restated Unsecured Debentures, the maturity dates of Original Debentures 1,3,4,5 and 6 are extended to October 31, 2024. In the case of Original Debenture 2 the Maturity Date remains the same following amendment. In the case of all but Original Debenture 2, the payment terms of the Original Debentures are amended to require the Company to make its first payment of principal and interest on June 30, 2023, followed by a quarterly payment of principal and interest on September 30, 2023. Beginning October 31, 2023, the Company is required to pay the note holders principal and interest monthly through the Maturity Date. In the case of Original Debenture 2, the terms are amended to require the Company to make its first payment of principal and interest on June 30, 2023 followed by monthly payments of principal and interest through the Maturity Date. The terms of the Original Debentures required the Company to pay accrued interest quarterly, one-half (50%) of the original principal amount on July 10, 2023, and the remaining outstanding principal and accrued interest on July 10, 2024. All other material terms of the Original Debentures, with the exception of the new payment schedules, remain the same.

*LeafLink Financing Agreement*

We maintain an accounts receivable financing agreement (the “Short Term Financing Agreement”) with LeafLink Financial whereby we can sell certain of our accounts receivable for a discount of 3%. In April 2022, the discount rate decreased to 2.5%. Loans under the facility cannot exceed an aggregate of \$1,500,000 and are payable within 30 days. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company received cash proceeds in the amount of \$650,115 from additional loans under the Short-Term Financing Agreement, made payments in the amount of \$1,738,748, and incurred fees in the amount of \$126,948. On April 26, 2023, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with the lender, at the time of the settlement agreement the Company owed \$94,175, which included principal, interest and fees associated with the loans. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement, the Company would make a final payment of \$42,786, which resulted in a gain on the settlement of \$51,389. At May 31, 2023 and 2022, the balance due under the Short Term Financing Agreement was \$0 and \$1,013,073, respectively.

*2022 Financing Agreement CBR*

Effective September 30, 2022, we entered into a Business Loan and Security Agreement with CBR Capital LLC to borrow \$900,000. The loan is repayable in 48 weekly installments in the amount of \$13,312.50 for weeks 1-8 and \$29,287.50 for weeks 9-48. CBR Capital LLC has stated that it is aware of the Canaccord Debentures and the U.S. Convertible Debentures and has agreed to subordinate the CBR security interest to these debenture holders. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company received cash proceeds in the amount of \$873,000 from the loan agreement. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company made payments in the amount of \$838,688. Of these payments \$506,014 was principal and \$332,674 was interest for the year ended May 31, 2023. At the inception of the loan, the Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$27,000 related to prepaid fees. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company amortized \$18,563 of these fees to interest expense, the balance of the discount remaining at May 31, 2023 is \$8,438. At May 31, 2023, and May 31, 2022, the balance due under the CBR Agreement was \$385,550 and \$0 net of discount, respectively.

*2022 Financing Agreement TVT*

Effective October 21, 2022, we entered into an Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Future Receipts with TVT Business Funding LLC to borrow \$200,000. The loan is repayable in future receipts until the amount of \$284,000 has been repaid. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company received cash proceeds in the amount of \$194,000 from the loan agreement. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company made payments in the amount of \$183,417. Of these payments \$112,045 was principal and \$71,372 was interest for the year ended May 31, 2023. At the inception of the loan, the Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$6,000 related to prepaid fees. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company amortized \$3,875 of these fees to interest expense, the balance of the discount remaining at May 31, 2023 is \$2,125. At May 31, 2023 and 2022, the balance due under the TVT Agreement was \$85,830 and \$0, net of discount, respectively.

**Sales of Equity**

*The Canaccord Special Warrant Offering*

On June 20, 2018, we executed an agency agreement with Canaccord Genuity Corp. and closed on a private offering of our Special Warrants for aggregate gross proceeds of CD\$13,037,859 (USD\$9,785,978). In connection therewith, we also entered into a Special Warrant Indenture and a Warrant Indenture with Odyssey Trust Company, as special warrant agent and warrant agent.

Pursuant to the offering, we issued 7,243,014 special warrants at a price of CD\$1.80 (USD\$1.36) per Special Warrant. Each Special Warrant was automatically exercised, for no additional consideration, into Units on November 30, 2018.

Each Unit consisted of one Unit Share and one warrant to purchase one share of common stock. Each warrant was to be exercisable at a price of CD\$2.60 for three years after our common stock was listed on a recognized Canadian stock exchange, subject to adjustment in certain events. The warrants expired on January 7, 2022. Because we did not receive a receipt from the applicable Canadian securities authorities for the qualifying prospectus by August 20, 2018, each Special Warrant entitled the holder to receive 1.1 Units (instead of one (1) Unit); provided, however, that any fractional entitlement to penalty units was rounded down to the nearest whole penalty unit.

In connection with the Special Warrant Offering, we paid a cash commission and other fees equal to CDS\$1,413,267 (USD\$1,060,773), a corporate finance fee equal to 362,163 Special Warrants with a fair value of USD\$1,413,300, and 579,461 Broker Warrants. Each Broker Warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one unit at a price of CD\$1.80 per unit for a period of 36 months from the date that our common stock is listed on a recognized Canadian stock exchange, subject to adjustment in certain events. Our common stock commenced trading on the Canadian Stock Exchange on January 7, 2019. During the year ended May 31, 2020, we also issued investors 760,542 Special Warrants with a fair value of \$7,142,550 as a penalty for failure to timely effect a Canadian prospectus with regard to the securities underlying the Special Warrants.

#### *The Navy Capital Investors*

Effective July 31, 2018, we entered into a subscription agreement with Navy Capital Green International, Ltd., a British Virgin Islands limited company (“Navy Capital”), pursuant to which we agreed to sell to Navy Capital, for a purchase price of \$3,000,000, 1,875,000 units (\$1.60 per unit), representing (i) 1,875,000 shares of our common stock, and (ii) three-year warrants to purchase an aggregate of 1,875,000 shares of our common stock (the “Navy Warrant Shares”) at an exercise price of \$2.40 per share of common stock (the “Navy Capital Offering”). We valued the warrants using the Black-Scholes valuation model, and allocated gross proceeds in the amount of \$1,913,992 to the common stock and \$1,086,008 to the warrants. The closing occurred on August 6, 2018. In the subscription agreement, we also agreed to file, on or before November 1, 2018, a registration statement with the SEC registering the shares of common stock and Navy Warrant Shares issued to Navy Capital. If we failed to file the registration statement on or before that date, we were required to issue to Navy Capital an additional number of units equal to ten percent (10%) of the units originally subscribed for by Navy Capital (which would include additional warrants at the original exercise price). On August 29, 2019, we filed a registration statement with the SEC which included the shares of common stock and Navy Warrant Shares issued to Navy Capital. The warrant was exercisable from time to time, in whole or in part for three years. The warrant had anti-dilution provisions that provided for an adjustment to the exercise price in the event of a future issuance or sale of common stock at a lower price, subject to certain exceptions as set forth in the warrant. The warrant also provided that it is callable at any time after the bid price of our common stock exceeds 120% of the exercise price of the warrant for a period of 20 consecutive business days. This warrant expired on July 31, 2021.

Between August 8, 2018 and August 10, 2018, we entered into five subscription agreements, pursuant to which we sold, for an aggregate purchase price of \$2,750,000, 1,718,750 units (\$1.60 per unit), representing (i) 1,718,750 shares of our common stock, and (ii) three-year warrants to purchase an aggregate of 1,718,750 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$2.40 per share of common stock. We valued the warrants using the Black-Scholes valuation model, and allocated gross proceeds in the amount of \$1,670,650 to the common stock and \$1,079,350 to the warrants. These warrants expired on August 7, 2021. The balance of the terms set forth in the subscription agreements are the same as the terms in the Navy Capital subscription agreement summarized above.

#### **Oasis Cannabis Transaction**

On December 4, 2017, we entered into the Acquisition Agreement, with Alternative Solutions for us to acquire all of the outstanding equity interests in Alternative Solutions and the Oasis LLCs. Pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement, we paid a non-refundable deposit of \$250,000 upon signing, which was followed by an additional payment of \$1,800,000 approximately 45 days thereafter and were to receive, upon receipt of applicable regulatory approvals, an initial 10% of each of the Oasis LLCs. Regulatory approvals were received and the 10% membership interests were transferred to us.

On June 27, 2018, we closed on the purchase of the remaining 90% of the membership interests in Alternative Solutions and the Oasis LLCs from the owners thereof (excluding Alternative Solutions). The closing consideration was as follows: \$5,995,543 in cash, a \$4.0 million promissory note due in December 2019, known as the Oasis Note, and \$6,000,000 in shares of our common stock. The cash payment of \$5,995,543 was less than the \$6,200,000 payment originally contemplated because the Company assumed an additional \$204,457 of liabilities.

On June 27, 2018, we closed on the purchase of the remaining 90% of the membership interests in Alternative Solutions and the Oasis LLCs from the owners thereof (excluding Alternative Solutions). The closing consideration was as follows: \$5,995,543 in cash, a \$4.0 million promissory note due in December 2019, known as the Oasis Note, and \$6,000,000 in shares of our common stock. The cash payment of \$5,995,543 was less than the \$6,200,000 payment originally contemplated because the Company assumed an additional \$204,457 of liabilities.

At the time of closing of the Acquisition Agreement, Alternative Solutions owed certain amounts to a consultant known as 4Front Advisors, which amount was in dispute. In August 2019, we made a payment to this company to settle this dispute and the Oasis Note was reduced accordingly.

The former owners of Alternative Solutions and the Oasis LLCs (other than Alternative Solutions) became entitled to a \$1,000,000 payment from us because the Oasis LLC maintained an average revenue of \$20,000 per day during the 2019 calendar year. We made a payment in the amount of \$850,000 to the sellers on May 27, 2020. We deposited the balance due to sellers of \$150,000 with an escrow agent to hold pending the outcome of a tax audit. During the year ended May 31, 2020, the State of Nevada notified the Oasis LLCs that it would be conducting a tax audit for periods both before and after the closing of the sale to CLS. In February 2021, we finalized the tax audit, used approximately \$43,000 of the escrowed amount to reimburse ourselves for the portion of the tax liability properly payable by the sellers, and returned approximately \$107,000 of the escrowed amount to the sellers.

We received final regulatory approval to own the membership interests in the Oasis LLCs on December 12, 2018. We received final regulatory approval to own our interest in the Oasis LLCs through Alternative Solutions under the revised structure of the transaction on April 26, 2022.

### **Consulting Agreements**

We periodically use the services of outside investor relations consultants. During the year ended May 31, 2016, pursuant to a consulting agreement, we agreed to issue 2,500 shares of common stock per month, valued at \$11,600 per month, to a consultant in exchange for investor relations consulting services. The consulting agreement was terminated during the first month of its term. The parties are in discussions regarding whether any shares of our common stock have been earned and it is uncertain whether any shares will be issued. As of May 31, 2023, we included 5,000 shares of common stock, valued at \$23,200 in stock payable on the accompanying balance sheets. The shares were valued based on the closing market price on the grant date.

On December 29, 2015, pursuant to a consulting agreement, we agreed to issue 6,250 shares of common stock per month, valued at \$21,250, to a consultant in exchange for investor relations consulting services. The consulting agreement was terminated during the first month of its term. The parties are in discussions regarding whether any shares of our common stock have been earned and it is uncertain whether any shares will be issued. As of May 31, 2023, we had 12,500 shares of common stock, valued at \$42,500 included in stock payable on the accompanying balance sheet. The shares were valued based on the closing market price on the grant date.

### **Going Concern**

Our financial statements were prepared using accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to a going concern, which contemplate the realization of assets and liquidation of liabilities in the normal course of business. With the exception of the first quarter of fiscal 2022, we have incurred losses from operations since inception, and have an accumulated deficit of \$108,879,446 as of May 31, 2023, compared to \$95,079,817, as of May 31, 2022. We had a working capital deficit of \$11,749,019 as of May 31, 2023, compared to a working capital deficit of \$21,228,633 at May 31, 2022. The report of our independent auditors for the year ended May 31, 2023 contained a going concern qualification. Our ability to continue as a going concern must be considered in light of the problems, expenses, and complications frequently encountered by early stage companies.

Our ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on our ability to generate sufficient cash from operations to meet our cash needs, and to borrow capital and to sell equity to re-finance our debt and support our plans to acquire operating businesses, execute on joint ventures, open processing facilities and finance ongoing operations. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in our efforts to raise additional debt or equity capital and/or that cash generated by our future operations will be adequate to meet our needs. These factors, among others, indicate that we may be unable to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that are material to investors.

## Recently Issued Accounting Standards

Accounting standards promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the “FASB”) are subject to change. Changes in such standards may have an impact on our future financial statements. The following are a summary of recent accounting developments.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-04, *Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment*, which simplifies the subsequent measurement of goodwill by eliminating Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. In computing the implied fair value of goodwill under Step 2, current U.S. GAAP requires the performance of procedures to determine the fair value at the impairment testing date of assets and liabilities (including unrecognized assets and liabilities) following the procedure that would be required in determining the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination. Instead, the amendments under this ASU require the goodwill impairment test to be performed by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. An impairment charge should be recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit’s fair value; however, the loss recognized should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit. The ASU became effective for us on January 1, 2020. The amendments in this ASU were applied on a prospective basis. During the year ended May 31, 2020, the Company recorded an impairment of goodwill in the amount of \$25,185,003 pursuant to ASU No. 2017-04.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-09, *Stock Compensation - Scope of Modification Accounting*, which provides guidance on which changes to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award require an entity to apply modification accounting. The ASU requires that an entity account for the effects of a modification unless the fair value (or calculated value or intrinsic value, if used), vesting conditions and classification (as equity or liability) of the modified award are all the same as for the original award immediately before the modification. The ASU became effective for us on January 1, 2018, and is applied to an award modified on or after the adoption date. Adoption of ASU 2017-09 did not have a material effect on the Company’s financial statements.

In July 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-11, Earnings Per Share (Topic 260), Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity (Topic 480), Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815). The amendments in Part I of this update change the classification analysis of certain equity-linked financial instruments (or embedded features) with down round features. When determining whether certain financial instruments should be classified as liabilities or equity instruments, a down round feature no longer precludes equity classification when assessing whether the instrument is indexed to an entity’s own stock. The amendments also clarify existing disclosure requirements for equity-classified instruments. As a result, a freestanding equity-linked financial instrument (or embedded conversion option) no longer would be accounted for as a derivative liability at fair value as a result of the existence of a down round feature. For freestanding equity classified financial instruments, the amendments require entities that present earnings per share (EPS) in accordance with Topic 260 to recognize the effect of the down round feature when it is triggered. That effect is treated as a dividend and as a reduction of income available to common shareholders in basic EPS. Convertible instruments with embedded conversion options that have down round features are now subject to the specialized guidance for contingent beneficial conversion features (in Subtopic 470-20, Debt—Debt with Conversion and Other Options), including related EPS guidance (in Topic 260). The amendments in Part II of this update recharacterize the indefinite deferral of certain provisions of Topic 480 that now are presented as pending content in the Codification, to a scope exception.

These amendments do not have an accounting effect. For public business entities, the amendments in Part I of this update are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted for all entities, including adoption in an interim period. If an entity early adopts the amendments in an interim period, any adjustments should be reflected as of the beginning of the fiscal year that includes that interim period.

On June 1, 2018, we adopted ASU 2017-11 and accordingly reclassified the fair value of the reset provisions embedded in convertible notes payable and certain warrants with embedded anti-dilutive provisions from liability to equity in the aggregate amount of \$1,265,751.

There are various other updates recently issued, most of which represented technical corrections to the accounting literature or application to specific industries and are not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

Management uses various estimates and assumptions in preparing our financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Accounting estimates that are the most important to the presentation of our results of operations and financial condition, and which require the greatest use of judgment by management, are designated as our critical accounting estimates. We have the following critical accounting estimates:

- Estimates and assumptions regarding the deductibility of expenses for purposes of Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code: Management evaluates the expenses of its manufacturing and retail operations and makes certain judgments regarding the deductibility of various expenses under Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code based on its interpretation of this regulation and its subjective assumptions about the categorization of these expenses.
- Estimates and assumptions used in the valuation of derivative liabilities: Management utilizes a lattice model to estimate the fair value of derivative liabilities. The model includes subjective assumptions that can materially affect the fair value estimates.
- Estimates and assumptions used in the valuation of intangible assets. In order to value our intangible assets, management prepares multi-year projections of revenue, costs of goods sold, gross margin, operating expenses, taxes and after tax margins relating to the operations associated with the intangible assets being valued. These projections are based on the estimates of management at the time they are prepared and include subjective assumptions regarding industry growth and other matters.

### **Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure about Market Risk.**

This item is not applicable as we are currently considered a smaller reporting company.

**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.**

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**



To the Board of Directors and  
Stockholders of CLS Holdings USA, Inc.

**Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of CLS Holdings USA, Inc. (the Company) as of May 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' deficit, and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended May 31, 2023, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of May 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended May 31, 2023, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Going Concern**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, the Company has suffered net losses from operations in current and prior periods and has accumulated deficiency, which raises substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans regarding those matters are discussed in Note 2. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

**Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

**Critical Audit Matters**

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that were communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

***Investments***

As discussed in the notes to the consolidated the financial statements, the Company capitalized amounts invested into the Quinn River Joint Venture as an equity method investment. The Company evaluated for impairment during the audit, noting that a full impairment on the investment asset and all related assets was determined to be necessary to record.

Auditing management's evaluation of loss on equity method investments and estimates surrounding the Company's analysis of impairment involves significant judgement.

To evaluate the appropriateness and accuracy of the assessment by management, we evaluated management's estimates of recorded losses of the investee and impairment on asset that were determined to not have future economic benefit.

/s/ M&K CPAS, PLLC

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2011.

Houston, TX

August 24, 2023

**CLS Holdings USA, Inc.**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

	May 31, 2023	May 31, 2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 998,421	\$ 2,551,859
Accounts Receivable	431,204	618,227
Inventory	3,012,932	3,417,602
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	148,953	295,869
Total current assets	4,591,510	6,883,557
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,687,146 and \$2,073,449	2,913,077	4,342,434
Right of use assets, operating leases	1,641,577	2,154,517
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$588,217 and \$473,308	209,088	1,190,285
Goodwill	557,896	557,896
Investments	-	469,575
Other assets	157,500	229,500
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,070,648</u>	<u>\$ 15,827,764</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,728,572	\$ 2,317,898
Accrued interest, current	634,594	419,206
Loans payable	471,380	1,013,073
Lease liability - operating leases, current	374,004	309,597
Lease liability - financing leases, current	86,887	71,813
Taxes Payable	6,752,457	4,531,782
Notes payable	1,439,584	-
Convertible notes payable - current	3,853,051	19,448,821
Total current liabilities	16,340,529	28,112,190
Noncurrent liabilities		
Lease liability - operating leases, non-current	1,544,283	1,893,810
Lease liability - financing leases, non-current	200,280	277,180
Notes payable, non-current, net of discount of \$902,339 and \$1,681,434	2,033,077	2,693,566
Convertible Notes payable, non-current	3,753,051	-
Total Liabilities	23,871,220	32,976,746
Commitments and contingencies	-	-
Stockholder's deficit		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 5,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued	-	-
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value; 187,500,000 shares authorized at May 31, 2023 and 2022; 72,543,141 and 32,052,021 shares issued and outstanding at May 31, 2023 and 2022	7,255	3,206
Additional paid-in capital	96,147,784	77,954,748
Common stock subscribed	65,702	70,092
Accumulated deficit	(108,879,446)	(95,079,817)
Stockholder's deficit attributable to CLS Holdings, Inc.	(12,658,705)	(17,051,771)
Non-controlling interest	(1,141,867)	(97,211)
Total stockholder's deficit	(13,800,572)	(17,148,982)
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	<u>\$ 10,070,648</u>	<u>\$ 15,827,764</u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**CLS Holdings USA, Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations**

	<u>For the Year Ended May 31, 2023</u>	<u>For the Year Ended May 31, 2022</u>
Revenue	\$ 23,133,607	\$ 22,662,895
Cost of goods sold	13,329,600	12,172,650
Gross margin	<u>9,804,007</u>	<u>10,490,245</u>
Selling, general and administrative expenses	11,107,297	11,368,100
Impairment of investment	1,590,742	-
Impairment of intangible assets	866,288	-
Total operating expenses	<u>13,564,327</u>	<u>11,368,100</u>
Operating income (loss)	(3,760,320)	(877,855)
Other (income) expense:		
Interest expense, net	2,667,004	2,149,729
Loss on extinguishment of debt	6,659,359	-
Loss on equity investment	178,674	112,139
Gain on settlement of accounts payable	(145,106)	-
Gain on litigation expense	(146,092)	-
Gain on settlement of debt	(2,384)	-
Gain on settlement of note receivable	(348,165)	(2,740,820)
Total other (income) expense	<u>8,863,290</u>	<u>(478,952)</u>
Income (Loss) before income taxes	(12,623,610)	(398,903)
Provision for income tax	<u>(2,220,675)</u>	<u>(2,041,487)</u>
Net income (loss)	(14,844,285)	(2,440,390)
Non-controlling interest	<u>1,044,656</u>	<u>97,211</u>
Net income (loss) attributable to CLS Holdings, Inc.	<u>\$ (13,799,629)</u>	<u>\$ (2,343,179)</u>
Net income (loss) per share - basic	<u>\$ (0.23)</u>	<u>\$ (0.08)</u>
Net income (loss) per share - diluted	<u>\$ (0.23)</u>	<u>\$ (0.08)</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	<u>60,655,460</u>	<u>32,032,244</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	<u>60,655,460</u>	<u>32,032,244</u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**CLS Holdings USA, Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Deficit**

	Common Stock		Additional Paid In Capital	Stock Payable	Accumulated Deficit	Non-controlling interest	Total
	Amount	Value					
Balance, May 31, 2021	31,805,354	\$ 3,182	\$ 77,570,934	\$ 65,702	\$ (92,736,638)	-	\$ (15,096,820)
Common stock issued for the conversion of debt	234,167	23	280,977	-	-	-	281,000
Common stock issued to employee	12,500	1	4,389	(4,390)	-	-	-
Common stock to be issued to employee	-	-	-	8,780	-	-	8,780
Fair value of warrants issued with debenture offering	-	-	98,448	-	-	-	98,448
Net loss for the year ended May 31, 2022	-	-	-	-	(2,343,179)	(97,211)	(2,440,390)
Balance, May 31, 2022	<u>32,052,021</u>	<u>\$ 3,206</u>	<u>\$ 77,954,748</u>	<u>\$ 70,092</u>	<u>\$ (95,079,817)</u>	<u>\$ (97,211)</u>	<u>\$ (17,148,982)</u>
Common stock issued for the conversion of debt	40,465,546	4,047	11,528,633	-	-	-	11,532,680
Rounding for reverse split	574	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common stock issued to employee	25,000	2	5,044	(4,390)	-	-	656
Loss on extinguishment of debt	-	-	6,659,359	-	-	-	6,659,359
Net loss for the year ended May 31, 2023	-	-	-	-	(13,799,629)	(1,044,656)	(14,844,285)
Balance, May 31, 2023	<u>72,543,141</u>	<u>\$ 7,255</u>	<u>\$ 96,147,784</u>	<u>\$ 65,702</u>	<u>\$ (108,879,446)</u>	<u>\$ (1,141,867)</u>	<u>\$ (13,800,572)</u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**CLS Holdings USA, Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

	<b>For the Year Ended May 31, 2023</b>	<b>For the Year Ended May 31, 2022</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net loss	\$ (14,844,285)	\$ (2,440,390)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Loss on equity investment	178,674	112,139
Amortization of debt discounts and fees	801,535	327,509
Gain on settlement of note receivable	(348,165)	(2,740,820)
Fair value of shares vested by officers	656	8,780
Impairment of investment	1,590,742	-
Impairment of intangible assets	866,288	-
Loss on extinguishment of debt	6,659,359	-
Gain on settlement of legal fees	(146,092)	-
Gain on settlement of accounts payable	(145,106)	-
Gain on debt settlement	(2,384)	-
Depreciation and amortization expense	952,133	753,740
Bad debt expense	43,122	79,847
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	143,901	64,361
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	185,916	(111,056)
Inventory	404,670	(2,189,550)
Right of use asset	353,797	324,904
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	650,483	709,273
Accrued interest	534,680	235,425
Deferred tax liability	2,220,675	2,041,487
Financing lease liability	1,407	(40,895)
Operating lease liability	(331,865)	(292,424)
Net cash used in operating activities	(229,859)	(3,157,670)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Payments to purchase property, plant and equipment	(152,275)	(1,104,806)
Investment in Quinn River	(304,145)	(581,714)
Cash paid for construction deposit on grow facility	-	(62,045)
Proceeds from collection of note receivable	348,165	2,740,820
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(108,255)	992,255
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from loan payable	1,717,115	2,322,875
Repayments of loan payable	(2,356,806)	(1,393,966)
Proceeds from debenture offering	-	2,500,000
Principal payments on notes payable	-	(365,991)
Repayments on convertible debt	(500,000)	-
Principal payments on finance leases	(75,633)	(10,907)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(1,215,324)	3,052,011
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,553,438)	886,596
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,551,859	1,665,263
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 998,421	\$ 2,551,859
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 1,476,945	\$ 1,656,774
Income taxes paid	\$ -	\$ -
<b>NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Shares issued for conversion of notes payable	\$ 11,532,680	\$ 281,000
Fair value of shares issued from stock payable	\$ 4,390	\$ -
Initial ROU asset and lease liability - operating	\$ 46,745	\$ 229,412
Original issue discount on notes payable	\$ -	\$ 1,875,000
Capitalized interest	\$ 3,283	\$ -
Initial ROU asset and lease liability – finance	\$ 12,400	\$ 400,795
Fair value of warrants issued with debenture offering	\$ -	\$ 98,448

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**CLS HOLDINGS USA, INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1 – BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS**

CLS Holdings USA, Inc. (the “Company”) was originally incorporated as Adelt Design, Inc. (“Adelt”) on March 31, 2011 to manufacture and market carpet binding art. Production and marketing of carpet binding art never commenced.

On November 12, 2014, CLS Labs acquired 10,000,000 shares, or 55.6%, of the outstanding shares of common stock of Adelt from its founder, Larry Adelt. On that date, Jeffrey Binder, the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of CLS Labs, was appointed Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. On November 20, 2014, Adelt adopted amended and restated articles of incorporation, thereby changing its name to CLS Holdings USA, Inc. Effective December 10, 2014, the Company exchanged shares of the Company’s common stock which were issued to CLS Labs in exchange for the 10,000,000 shares that it owned by virtue of the above-referenced purchase from Larry Adelt.

On April 29, 2015, the Company, CLS Labs and CLS Merger Inc., a Nevada corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of CLS Holdings (“Merger Sub”), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) and completed a merger, whereby CLS Merger Inc. merged with and into CLS Labs, with CLS Labs remaining as the surviving entity (the “Merger”). As a result of the Merger, the Company acquired the business of CLS Labs and abandoned its previous business.

The Company has been issued a U.S. patent with respect to its proprietary method of extracting cannabinoids from cannabis plants and converting the resulting cannabinoid extracts into concentrates such as oils, waxes, edibles and shatter. The Company has not commercialized its patented proprietary process or otherwise earned any revenues from it. The Company is currently exploring the sale of the patent since the product the patent produces is currently illegal in the state of Nevada.

On December 4, 2017, the Company and Alternative Solutions, entered into a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement (the “Acquisition Agreement”), as amended, for the Company to acquire the Oasis LLCs from Alternative Solutions. Pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement, the Company initially contemplated acquiring all of the membership interests in the Oasis LLCs from Alternative Solutions. Just prior to closing, the parties agreed that the Company would instead acquire all of the membership interests in Alternative Solutions, the parent of the Oasis LLCs, from its members, and the membership interests in the Oasis LLCs owned by members other than Alternative Solutions. The Company received final regulatory approval to own its interest in the Oasis LLCs through Alternative Solutions under the revised structure of the transaction on April 26, 2022.

On October 20, 2021, the Company entered into a management services agreement (the “Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement”) through its 50% owned subsidiary, Kealii Okamalu, LLC (“Kealii Okamalu”), with CSI Health MCD LLC (“CSI”) and a commission established by the authority of the Tribal Council of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe (the “Tribe”). The purpose of the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement is to establish a business (the “Quinn River Joint Venture”) to grow, cultivate, process and sell cannabis and related products. The Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement had a term of 10 years plus a 10-year renewal term from the date the first cannabis crop produced is harvested and sold. Pursuant to the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement, Kealii Okamalu leased approximately 5-10 acres of the Tribe’s land located along the Quinn River at a cost of \$3,500 per quarter and managed the design, finance and construction of a cannabis cultivation facility on such tribal lands (the “Cultivation Facility”). Kealii Okamalu also managed the ongoing operations of the Cultivation Facility and related business, including, but not limited to, cultivation of cannabis crops, personnel staffing, product packaging, testing, marketing and sales. Packaged products were branded as “Quinn River Farms.” The Company provided 10,000 square feet of warehouse space at its Las Vegas facility and had preferred vendor status including the right to purchase cannabis flower and the business’s cannabis trim at favorable prices. Kealii Okamalu was required to contribute \$6 million towards the construction of the Cultivation Facility and the working capital for the Quinn River Joint Venture. This amount was to be repaid from a portion of the net income of the Quinn River Joint Venture otherwise payable to CSI and the Tribe at the rate of \$750,000 per quarter for eight quarters. Kealii Okamalu was to receive one-third of the net profits of the Quinn River Joint Venture.

During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company evaluated the joint venture with Kealii Okamalu, in light of its partner’s failure to make its required capital contributions. Due to the breach by its partner and the decision, therefore, by the Tribal Council to terminate the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement, the Company believes it is in its best interest to impair the assets of Kealii Okamalu. This resulted in an impairment charge of \$1,590,742 which was charged to operations during the year ended May 31, 2023.

On January 4, 2018, the former Attorney General, Jeff Sessions, rescinded the memorandum issued by former Deputy Attorney General James Cole on August 29, 2013 (as amended on February 14, 2014, the “Cole Memo”), the Cole Banking Memorandum, and all other related Obama-era DOJ cannabis enforcement guidance. While the rescission did not change federal law, as the Cole Memo and other DOJ guidance documents were not themselves laws, the rescission removed the DOJ’s formal policy that state-regulated cannabis businesses in compliance with the Cole Memo guidelines should not be a prosecutorial priority. Notably, former Attorney General Sessions’ rescission of the Cole Memo has not affected the status of the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (“FinCEN”) memorandum issued by the Department of Treasury, which remains in effect. This memorandum outlines Bank Secrecy Act-compliant pathways for financial institutions to service state-sanctioned cannabis businesses, which echoed the enforcement priorities outlined in the Cole Memo. In addition to his rescission of the Cole Memo, Attorney General Sessions issued a one-page memorandum known as the “Sessions Memorandum”. The Sessions Memorandum explains the DOJ’s rationale for rescinding all past DOJ cannabis enforcement guidance, claiming that Obama-era enforcement policies are “unnecessary” due to existing general enforcement guidance adopted in the 1980s, in chapter 9.27.230 of the U.S. Attorneys’ Manual (“USAM”). The USAM enforcement priorities, like those of the Cole Memo, are based on the use of the federal government’s limited resources and include “law enforcement priorities set by the Attorney General,” the “seriousness” of the alleged crimes, the “deterrent effect of criminal prosecution,” and “the cumulative impact of particular crimes on the community.” Although the Sessions Memorandum emphasizes that cannabis is a federally illegal Schedule I controlled substance, it does not otherwise instruct U.S. Attorneys to consider the prosecution of cannabis-related offenses a DOJ priority, and in practice, most U.S. Attorneys have not changed their prosecutorial approach to date. However, due to the lack of specific direction in the Sessions Memorandum as to the priority federal prosecutors should ascribe to such cannabis activities, there can be no assurance that the federal government will not seek to prosecute cases involving cannabis businesses that are otherwise compliant with state law.

William Barr served as United States Attorney General from February 14, 2019 to December 23, 2020. The DOJ under Mr. Barr did not take a formal position on federal enforcement of laws relating to cannabis. On March 11, 2021, United States President Biden’s nominee, Merrick Garland was sworn in as the U.S. Attorney General. During his campaign, President Biden stated a policy goal to decriminalize possession of cannabis at the federal level, but he has not publicly supported the full legalization of cannabis. It is unclear what impact, if any, the new administration will have on U.S. federal government enforcement policy on cannabis. Nonetheless, there is no guarantee that the position of the Department of Justice will not change.

## **NOTE 2 – GOING CONCERN**

As shown in the accompanying financial statements, the Company has incurred net losses from operations resulting in an accumulated deficit of \$108,879,446 as of May 31, 2023. Further losses are anticipated in the development of the Company’s business raising substantial doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. The ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon the Company refinancing certain of its debt, generating profitable operations in the future and/or obtaining the necessary financing to meet its obligations and repay its liabilities arising from normal business operations when they come due. Management intends to finance operating costs over the next twelve months with the proceeds from the sale of securities, and/or revenues from operations. These financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or amounts and classification of liabilities that might result from this uncertainty.

## **NOTE 3 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### *Basis of Presentation*

These financial statements and related notes are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and are expressed in US dollars. The Company has adopted a fiscal year end of May 31st.

### *Principals of Consolidation*

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of CLS Holdings USA, Inc., and its direct and indirect wholly owned operating subsidiaries, CLS Nevada, Inc., (“CLS Nevada”), CLS Labs, Inc. (“CLS Labs”), CLS Labs Colorado, Inc. (“CLS Colorado”), CLS Massachusetts, Inc. (“CLS Massachusetts”), and Alternative Solutions, LLC (“Alternative Solutions”). Alternative Solutions is the sole owner of the following three entities (collectively, the “Oasis LLCs”): Serenity Wellness Center, LLC (“Serenity Wellness Center”); Serenity Wellness Products, LLC (“Serenity Wellness Products”); and Serenity Wellness Growers, LLC (“Serenity Wellness Growers”). All material intercompany transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation of these entities.

### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### *Reclassification*

Certain reclassifications, not affecting previously reported net income or cash flows, have been made to the previously issued financial statements to conform to the current period presentation.

### *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$998,421 and \$2,551,859 as of May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

### *Allowance for Doubtful Accounts*

The Company generates the majority of its revenues and corresponding accounts receivable from the sale of cannabis, and cannabis related products. The Company evaluates the collectability of its accounts receivable considering a combination of factors. In circumstances where it is aware of a specific customer's inability to meet its financial obligations to it, the Company records a specific reserve for bad debts against amounts due in order to reduce the net recognized receivable to the amount it reasonably believes will be collected. For all other customers, the Company recognizes reserves for bad debts based on past write-off experience and the length of time the receivables are past due. The Company had \$43,122 and \$79,847 of bad debt expense during the year ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

### *Inventory*

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using a perpetual inventory system whereby costs are determined by acquisition costs of individual items included in inventory. Market is determined based on net realizable value. Appropriate consideration is given to obsolescence, excessive levels, deterioration, and other factors in evaluating net realizable values. Our cannabis products consist of prepackaged purchased goods ready for resale, along with produced edibles and extracts developed under our production license.

### *Property, Plant, and Equipment*

Property and equipment is recorded at the lower of cost or estimated net recoverable amount, and is depreciated using the straight-line method over its estimated useful life. Property acquired in a business combination is recorded at estimated initial fair value. Property, plant, and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method based on the lesser of the estimated useful lives of the assets or the lease term based upon the following life expectancy:

	<b>Years</b>
Office equipment	3 to 5
Furniture & fixtures	3 to 7
Machinery & equipment	3 to 10
Leasehold improvements	Term of lease

Repairs and maintenance expenditures are charged to operations as incurred. Major improvements and replacements, which extend the useful life of an asset, are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining estimated useful life of the asset. When assets are retired or sold, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are eliminated and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in operations.

### *Long-Lived Assets*

The Company reviews its property and equipment and any identifiable intangibles including goodwill for impairment on an annual basis utilizing the guidance set forth in the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Board ASC 350 "Intangibles – Goodwill and Other" and ASC 360 "Property, Plant, and Equipment." At May 31, 2023, the net carrying value of goodwill on the Company's balance sheet remained at \$557,896.

### *Comprehensive Income*

ASC 220-10-15 “Reporting Comprehensive Income,” establishes standards for reporting and displaying of comprehensive income, its components and accumulated balances. Comprehensive income is defined to include all changes in equity except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners. Among other disclosures, ASC 220-10-15 requires that all items that are required to be recognized under current accounting standards as components of comprehensive income be reported in a financial statement that is displayed with the same prominence as other financial statements. The Company does not have any items of comprehensive income in any of the periods presented.

### *Non-Controlling Interests*

The Company reports “non-controlling interest in subsidiary” as a component of equity, separate from parent’s equity, on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. In addition, the Company’s Consolidated Statements of Operations includes “net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interest.” During the year ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company reported a non-controlling interest in the amount of \$1,044,656 and \$97,211, respectively, representing 50% of the loss incurred by its partially owned subsidiary Kealii Okamalu.

### *Variable Interest Entities*

The Company’s consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, its wholly owned subsidiaries and variable interest entities (“VIE”), where the Company is the primary beneficiary under the provisions of ASC 810, Consolidation (“ASC 810”). A VIE must be consolidated by its primary beneficiary when, along with its affiliates and agents, the primary beneficiary has both: (i) the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the VIE’s economic performance; and (ii) the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive the benefits of the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE. The Company reconsiders whether an entity is still a VIE only upon certain triggering events and continually assesses its consolidated VIEs to determine if it continues to be the primary beneficiary. See “Note 3 – Joint Ventures” for additional information on the Company’s VIEs.

### *Concentrations of Credit Risk*

The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts and other accounts, the balances of which at times may be uninsured or exceed federally insured limits. From time to time, some of the Company’s funds are also held by escrow agents; these funds may not be federally insured. The Company continually monitors its banking relationships and consequently has not experienced any losses in such accounts.

### *Advertising and Marketing Costs*

All costs associated with advertising and promoting products are expensed as incurred. Total recognized advertising and marketing expenses were \$613,410 and \$1,453,727 for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

### *Research and Development*

Research and development expenses are charged to operations as incurred. The Company incurred research and development costs of \$809 and \$17,361 for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

### *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

Pursuant to Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) No. 825 - *Financial Instruments*, the Company is required to estimate the fair value of all financial instruments included on its balance sheets. The carrying amounts of the Company’s cash and cash equivalents, notes receivable, convertible notes payable, accounts payable and accrued expenses, none of which is held for trading, approximate their estimated fair values due to the short-term maturities of those financial instruments.

A three-tier fair value hierarchy is used to prioritize the inputs in measuring fair value as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by market data.

### Revenue Recognition

Revenue from the sale of cannabis products is recognized by Oasis at the point of sale, at which time payment is received, the product is delivered, and the Company's performance obligation has been met. Management estimates an allowance for sales returns.

The Company also recognizes revenue from Serenity Wellness Products LLC and Serenity Wellness Growers LLC, d/b/a City Trees ("City Trees"). City Trees recognizes revenue from the sale of the following cannabis products and services to licensed dispensaries, cultivators and distributors within the State of Nevada:

- Premium organic medical cannabis sold wholesale to licensed retailers
- Recreational marijuana cannabis products sold wholesale to licensed distributors and retailers
- Extraction products such as oils and waxes derived from in-house cannabis production
- Processing and extraction services for licensed medical cannabis cultivators in Nevada
- High quality cannabis strains in the form of vegetative cuttings for sale to licensed medical cannabis cultivators in Nevada

Effective June 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASC 606 — Revenue from Contracts with Customers. Under ASC 606, the Company recognizes revenue from commercial sales of products and licensing agreements by applying the following steps: (1) identifying the contract with a customer; (2) identifying the performance obligations in the contract; (3) determining the transaction price; (4) allocating the transaction price to each performance obligation in the contract; and (5) recognizing revenue when each performance obligation is satisfied.

### Disaggregation of Revenue

The following table represents a disaggregation of revenue for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Cannabis Dispensary	\$ 14,822,577	\$ 14,869,852
Cannabis Production	8,311,030	7,793,043
	<u>\$ 23,133,607</u>	<u>\$ 22,662,895</u>

### Basic and Diluted Earnings or Loss Per Share

Basic net earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period, while fully diluted net earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock and potentially dilutive securities assumed to be outstanding during the period using the treasury stock method. Potentially dilutive securities consist of options and warrants to purchase common stock, and convertible debt. Basic and diluted net loss per share are computed based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. At May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company had the following potentially dilutive instruments outstanding: At May 31, 2023, a total of 82,135,826 shares (21,181,449 issuable upon the exercise of warrants, 20,445,756 issuable upon the conversion of convertible notes payable and accrued interest, and 17,500 in stock to be issued). At May 31, 2022, a total of 75,306,426 shares (6,451,339 issuable upon the exercise of warrants, 3,041,290 issuable upon the exercise of unit warrants, 65,693,797 issuable upon the conversion of convertible notes payable and accrued interest, and 120,000 in stock to be issued).

The Company uses the treasury stock method to calculate the impact of outstanding stock options and warrants. Stock options and warrants for which the exercise price exceeds the average market price over the period have an anti-dilutive effect on earnings per common share and, accordingly, are excluded from the calculations.

A net loss causes all outstanding stock options and warrants to be anti-dilutive. As a result, the basic and dilutive losses per common share are the same for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022. For the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company excluded from the calculation of fully diluted earnings per share the following instruments which were anti-dilutive: shares issuable pursuant to the conversion of notes payable and accrued interest, shares issuable pursuant to the exercise of stock options and warrants, and 17,500 shares of common stock issuable.

*Income Taxes*

The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method in accordance with ASC 740. The Company recognizes deferred tax liabilities and assets for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns. Under this method, deferred tax liabilities and assets are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The components of the deferred tax assets and liabilities are classified as current and non-current based on their characteristics. A valuation allowance is provided for certain deferred tax assets if it is more likely than not that the Company will not realize tax assets through future operations.

Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, prohibits businesses from deducting certain expenses associated with trafficking controlled substances (within the meaning of Schedule I and II of the Controlled Substances Act). The IRS has invoked Section 280E in tax audits against various cannabis businesses in the U.S. that are permitted under applicable state laws. Although the IRS has issued a clarification allowing the deduction of certain expenses, the bulk of operating costs and general administrative costs are generally not permitted to be deducted. The operations of certain of the Company's subsidiaries are subject to Section 280E. This results in permanent differences between ordinary and necessary business expenses deemed non-deductible under IRC Section 280E. Therefore, the effective tax rate can be highly variable and may not necessarily correlate with pre-tax income or loss.

*Commitments and Contingencies*

Certain conditions may exist as of the date the financial statements are issued, which may result in a loss to the Company but which will only be resolved when one or more future events occur or fail to occur. The Company's management and its legal counsel assess such contingent liabilities, and such assessment inherently involves an exercise of judgment. In assessing loss contingencies related to legal proceedings that are pending against the Company or unasserted claims that may result in such proceedings, the Company's legal counsel evaluates the perceived merits of any legal proceedings or unasserted claims brought to such legal counsel's attention as well as the perceived merits of the amount of relief sought or expected to be sought therein.

If the assessment of a contingency indicates that it is probable that a material loss has been incurred and the amount of the liability can be estimated, then the estimated liability would be accrued in the Company's financial statements. If the assessment indicates that a potentially material loss contingency is not probable, but is reasonably possible, or is probable but cannot be estimated, then the nature of the contingent liability, together with an estimate of the range of possible loss if determinable and material, would be disclosed.

Loss contingencies considered remote are generally not disclosed unless they involve guarantees, in which case the nature of the guarantee would be disclosed.

*Recent Accounting Pronouncements*

There are various other updates recently issued, most of which represented technical corrections to the accounting literature or application to specific industries and are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**NOTE 4 – JOINT VENTURE AND OPTIONS TRANSACTION***Quinn River Joint Venture*

On October 20, 2021, the Company entered into a management services agreement (the “Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement”) through its 50% owned subsidiary, Kealii Okamalu, with CSI Health MCD LLC (“CSI”) and a commission established by the authority of the Tribal Council of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe (“Tribe”). The purpose of the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement was to establish a business (the “Quinn River Joint Venture”) to grow, cultivate, process, and sell cannabis and related products. The Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement had an initial term of 10 years plus a 10-year renewal option from the date the first cannabis crop produced is harvested and sold. Pursuant to the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement, Kealii Okamalu leased approximately 5-10 acres of the Tribe’s land located along the Quinn River at a cost of \$3,500 per quarter and managed the design, finance and construction of a cannabis cultivation facility on such tribal lands (“the Cultivation Facility”). Kealii Okamalu managed the ongoing operations of the Cultivation Facility and related business, including, but not limited to, cultivation of cannabis crops, personnel staffing, product packaging, testing, marketing and sales. Packaged products were branded as “Quinn River Farms.” The Company provided 10,000 square feet of warehouse space at its Las Vegas facility and had preferred vendor status including the right to purchase cannabis flower and the business’s cannabis trim at favorable prices. Kealii Okamalu was required to contribute \$6 million towards the construction of the Cultivation Facility and the working capital for the Quinn River Joint Venture. This amount was to be repaid from the portion of the net profits of the Quinn River Joint Venture otherwise payable to CSI and the Tribe at the rate of \$750,000 per quarter for eight quarters. Kealii Okamalu was to receive one-third of the net profits of the Quinn River Joint Venture after being repaid its initial contribution.

The Company is the manager of and holds a 50% ownership interest in Kealii Okamalu. Kealii Okamalu is a VIE which the Company consolidates. The Quinn River Joint Venture is not a legal entity but rather a business operated by Kealii Okamalu. The Company uses the equity method of accounting to record one-third of the profit or loss generated by the Quinn River Joint Venture, which accrues to Kealii Okamalu. Since the Company is a 50% owner of Kealii Okamalu, 50% of the profit or loss of Kealii Okamalu is recorded as minority interest in the Company’s statement of operations.

During the year ended May 31, 2022, Kealii Okamalu made cash investments in the aggregate amount of \$581,714 in the Quinn River Joint Venture. The Company also purchased \$949,939 of fixed assets for use by the Quinn River Joint Venture which are on the balance sheet of Kealii Okamalu. During the year ended May 31, 2022, the Quinn River Joint Venture recorded a loss in the amount of \$336,416. One-third of this amount, or \$112,139, was charged to the financial statements of Kealii Okamalu and recorded as a loss on equity investment in the Company’s financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2022, reducing the Company’s equity investment in the Quinn River Joint Venture from \$581,714 to \$469,575 at May 31, 2022.

During the year ended May 31, 2023, Kealii Okamalu made cash investments in the aggregate amount of \$304,145 in the Quinn River Joint Venture. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Quinn River Joint Venture recorded a loss in the amount of \$536,022. One-third of this amount, or \$178,674, was charged to the financial statements of Kealii Okamalu and recorded as a loss on equity investment in the Company’s financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2023. The Company additional cash investments, less the loss on the joint venture for the year ended May 31, 2023 resulted in a net increase in the Company’s equity investment in the Quinn River Joint Venture from \$469,575 to \$595,046 at May 31, 2023.

The Company’s partner in Kealii Okamalu LLC has defaulted on the LLC Operating Agreement and the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement by failing to make any of its required \$3 million capital contribution. As a result of the default by the Company’s partner in Kealii Okamalu LLC, the Tribal Council has formally terminated the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement. Prior to the termination, the Company removed all of its assets from the tribal land and all of the assets owned by Kealii Okamalu. Although the Company and the Tribal Council have worked over the last few months to explore a new 50/50 partnership with the Tribe, the Company has elected not to continue to pursue an agreement since the economic benefits of doing so are negligible, at best, in the current market. The Company does not believe it is likely to recover its investment in Kealii Okamalu and has recorded an impairment charge in the amount of \$1,590,742 against the following assets during the year ended May 31, 2023:

Deposits and prepaid expenses	\$	33,000
Fixed assets		756,808
Right of use assets		205,888
Equity investment in Quinn River		595,046
Total impairment	\$	<u>1,590,742</u>

Following the impairment charge the net book value of the Company’s investment in Kealii Okamalu and the Quinn River Joint Venture at May 31, 2023 is \$0.

**NOTE 5 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable was \$431,204 and \$618,227 at May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Company had bad debt expense of \$43,122 and \$79,847 during the year ended May 31, 2023 and 2022. No allowance for doubtful accounts was necessary during the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022.

**NOTE 6 – INVENTORY**

Inventory, consisting of material, overhead, labor, and manufacturing overhead, is stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market, and consists of the following:

	<b>May 31, 2023</b>	<b>May 31, 2022</b>
Raw materials	\$ 399,728	\$ 297,563
Finished goods	2,613,204	3,120,039
Total	<u>\$ 3,012,932</u>	<u>\$ 3,417,602</u>

Raw materials consist of cannabis plants and the materials that are used in our production process prior to being tested and packaged for consumption. Finished goods consist of pre-packaged materials previously purchased from other licensed cultivators and our manufactured edibles and extracts.

**NOTE 7 – PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consisted of the following at May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<b>May 31, 2023</b>	<b>May 31, 2022</b>
Deposits	\$ -	2,016
Prepaid expenses	147,953	293,853
Employee receivable	1,000	-
Total	<u>\$ 148,953</u>	<u>\$ 295,869</u>

Deposits consist of amounts paid in advance for the acquisition of property and equipment. Prepaid expenses consist primarily of annual license fees charged by the State of Nevada; these fees are paid in advance and amortized over the one-year term of the licenses.

**NOTE 8 – NOTES RECEIVABLE***IGH Note Receivable*

On October 31, 2018, in connection with an option to purchase transaction (see note 4 for details), the Company loaned \$5,000,000 pursuant to the IGH Note to IGH.

By letter dated February 26, 2020, the Company informed IGH that as a result of its breaches of the IGH Option, which remained uncured, an event of default had occurred under the IGH Note. The Company advised IGH that it was electing to cause the IGH Note to bear interest at the default rate of 15% per annum effective February 26, 2020 and to accelerate all amounts due under the Note. This dispute, including whether IGH breached the IGH Option and whether CLS was entitled to collect default interest, was in litigation.

On June 14, 2021, the parties to the IGH lawsuit entered into a confidential settlement agreement to resolve the action and the IGH Settlement Note. Pursuant to the IGH Settlement Note, IGH paid the Company \$3,000,000, \$500,000 of which was paid on or before June 21, 2021. A second payment of \$500,000 was paid on or before July 12, 2021. The remaining \$2,000,000 and accrued interest was paid in 12 equal monthly installments beginning on August 12, 2021, pursuant to the terms of the promissory note. During the year ended May 31, 2022, the Company received \$2,740,820 under the IGH Settlement Note, which included \$2,666,670 in principal and \$74,150 in accrued interest. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company received \$348,165 under the IGH Settlement Note, which included \$333,333 in principal and \$14,832 in accrued interest. As of May 31, 2023, the IGH Settlement Note had been repaid in full. The Company records amounts paid under the IGH Settlement Note as gains when payments are received.

**NOTE 9 – PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Property, plant and equipment consisted of the following at May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<b>May 31, 2023</b>	<b>May 31, 2022</b>
Office equipment	\$ 148,243	\$ 132,859
Furniture & fixtures	148,358	148,358
Machinery & equipment	2,392,458	2,447,715
Leasehold improvements	2,911,164	3,686,951
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,687,146)	(2,073,449)
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 2,913,077</u>	<u>\$ 4,342,434</u>

The Company made payments in the amounts of \$152,275 and \$1,104,806 for property and equipment during the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Depreciation expense totaled \$837,224 and \$638,835 for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company recorded an impairment of the assets of Kealii Okamalu in the amount of \$756,808. See note 4.

**NOTE 10 – RIGHT OF USE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES – OPERATING LEASES**

The Company has operating leases for offices and warehouses. The Company’s leases have remaining lease terms of 1 year to 10.5 years, some of which include options to extend.

The Company’s lease expense for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022 was entirely comprised of operating leases and amounted to \$331,875 and \$515,457, respectively. The Company’s right of use (“ROU”) asset amortization for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$353,797 and \$324,904, respectively. The difference between the lease expense and the associated ROU asset amortization consists of interest.

The Company has recorded total right of use assets of \$4,159,621 and liabilities in the amount of \$4,116,221 through May 31, 2023, resulting in gains in the amount of \$28,511 during the year ended May 31, 2020 and \$14,899 during the year ended May 31, 2021. During the year ended May 31, 2020, the Company entered into agreements to amend certain of its operating leases. The lease of the dispensary and administrative offices at 1800 Industrial Road was extended from June 30, 2023 to February 28, 2030, and the lease of the offices at 1718 Industrial Road was extended from August 31, 2020 to August 31, 2022. During the year ended May 31, 2021, the Company entered into an agreement to extend the lease of its cultivation and processing facility at 203 E. Mayflower Avenue through February 28, 2030.

On May 17, 2022, pursuant to the Quinn River Joint Venture Agreement (see note 4), the Company, through CLS Nevada, Inc., entered into an agreement (the “Quinn River Lease”) to use approximately 20 acres of land for purposes of building and operating a facility to grow cannabis. The lease has a term of 9 years, with two-year renewal options. Rent is \$3,500 per quarter. The initial amount of the right to use asset and operating lease liability under the Quinn River Lease was \$221,469. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company recorded an impairment of the right of use asset under the Quinn River Lease in the amount of \$205,888. See note 4.

Right to use assets – operating leases are summarized below:

	<b>May 31, 2023</b>
Amount at inception of leases	\$ 4,159,621
Amount amortized	(2,312,156)
Impairment of Quinn River Lease	(205,888)
Balance – May 31, 2023	<u>\$ 1,641,577</u>
Warehouse and offices	\$ 1,635,285
Office equipment	6,292
Balance – May 31, 2023	<u>\$ 1,641,577</u>

Operating lease liabilities are summarized below:

Amount at inception of leases	\$ 4,116,221
Amount amortized	(2,197,934)
Balance – May 31, 2023	<u>\$ 1,918,287</u>
Lease liability	\$ 1,918,287
Less: current portion	(374,004)
Lease liability, non-current	<u>\$ 1,544,283</u>

Maturity analysis under these lease agreements is as follows:

Twelve months ended May 31, 2024	\$ 528,100
Twelve months ended May 31, 2025	520,281
Twelve months ended May 31, 2026	451,671
Twelve months ended May 31, 2027	227,053
Twelve months ended May 31, 2028	232,001
Thereafter	509,752
Total	<u>\$ 2,468,858</u>
Less: Present value discount	(550,571)
Lease liability	<u>\$ 1,918,287</u>

**NOTE 11 – INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Intangible assets consisted of the following at May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<b>May 31, 2023</b>			
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Impairment</b>	<b>Net</b>
Intellectual Property	\$ 319,600	\$ (157,137)	\$ (162,463)	\$ -
License & Customer Relations	990,000	(243,375)	(663,667)	82,958
Tradenames - Trademarks	301,000	(147,992)	(40,158)	112,850
Non-compete Agreements	27,000	(27,000)	-	-
Domain Names	25,993	(12,713)	-	13,280
Total	<u>\$ 1,663,593</u>	<u>\$ (588,217)</u>	<u>\$ (866,288)</u>	<u>\$ 209,088</u>
	<b>May 31, 2022</b>			
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Impairment</b>	<b>Net</b>
Intellectual Property	\$ 319,600	\$ (125,177)	-	\$ 194,423
License & Customer Relations	990,000	(193,875)	-	796,125
Tradenames - Trademarks	301,000	(117,892)	-	183,108
Non-compete Agreements	27,000	(27,000)	-	-
Domain Names	25,993	(9,364)	-	16,629
Total	<u>\$ 1,663,593</u>	<u>\$ (473,308)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,190,285</u>

Total amortization expense charged to operations for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$114,909 and \$114,905, respectively. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company recorded an impairment charge in the amount of \$866,288 in connection with intangible assets acquired in the Company's purchase of the membership interests of Alternative Solutions on June 27, 2018.

Amount to be amortized during the twelve months ended May 31,

2024	\$	31,036
2025		31,036
2026		31,036
2027		30,972
2028		27,700
Thereafter		57,308
	<u>\$</u>	<u>209,088</u>

**NOTE 12 – GOODWILL**

Goodwill in the amount of \$557,896 is carried on the Company's balance sheet at May 31, 2023 and 2022 in connection with the acquisition of Alternative Solutions on June 27, 2018.

*Goodwill Impairment Test*

The Company assessed its intangible assets as of May 31, 2022 and 2021 for purposes of determining if an impairment existed as set forth in ASC 350 – Intangibles – Goodwill and Other and ASC 360 – Property Plant and Equipment. Pursuant to ASC 360, the Company determined that the fair value of its intangible assets exceeded the carrying value of goodwill at May 31, 2023 and 2022. As a result, no impairment was recorded. At May 31, 2023 and 2022, the net amount of goodwill on the Company's balance sheet was \$557,896.

**NOTE 13 – OTHER ASSETS**

Other assets included the following as of May 31, 2023 and May 31, 2022:

	<b>May 31, 2023</b>	<b>May 31, 2022</b>
Security deposits	157,500	229,500
	<u>\$ 157,500</u>	<u>\$ 229,500</u>

During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company recorded an impairment charge in the amount of \$30,000 in connection with a construction deposit held by our 50% owned subsidiary Kealii Okamalu. See note 4.

**NOTE 14 – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities consisted of the following at May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<b>May 31, 2023</b>	<b>May 31, 2022</b>
Trade accounts payable	\$ 1,793,585	\$ 1,414,074
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	311,505	323,254
Accrued liabilities	623,482	580,570
Total	<u>\$ 2,728,572</u>	<u>\$ 2,317,898</u>

During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company entered into settlement agreements with three vendors to settle \$231,261 in outstanding accounts payable. The Company agreed to pay \$137,544 to the three vendors, which resulted in a gain on the settlement of accounts payable in the amount of \$93,717 for the year ended May 31, 2023.

During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company entered into a settlement agreement for the legal fees that were in dispute in the amount of \$248,031. The Company entered into a settlement agreement where the Company will pay \$100,000, in six monthly installments of \$16,666 beginning on June 1, 2023. This resulted in a gain on the settlement of legal fees in the amount of \$149,092 for the year ended May 31, 2023. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company had made on payment on this settlement agreement in the amount of \$16,666; the remaining balance due at May 31, 2023 was \$83,334.

#### **NOTE 15 – LOANS PAYABLE**

##### Leaflink Financing Agreement

The Company is a party to an accounts receivable financing agreement with a lender (the “Short Term Financing Agreement”) for two of its subsidiaries. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company received cash proceeds in the amount of \$650,115 from additional loans under the Short-Term Financing Agreement, made payments in the amount of \$1,738,748, and incurred fees in the amount of \$126,948. On April 26, 2023, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with the lender, at the time of the settlement agreement the Company owed \$94,175, which included principal, interest and fees associated with the loans. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement, the Company would make a final payment of \$42,786, which resulted in a gain on the settlement of \$51,389. At May 31, 2023 and 2022, the balance due under the Short Term Financing Agreement was \$0 and \$1,013,073, respectively.

##### 2022 Financing Agreement CBR

Effective September 30, 2022, we entered into a Business Loan and Security Agreement with CBR Capital LLC to borrow \$900,000. The loan is repayable in 48 weekly installments in the amount of \$13,312.50 for weeks 1-8 and \$29,287.50 for weeks 9-48. CBR Capital LLC has stated that it is aware of the Canaccord Debentures and the U.S. Convertible Debentures and will agree to subordinate the CBR security interest to these debenture holders.

During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company received cash proceeds in the amount of \$873,000 from the loan agreement. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company made payments in the amount of \$838,688. Of these payments \$506,014 was principal and \$332,674 was interest for the year ended May 31, 2023. At the inception of the loan, the Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$27,000 related to prepaid fees. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company amortized \$18,563 of these fees to interest expense, the balance of the discount remaining at May 31, 2023 is \$8,438. At May 31, 2023, and May 31, 2022, the balance due under the CBR Agreement was \$385,550 and \$0 net of discount, respectively.

##### 2022 Financing Agreement TVT

Effective October 21, 2022, we entered into a Purchase and Sale of Future Receipts Agreement with TVT Business Funding LLC to borrow \$200,000. The loan is repayable in 48 weekly installments in the amount of \$5,916.67.

During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company received cash proceeds in the amount of \$194,000 from the loan agreement. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company made payments in the amount of \$183,417. Of these payments \$112,045 was principal and \$71,372 was interest for the year ended May 31, 2023. At the inception of the loan, the Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$6,000 related to prepaid fees. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company amortized \$3,875 of these fees to interest expense, the balance of the discount remaining at May 31, 2023 is \$2,125. At May 31, 2023 and 2022, the balance due under the TVT Agreement was \$85,830 and \$0, net of discount, respectively.

**NOTE 16 – NOTES PAYABLE AND CONVERTIBLE NOTES PAYABLE**

*Convertible Notes Payable*

	May 31, 2023	May 31, 2022
<p>Convertible debenture in the principal amount of \$4,000,000 (the “U.S. Convertible Debenture 1”) dated October 31, 2018, which bears interest, payable quarterly, at a rate of 8% per annum, with interest during the first eighteen months following issuance being payable by increasing the then-outstanding principal amount of the U.S. Convertible Debenture 1. The U.S. Convertible Debenture 1 was to mature on a date that was three years following issuance. The U.S. Convertible Debenture 1 was convertible into units (the “Convertible Debenture Units”) at a conversion price of \$3.20 per Convertible Debenture Unit. Each Convertible Debenture Unit consisted of (i) one share of the Company’s common stock, and (ii) one-half of one warrant, with each warrant exercisable for three years to purchase a share of common stock at a price of \$4.40. On July 26, 2019, U.S. Convertible Debenture 1 was amended such that, should the Company issue or sell common stock or equity securities convertible into common stock at a price less than the conversion price of the U.S. Convertible Debenture 1, the conversion price of U.S. Convertible Debenture 1 would be reduced to such issuance price, and the exercise price of the warrant Issuable in connection with U.S. Convertible Debenture 1 would be exercisable at a price equal to 137.5% of the adjusted conversion price at the time of conversion. The U.S. Convertible Debenture 1 has other features, such as mandatory conversion in the event the common stock trades at a particular price over a specified period of time and required redemption in the event of a “Change in Control” of the Company. The U.S. Convertible Debenture 1 is an unsecured obligation of the Company and ranks pari passu in right of payment of principal and interest with all other unsecured obligations of the Company. The Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$3,254,896 on the U.S. Convertible Debenture 1. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company accrued interest in the amounts of \$207,205 and \$360,357 on the U.S. Convertible Debenture 1, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company made interest payments in the amounts of \$90,089 and \$360,357, respectively. On April 15, 2021, the U.S. Convertible Debenture 1 was amended as follows: (i) the conversion price of the debenture was reduced to \$1.20 per unit; and (ii) the maturity date was extended from October 31, 2021 to October 31, 2022. This amendment was accounted for as an extinguishment of debt, and the Company recorded a loss in the amount of \$2,038,803 during the year ended May 31, 2021 in connection with the amendment. On September 15, 2022, the U.S. Convertible Debenture 1 was further amended as follows: (i) the conversion price of debentures with a principal amount of \$2,702,674 was reduced to \$0.285 per unit, and these debentures along with accrued interest in the amount of \$45,044 were converted to 9,641,118 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 4,820,560 shares of common stock; (ii) the conversion price of the remaining debentures with a principal amount of \$1,801,783 was reduced to \$0.40 per share; (iii) the maturity date of 50% of the remaining debentures with a principal amount of \$900,891.50 was extended to December 31, 2023, and the maturity date of 50% of the remaining debentures with a principal amount of \$900,891.50 was extended to December 31, 2024; and (iv) the conversion price of the warrants issuable upon conversion of the debentures was reduced to \$0.40. The value of the warrants will be determined when the issuance becomes probable, which the Company believes is unlikely to occur until the conversion price of the debentures is below the market price of the Company’s common stock. This amendment was accounted for as an extinguishment of debt, and a loss in the amount of \$1,689,368 was recorded on this transaction. The fair values of the warrants and conversion options included in the calculation of the loss on extinguishment of debt were \$894,090 and \$795,278, respectively.</p>	\$ 1,801,783	\$ 4,504,457

Convertible debenture in the principal amount of \$1,000,000 (the "U.S. Convertible Debenture 2") dated October 31, 2018, which bears interest, payable quarterly, at a rate of 8% per annum, with interest during the first eighteen months following issuance being payable by increasing the then-outstanding principal amount of the U.S. Convertible Debenture 2. The U.S. Convertible Debenture 2 was to mature on a date that was three years following issuance. The U.S. Convertible Debenture 2 was convertible into Convertible Debenture Units at a conversion price of \$3.20 per Convertible Debenture Unit. Each Convertible Debenture Unit consisted of (i) one share of the Company's common stock, and (ii) one-half of one warrant, with each warrant exercisable for three years to purchase a share of common stock at a price of \$4.40. On July 26, 2019, U.S. Convertible Debenture 2 was amended such that, should the Company issue or sell common stock or equity securities convertible into common stock at a price less than the conversion price of the U.S. convertible Debenture 2, the conversion price of U.S. Convertible Debenture 2 would be reduced to such issuance price, and the exercise price of the warrant issuable in connection with U.S. Convertible Debenture 2 would be exercisable at a price equal to 137.5% of the adjusted conversion price at the time of conversion. The U.S. Convertible Debenture 2 has other features, such as mandatory conversion in the event the common stock trades at a particular price over a specified period of time and required redemption in the event of a "Change in Control" of the Company. The U.S. Convertible Debenture 2 is an unsecured obligation of the Company and ranks pari passu in right of payment of principal and interest with all other unsecured obligations of the Company. The Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$813,724 on the U.S. Convertible Debenture 2. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company accrued interest in the amounts of \$51,801 and \$90,089 on the U.S. Convertible Debenture 2, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company made interest payments in the amounts of \$22,522 and \$90,089, respectively. On April 15, 2021, the U.S. Convertible Debenture 2 was amended as follows: (i) the conversion price of the debentures was reduced to \$1.20 per unit; and (ii) the maturity date was extended from October 31, 2021 to October 31, 2022. This amendment was accounted for as an extinguishment of debt, and the Company recorded a loss in the amount of \$509,700 during the year ended May 31, 2021. On September 15, 2022, the U.S. Convertible Debenture 2 was further amended as follows: (i) the conversion price of debentures with a principal amount of \$675,668 was reduced to \$0.285 per unit, and these debentures along with accrued interest in the amount of \$11,261 were converted to 2,410,279 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 1,205,140 shares of common stock; (ii) the conversion price of the remaining debentures with a principal amount of \$450,446 was reduced to \$0.40 per share; (iii) the maturity date of 50% of the remaining debentures with a principal amount of \$225,223 was extended to December 31, 2023, and the maturity date of 50% of the remaining debentures with a principal amount of \$225,223 was extended to December 31, 2024; and (iv) the conversion price of the warrants issuable upon conversion of the debentures was reduced to \$0.40. The value of the warrants will be determined when the issuance becomes probable, which the Company believes is unlikely to occur until the conversion price of the debentures is below the market price of the Company's common stock. This amendment was accounted for as an extinguishment of debt, and a loss in the amount of \$422,331 was recorded on this transaction. The fair values of the warrants and conversion options included in the calculation of the loss on extinguishment of debt were \$223,515 and \$198,816, respectively.

450,446

1,126,114

Convertible debenture in the principal amount of \$532,000 (the “U.S. Convertible Debenture 4”) dated October 25, 2018, which bears interest, payable quarterly, at a rate of 8% per annum, with interest during the first eighteen months following issuance being payable by increasing the then-outstanding principal amount of the U.S. Convertible Debenture 4. The U.S. Convertible Debenture 4 was to mature on a date that was three years following issuance. The U.S. Convertible Debenture 4 was convertible into Convertible Debenture Units at a conversion price of \$3.20 per Convertible Debenture Unit. Each Convertible Debenture Unit consisted of (i) one share of the Company’s common stock, and (ii) one-half of one warrant, with each warrant exercisable for three years to purchase a share of common stock at a price of \$4.40. The value of the warrants will be recorded when the issuance becomes probable. On July 26, 2019, U.S. Convertible Debenture 4 was amended such that, should the Company issue or sell common stock or equity securities convertible into common stock at a price less than the conversion price of the U.S. Convertible Debenture 4, the conversion price of U.S. Convertible Debenture 4 would be reduced to such issuance price, and the exercise price of the warrant issuable in connection with U.S. Convertible Debenture 4 would be exercisable at a price equal to 137.5% of the adjusted conversion price at the time of conversion. The U.S. Convertible Debenture 4 has other features, such as mandatory conversion in the event the common stock trades at a particular price over a specified period of time and required redemption in the event of a “Change in Control” of the Company. The U.S. Convertible Debenture 4 is an unsecured obligation of the Company and ranks pari passu in right of payment of principal and interest with all other unsecured obligations of the Company. The Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$416,653 on the U.S. Convertible Debenture 4. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company accrued interest in the amounts of \$41,900 and \$47,928 on the U.S. Convertible Debenture 4, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company made interest payments in The amounts of \$23,964 and \$47,928, respectively. On April 19, 2021, the U.S. Convertible Debenture 4 was amended as follows: (i) the conversion price of the debenture was reduced to \$1.20 per unit; and (ii) the maturity date was extended from October 25, 2021 to October 25, 2022. This amendment was accounted for as an extinguishment of debt, and the Company recorded a loss in the amount of \$271,164 during the year ended May 31, 2021. On October 25, 2022, the Company received a notice of demand from the lender, placing the U.S. Convertible Debt 4 into default status. On November 1, 2022, the Company entered into a forbearance agreement with the lender (the “Forbearance Agreement”) with the following terms: (i) the Company will pay the lender the amount of \$150,000 on November 2, 2022, and an additional \$50,000 each month for the following nine months, or a total of \$600,000; (ii) the default interest rate of 12% will be applied on the existing principal balances until paid in full; (iii) lender shall forbear from taking any further action based upon the existing default. As a result of this agreement, the Company capitalized \$3,283 of accrued interest. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company made payments in the aggregate amount of \$500,000, pursuant to Forbearance Agreement. The Company recognized a gain in the amount of \$2,384 on this transaction during the year ended May 31, 2023.

100,000

599,101

Convertible debentures payable in the aggregate principal amount of \$12,012,000 (the “Canaccord Debentures”) dated December 12, 2018, which bear interest, payable quarterly, at a rate of 8% per annum, with interest during the first eighteen months following issuance being payable by increasing the then-outstanding principal amount of the Canaccord Debentures. The Canaccord Debentures were to mature on a date that was three years following issuance. The Canaccord Debentures were convertible into Convertible Debenture Units at a conversion price of \$3.20 per Convertible Debenture Unit. Each Convertible Debenture Unit consisted of (i) one share of the Company’s common stock, and (ii) one-half of one warrant, with each warrant exercisable for three years to purchase a share of common stock at a price of \$4.40. The Canaccord Debentures have other features, such as mandatory conversion in the event the common stock trades at a particular price over a specified period of time and required redemption in the event of a “Change in Control” of the Company. The Canaccord Debentures are unsecured obligations of the Company and rank pari passu in right of payment of principal and interest with all other unsecured obligations of the Company. During the three months ended November 30, 2019, in two separate transactions, principal in the aggregate amount of \$25,857 was converted into an aggregate of 8,081 shares of the Company’s common stock, and warrants to purchase 4,040 shares of common stock. There were no gains or losses recorded on these conversions because they were done in accordance with the terms of the original agreement. No discount was recorded for the fair value of the warrants issued. Because the market price of the Company’s common stock was less than the conversion price on the date of issuance of the Canaccord Debentures, a discount was not recorded on the Canaccord Debentures. During the years months ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company accrued interest in the amounts of \$606,166 and \$1,058,531 on the Canaccord Debentures, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company made interest payments in the amounts of \$264,383 and \$1,057,532, respectively. On March 31, 2021, the Canaccord Debentures were amended as follows: (i) the conversion price of the debentures was reduced to \$1.20 per unit; (ii) the maturity date was extended from December 12, 2021 to December 12, 2022; (iii) the mandatory conversion threshold was reduced from a daily volume weighted average trading price of greater than \$4.80 per share to \$2.40 per share for the preceding ten consecutive trading days; and (iv) the exercise price of the warrants issuable upon conversion was reduced from \$4.40 to \$1.60 and the expiration of the warrants extended until March 31, 2024. This amendment was accounted for as an extinguishment of debt, and the Company recorded a loss in the amount of \$3,286,012 during the year ended May 31, 2021. During the year ended May 31, 2022, principal in the aggregate amount of \$281,000 was converted into an aggregate of 234,167 shares of the Company’s common stock, and warrants to purchase 117,084 shares of common stock. There were no gains or losses recorded on these conversions because they were done in accordance with the terms of the original agreement. On September 15, 2022, the Canaccord Debentures were further amended as follows: (i) the conversion price of debentures with a principal amount of \$7,965,278 was reduced to \$0.285 per unit, and these debentures along with accrued interest in the amount of \$132,755 were converted to 28,414,149 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 14,207,075 shares of common stock; (ii) the conversion price of the remaining debentures with a principal amount of \$52,53,873 was reduced to \$0.40 per share; (iii) the maturity date of 50% of the remaining debentures with a principal amount of \$2,626,936.50 was extended to December 31, 2023, and the maturity date of 50% of the remaining debentures with a principal amount of \$2,626,936.50 was extended to December 31, 2024; and (iv) the conversion price of the warrants issuable upon conversion of the debentures was reduced to \$0.40. The value of the warrants will be determined when the issuance becomes probable, which the Company believes is unlikely to occur until the conversion price of the debentures is below the market price of the Company’s common stock. This amendment was accounted for as an extinguishment of debt, and a loss in the amount of \$4,547,660 was recorded on this transaction. The fair values of the warrants and conversion options included in the calculation of the loss on extinguishment of debt were \$2,623,852 and \$1,923,808, respectively.

	5,253,873	13,219,149
Convertible Notes Payable	<u>\$ 7,606,102</u>	<u>\$ 19,448,821</u>
	<b>May 31, 2023</b>	<b>May 31, 2022</b>
Total – Convertible Notes Payable, Net of Discounts, Current Portion	\$ 3,853,051	\$ 19,448,821
Total – Convertible Notes Payable, Net of Discounts, Long-term Portion	\$ 3,753,051	\$ -
	<b>May 31, 2023</b>	<b>May 31, 2022</b>
Discounts on notes payable amortized to interest expense – years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively	\$ -	\$ 35,496

**NOTE 17 – NOTES PAYABLE**

	May 31, 2023	May 31, 2022
<p>Debenture in the principal amount of \$250,000 (the “Debenture 1”) dated December 1, 2021, which bears interest, payable quarterly commencing six months after issuance, at a rate of 15% per annum. Principal on Debenture 1 is due in two equal installments 18 months after issuance and at maturity on July 10, 2024. With the Debenture, the purchaser received warrants to purchase 75,758 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.65 per share of common stock. The Company shall make additional quarterly payments under Debenture 1 beginning 90 days after the end of its first fiscal quarter after January 10, 2025, and for the next five years, on an annual basis, equal to the greater of (a) 15% of the original principal amount, or (b) the purchaser’s pro rata portion of 5% of the distributions the Company receives as a result of the Quinn River Joint Venture during the prior fiscal year. The Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$17,223 on Debenture 1. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, \$6,667 and \$3,334 of this discount was charged to operations, respectively. The Company recorded an original issue discount in the amount of \$187,500 on Debenture 1. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, \$72,581 and \$36,290 of this original issue discount was charged to operations, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company accrued interest in the amounts of \$37,500 and \$18,750 on Debenture 1, respectively. During they years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company made interest payments in the amounts of \$50,000 and \$0, respectively. On May 31, 2023, the Debenture 1 was amended as follows: (1) the maturity date was extended to October 31, 2024; (2) the first payment of principal and interest on June 30, 2023, followed by quarterly payment of principal and interest on September 30, 2023, beginning October 31, 2023, the Company is required to pay the note holder principal and interest monthly through the maturity date.</p>	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
<p>Debenture in the principal amount of \$250,000 (the “Debenture 2”) dated December 21, 2021, which bears interest, payable quarterly commencing six months after issuance, at a rate of 15% per annum. Principal on Debenture 2 is due in two equal installments 18 months after issuance and at maturity on July 10, 2024. With the Debenture, the purchaser received warrants to purchase 75,758 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.65 per share of common stock. The Company shall make additional quarterly payments under Debenture 2 beginning 90 days after the end of its first fiscal quarter after January 10, 2025, and for the next five years, on an annual basis, equal to the greater of (a) 15% of the original principal amount, or (b) the purchaser’s pro rata portion of 5% of the distributions the Company receives as a result of the Quinn River Joint Venture during the prior fiscal year. The Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$10,428 on Debenture 2. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, \$4,037 and \$1,682 of this discount was charged to operations, respectively. The Company recorded an original issue discount in the amount of \$187,500 on Debenture 2. During the years ended May 31, 2023, \$72,581 and \$30,242 of this original issue discount was charged to operations, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company accrued interest in the amounts of \$37,500 and \$16,563 on Debenture 2, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company made interest payments in the amounts of \$47,917 and \$0, respectively. On May 31, 2023, the Debenture 2 was amended as follows: (1) the first payment of principal and interest on June 30, 2023, followed by quarterly payment of principal and interest on September 30, 2023, beginning October 31, 2023, the Company is required to pay the note holder principal and Interest monthly through the maturity date.</p>	250,000	250,000

	May 31, 2023	May 31, 2022
<p>Debenture in the principal amount of \$500,000 (the “Debenture 3”) dated December 21, 2021, which bears interest, payable quarterly commencing six months after issuance, at a rate of 15% per annum. Principal on Debenture 3 is due in two equal installments 18 months after issuance and at maturity on July 10, 2024. With the Debenture, the purchaser received warrants to purchase 151,516 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.65 per share of common stock. The Company shall make additional quarterly payments under Debenture 3 beginning 90 days after the end of its first fiscal quarter after January 10, 2025, and for the next five years, on an annual basis, equal to the greater of (a) 15% of the original principal amount, or (b) the purchaser’s pro rata portion of 5% of the distributions the Company receives as a result of the Quinn River Joint Venture during the prior fiscal year. The Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$19,335 on Debenture 3. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, \$7,485 and \$3,118 of this discount was charged to operations, respectively. The Company recorded an original issue discount in the amount of \$375,000 on Debenture 3. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, \$145,161 and \$60,484 of this original issue discount was charged to operations, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company accrued interest in the amounts of \$75,000 and \$33,125 on Debenture 3, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company made interest payments in the amounts of \$95,625 and \$0, respectively. On May 31, 2023, the Debenture 3 was amended as follows: (1) the maturity date was extended to October 31, 2024; (2) the first payment of principal and interest on June 30, 2023, followed by quarterly payment of principal and interest on September 30, 2023, beginning October 31, 2023, the Company is required to pay the note holder principal and interest monthly through the maturity date.</p>	500,000	500,000
<p>Debenture in the principal amount of \$500,000 (the “Debenture 4”) dated January 4, 2022, which bears interest, payable quarterly commencing six months after issuance, at a rate of 15% per annum. Principal on Debenture 4 is due in two equal installments 18 months after issuance and at maturity on July 10, 2024. With the Debenture, the purchaser received warrants to purchase 151,516 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.65 per share of common stock. The Company shall make additional quarterly payments under Debenture 4 beginning 90 days after the end of its first fiscal quarter after January 10, 2025, and for the next five years, on an annual basis, equal to the greater of (a) 15% of the original principal amount, or (b) the purchaser’s pro rata portion of 5% of the distributions the Company receives as a result of the Quinn River Joint Venture during the prior fiscal year. The Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$17,154 on Debenture 4. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, \$6,862 and \$2,287 of this discount was charged to operations, respectively. The Company recorded an original issue discount in the amount of \$375,000 on Debenture 4. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, \$150,000 and \$50,000 of this original issue discount was charged to operations, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company accrued interest in the amounts of \$75,000 and \$30,417 on Debenture 4, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company made interest payments in the amounts of \$92,917 and \$0, respectively. On May 31, 2023, the Debenture 4 was amended as follows: (1) the maturity date was extended to October 31, 2024; (2) the first payment of principal and interest on June 30, 2023, followed by quarterly payment of principal and interest on September 30, 2023, beginning October 31, 2023, the Company is required to pay the note holder principal and interest monthly through the maturity date.</p>	500,000	500,000
<p>Debenture in the principal amount of \$500,000 (the “Debenture 5”) dated January 4, 2022, which bears interest, payable quarterly commencing six months after issuance, at a rate of 15% per annum. Principal on Debenture 5 is due in two equal installments 18 months after issuance and at maturity on July 10, 2024. With the Debenture, the purchaser received warrants to purchase 151,516 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.65 per share of common stock. The Company shall make additional quarterly payments under Debenture 5 beginning 90 days after the end of its first fiscal quarter after January 10, 2025, and for the next five years, on an annual basis, equal to the greater of (a) 15% of the original principal amount, or (b) the purchaser’s pro rata portion of 5% of the distributions the Company receives as a result of the Quinn River Joint Venture during the prior fiscal year. The Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$17,154 on Debenture 5. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, \$6,862 and \$2,287 of this discount was charged to operations, respectively. The Company recorded an original issue discount in the amount of \$375,000 on Debenture 5. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, \$150,000 and \$50,000 of this original issue discount was charged to operations, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company accrued interest in the amounts of \$75,000 and \$30,417 on Debenture 5, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company made interest payments in the amounts of \$92,917 and \$0, respectively. On May 31, 2023, the Debenture 5 was amended as follows: (1) the maturity date was extended to October 31, 2024; (2) the first payment of principal and interest on June 30, 2023, followed by quarterly payment of principal and interest on September 30, 2023, beginning October 31, 2023, the Company is required to pay the note holder principal and interest monthly through the maturity date.</p>	500,000	500,000

	<u>May 31, 2023</u>	<u>May 31, 2022</u>
Debt in the principal amount of \$500,000 (the “Debt 6”) dated January 4, 2022, which bears interest, payable quarterly commencing six months after issuance, at a rate of 15% per annum. Principal on Debt 6 is due in two equal installments 18 months after issuance and at maturity on July 10, 2024. With the Debt, the purchaser received warrants to purchase 151,516 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.65 per share of common stock. The Company shall make additional quarterly payments under Debt 6 beginning 90 days after the end of its first fiscal quarter after January 10, 2025, and for the next five years, on an annual basis, equal to the greater of (a) 15% of the original principal amount, or (b) the purchaser’s pro rata portion of 5% of the distributions the Company receives as a result of the Quinn River Joint Venture during the prior fiscal year. The Company recorded a discount in the amount of \$17,154 on Debt 6. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, \$6,862 and \$2,287 of this discount was charged to operations, respectively. The Company recorded an original issue discount in the amount of \$375,000 on Debt 6. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, \$150,000 and \$50,000 of this original issue discount was charged to operations, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company accrued interest in the amounts of \$75,000 and \$30,417 on Debt 6, respectively. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company made interest payments in the amounts of \$92,917 and \$0, respectively. On May 31, 2023, the Debt 6 was amended as follows: (1) the maturity date was extended to October 31, 2024; (2) the first payment of principal and interest on June 30, 2023, followed by quarterly payment of principal and interest on September 30, 2023, beginning October 31, 2023, the Company is required to pay the note holder principal and interest monthly through the maturity date.	500,000	500,000
Total	2,500,000	2,500,000
Original Issue Discount	1,875,000	1,875,000
Notes Payable, Gross	4,375,000	4,375,000
Less: Discount due to warrants	(902,339)	(1,681,434)
Notes Payable, Net of Discount	<u>3,472,661</u>	<u>2,693,566</u>
	<b>May 31, 2023</b>	<b>May 31, 2022</b>
Total – Notes Payable, Net of Discounts, Current Portion	\$ 1,439,584	\$ -
Total – Convertible Notes Payable, Net of Discounts	\$ 2,033,077	\$ 2,693,566
	<b>May 31, 2023</b>	<b>May 31, 2022</b>
Discounts on notes payable amortized to interest expense – years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively	\$ 779,096	\$ 277,017

Aggregate maturities of notes payable and convertible notes payable as of May 31, 2023 are as follows:

For the twelve months ended May 31,

2024	\$ 5,292,635
2025	4,813,467
2026	375,000
2027	375,000
2028	375,000
Thereafter	750,000
Total	<u>\$ 11,981,102</u>

**NOTE 18 – LEASE LIABILITIES – FINANCING LEASES**

	<u>May 31,</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>May 31,</u> <u>2022</u>
Financing lease obligation under a lease agreement for extraction equipment dated March 14, 2022 in the original amount of \$359,900 payable in forty-eight monthly installments of \$10,173 including interest at the rate of 15.89%. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company made principal and interest payments on this lease obligation in the amounts of \$71,813 and \$50,263, respectively. During the year ended May 31, 2022, the Company made principal and interest payments on this lease obligation in the amounts of \$10,907 and \$9,439, respectively.	\$ 277,180	\$ 348,993
Financing lease obligation under an agreement for equipment dated June 20, 2022 in the original amount of \$12,400 payable in forty-eight monthly installments of \$350 including interest at a rate of 15.78%. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company made principal and interest payments on this lease obligation in the amounts of \$639 and \$411, respectively.	\$ 9,987	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 287,167</b>	<b>\$ 348,993</b>
Current portion	\$ 86,887	\$ 71,813
Long-term maturities	200,280	277,180
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 287,167</b>	<b>\$ 348,993</b>

Aggregate maturities of lease liabilities – financing leases as of May 31, 2023 are as follows:

For the period ended May 31,

2024	\$ 86,887
2025	101,707
2026	98,573
2027	-
2028	-
Thereafter	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 287,167</b>

**NOTE 19 – STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

The Company's authorized capital stock consists of 187,500,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001, at May 31, 2023 and 2022, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share. The Company had 72,543,141 and 32,052,021 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

On September 15, 2022, the Company effected a reverse stock split of its issued and outstanding common stock ("the "Reverse Split") at a ratio of 1-for-4, whereby four shares of the Company's common stock issued and outstanding were exchanged for one share. The number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding immediately before the Reverse Split was 290,070,272; the number of shares outstanding immediately after the reverse split was 72,517,570, a decrease of 217,552,702 shares. All share and per-share information in these financial statements have been adjusted to reflect the effects of the Reverse Split. As a result of the split, an additional 574 shares were issued due to rounding. The authorized Common Stock was also reduced as a result of the Reverse Split from 750,000,000 shares to 187,500,000 shares, and the authorized preferred stock was reduced from 20,000,000 shares to 5,000,000 shares.

**Year ended May 31, 2023:**

*Common Stock and Warrants Issued upon Conversion of Notes Payable:*

On September 15, 2022, the Company issued 28,414,149 shares and three-year warrants to acquire 14,207,075 shares of common stock at a price of \$0.40 per share as a result of the mandatory conversion provided in the amendments to the Canaccord Debentures. The conversion was for the total amount of \$8,098,033, of which \$7,965,278 was principal and \$132,755 was accrued interest. (See note 16 for details). A loss in the amount of \$4,547,660 was recorded in connection with the extinguishment of the Canaccord Debentures. The fair values of the warrants and conversion options included in the calculation of the loss on extinguishment of the Canaccord Debentures were \$2,623,852 and \$1,923,808, respectively. No gain or loss was recorded on the issuance of the shares because the conversion was made pursuant to the terms of the Restructured Canaccord Debenture Agreement.

On September 15, 2022, the Company issued 12,051,397 shares and three-year warrants to acquire 6,025,700 shares of common stock at a price of \$0.40 per share as a result of the mandatory conversion provided in the amendments to the U.S. Convertible Debenture holders. The conversion was for the total amount of \$3,434,647, of which \$3,378,342 was principal and \$56,305 was accrued interest. (See note 16 for details). A loss in the amount of \$2,111,699 was recorded in connection with the extinguishment of the U.S. Convertible Debentures 1 and 2. The fair values of the warrants and conversion options included in the calculation of the loss on extinguishment of the U.S. Convertible Debentures 1 and 2 were \$1,117,606 and \$994,093, respectively. No gain or loss was recorded on the issuance of the shares because the conversion was made pursuant to the terms of the Restructured U.S. Convertible Debentures 1 and 2 Agreements.

During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company issued 12,500 shares with a fair value of \$4,390 to an officer that were previously subscribed.

During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company granted 12,500 to an officer; the fair value of these shares in the amount of \$656 was charged to operations.

*Other Warrant Transactions*

On September 15, 2022, the Company amended \$18,846,721 in outstanding debentures to reduce the conversion price of the debentures from \$1.20 per unit to \$0.40 per unit, increasing the warrants issuable upon conversion of such debentures from 3,400,652 to 6,801,298. As amended, each warrant issuable pursuant to the conversion of such debentures is exercisable for one share of the Company's common stock at a price of \$0.40 per share.

The amendments to the Canaccord Debentures and the U.S. Convertible Debenture were accounted for pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ASC 820-10-35-37, Fair Value of Financial Instruments ("FAS 820") and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 815, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ("FAS 815"). The fair values of the warrants and conversion options were determined using a lattice model based on probability-weighted scenarios and future projections. The following assumptions were used in valuing the Canaccord Debentures and the U.S. Convertible Debentures:

	<b>Valuation Date</b>	<b>Volatility</b>	<b>Risk-Free Rate</b>	<b>High-Yield Cash Rate (less RFR)</b>	<b>Stock Price</b>	<b>Term Remaining (Years)</b>
Canaccord Debentures – Pre-Mod	9/15/2022	164.5%	3.54%	11.03%	\$ 0.28	0.24
Canaccord Debentures – Post-Mod	9/15/2022	125.2%	3.57%	11.03%	\$ 0.28	2.29
U.S. Capital Debenture – Pre-Mod	9/15/2022	143.8%	3.54%	11.03%	\$ 0.28	0.13
U.S. Capital Debentures – Post-Mod	9/15/2022	125.2%	3.57%	11.03%	\$ 0.28	2.29

**Year ended May 31, 2022:**

*Common Stock and Warrants Issued upon Conversion of Notes Payable:*

On June 17, 2021, the Company issued 234,167 shares of common stock and three-year warrants to acquire 117,083 shares of common stock at a price of \$1.10 (now \$0.40 as a result of the amendment of the Canaccord Debentures) per share to Canaccord Genuity Corp., as nominee, in connection with the conversion of a portion of the Canaccord Debentures in the principal amount of \$281,000. No gain or loss was recorded on this transaction because the conversion was made pursuant to the terms of the original agreement.

On February 4, 2022, the Company granted 12,500 shares of common stock to an employee effective February 14, 2022. The Company charged the value of these shares, which was \$4,390, to common stock subscribed. Effective February 14, 2022, the Company granted an additional 12,500 shares of restricted common stock to the same officer, which vest on December 31, 2022 if the officer remains employed by the Company and charged the value of these shares, which was also \$4,390, to common stock subscribed. During the year ended May 31, 2022, the Company issued 12,500 of these shares to the officer at the same value of \$4,390. The remaining 12,500 shares had not been issued as of May 31, 2022.

*Warrants*

The Company values warrants using the Black-Scholes valuation model utilizing the following variables. On March 31, 2021, the Company reduced the conversion price of the Canaccord Debentures from \$3.20 per unit to \$1.20 per unit, increasing the warrants issuable upon conversion of the Canaccord Debentures from 2,102,100 to 5,629,094. As amended, each warrant issuable pursuant to conversion of the Canaccord Debentures is exercisable for one share of the Company's common stock at a price equal to \$1.60 per share until March 31, 2024.

In April 2021, the Company amended \$6,229,672 in outstanding debentures to reduce the conversion price of the debentures from \$3.20 per unit to \$1.20 per unit, increasing the warrants issuable upon conversion of such debentures from 973,387 to 2,595,697. As amended, each warrant issuable pursuant to conversion of such debentures is exercisable for one share of the Company's common stock at a price equal to 137.5% of the conversion price (presently \$1.65 per share) until July 14, 2024.

From December 1, 2021, through January 4, 2022, the Company issued \$2,500,000 in debentures and issued 757,576 warrants in connection with these debentures. Each warrant allows the holder to purchase one share of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$1.65 per share for three years after its date of issuance.

The following table summarizes the significant terms of warrants outstanding at May 31, 2023. This table does not include the unit warrants. See Unit Warrants section below.

Range of exercise Prices	Number of warrants Outstanding	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding Warrants	Number of warrants Exercisable	Weighted average exercise price of exercisable Warrants
\$ 0.40	20,232,775	2.30	\$ 0.40	20,232,775	\$ 0.40
1.60	191,094	2.30	1.60	191,094	1.60
1.65	757,580	1.58	1.65	757,580	1.65
	<u>21,181,449</u>	<u>2.27</u>	<u>\$ 0.46</u>	<u>21,181,449</u>	<u>\$ 0.46</u>

Transactions involving warrants are summarized as follows. This table does not include the unit warrants. See Unit Warrants section below.

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Warrants outstanding at May 31, 2021	13,499,411	\$ 2.12
Granted	874,666	\$ 1.65
Exercised	-	\$ -
Cancelled / Expired	(12,644,153)	\$ 2.09
Warrants outstanding at May 31, 2022	1,729,924	\$ 1.98
Granted	20,232,775	\$ 0.40
Exercised	-	\$ -
Cancelled / Expired	(781,250)	\$ 0.60
Warrants outstanding at May 31, 2023	<u>21,181,449</u>	<u>\$ 0.46</u>

*Unit Warrants*

In February and March 2018, in connection with the Westpark offering, the Company issued five-year warrants to purchase 51,310 of the Company's units at an exercise price of \$5.00 per unit. Each unit consists of four shares of common stock and one warrant to purchase a share of common stock for \$3.00. These warrants expired in March of 2023.

Because the unit warrants are exercisable for Common Stock and warrants, they are not included in the warrant tables above.

**NOTE 20 – FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Pursuant to Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) No. 825 - *Financial Instruments*, the Company is required to estimate the fair value of all financial instruments included on its balance sheets. The carrying amounts of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, notes receivable, convertible notes payable, accounts payable and accrued expenses, none of which is held for trading, approximate their estimated fair values due to the short-term maturities of those financial instruments.

A three-tier fair value hierarchy is used to prioritize the inputs in measuring fair value as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by market data.

The Company does not have any financial instruments that fall into any of these three categories.

The following summarizes the Company's financial liabilities that are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis at May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	May 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Liabilities				
Derivative liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

	May 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Liabilities				
Derivative liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**NOTE 21 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

As of May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company had accrued salary due to Michael Abrams, a former officer of the Company prior to his September 1, 2015 termination, in the amount of \$16,250.

On August 17, 2022, the Company granted 12,500 shares of restricted common stock to Charlene Soco, an officer of the Company, effective February 4, 2022. The shares were fully vested, and the restrictions removed, on December 31, 2022.

On May 31, 2023, the Company granted 12,500 shares of restricted stock to Jamie Dickson, an officer of the Company. These shares are fully vested.

During the three-year ended May 31, 2023, the Company made payments of \$12,000 to each of its three directors for their participation on the Board, for a total of \$36,000.

As of May, 2019 the Company entered into a monthly retainer arrangement with a company called The Workshop LLC located in Miami Florida. The Workshop LLC provided services related to marketing and advertising for the Company and its subsidiaries, including design work for marketing materials. The Workshop LLC is owned by Jordan Binder, the son of the former CEO of the Company, Jeff Binder. Jeff Binder resigned as CEO effective August 23, 2022 after serving seven years in that position. As of December 31, 2022 the retainer agreement between The Workshop LLC and the Company was ended.

**NOTE 22 – INCOME TAXES**

The Company accounts for income taxes under FASB ASC 740-10, which provides for an asset and liability approach of accounting for income taxes. Under this approach, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized based on anticipated future tax consequences, using currently enacted tax laws, attributed to temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts calculated for income tax purposes.

The components of the income tax provision include:

	<b>Year Ended May 31,</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Revenue	\$ 23,133,607	\$ 22,662,895
Directly attributable costs	(12,558,964)	(12,941,530)
Deferred	10,574,643	9,721,365
Tax rate	21%	21%
Tax expense	<u>\$ 2,220,675</u>	<u>\$ 2,041,487</u>

Note: Change in uncertain tax position with all tax expense recorded in current year due to change in estimate. No prior year net operating loss was considered.

The tax effects of the temporary differences that give rise to the Company's estimated deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	<b>Year Ended May 31,</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Federal and state statutory tax	21%	21%
Net operating loss carryforward	\$ 3,347,183	\$ 2,563,035
Valuation allowance for deferred tax assets	(3,347,183)	(2,563,035)
Deferred tax assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The total net operating loss carryforward at May 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$15,938,966 and \$12,204,928, respectively.

Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, prohibits businesses from deducting certain expenses associated with trafficking controlled substances (within the meaning of Schedule I and II of the Controlled Substances Act). The IRS has invoked Section 280E in tax audits against various cannabis businesses in the U.S. that are permitted under applicable state laws. Although the IRS has issued a clarification allowing the deduction of certain expenses, the bulk of operating costs and general administrative costs are generally not permitted to be deducted. The operations of certain of the Company's subsidiaries are subject to Section 280E. This results in permanent differences between ordinary and necessary business expenses deemed non-deductible under IRC Section 280E. Therefore, the effective tax rate can be highly variable and may not necessarily correlate with pre-tax income or loss.

**NOTE 23 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES***Legal Matters*

From time to time, we may be involved in litigation relating to claims arising out of our operations in the normal course of business. As of the date of filing of this report, there were no pending or threatened lawsuits.

*Lease Arrangements*

The Company leases several facilities for office, warehouse, and retail space. Currently lease commitments are as follows:

- A lease that commenced in February 2019 for 1,400 square feet of office space located at 1718 Industrial Road, Las Vegas, NV 89102, for a term of eighteen months, and for rent of \$1,785 per month. In June 2020, this lease was extended to August 31, 2022, with the monthly rent increasing to \$1,867 until September 2021, after which time it will be subject to annual increases of 3%. The lease was extended again on April 1, 2022, effective September 1, 2022 until August 31, 2024. The monthly rent increased on September 1, 2022 to \$2,084.
- A lease that commenced January 2018 for 1,000 square feet of storefront space plus 5,900 square feet of warehouse space located at 1800 Industrial Road, Suites 102, 160, and 180, Las Vegas, NV 89102, for a term of five years and for initial base rent of \$7,500 per month, with annual increases of 3%. In February 2020, this lease was extended to February 28, 2030 and the monthly rent was increased by \$600. At May 31, 2023, the monthly rent on this lease was \$10,385.

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- A lease that commenced in February 2019 for 2,504 square feet of office space located at 1800 Industrial Road, Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV 89102 for a term of eighteen months and for initial rent of \$3,210 per month, with annual increases of 4%. In February 2020, this lease was extended to February 28, 2030, and the lease was modified to include annual rent increases of 3%. At May 31, 2023, the monthly rent on this lease was \$3,649.
- A lease that commenced in January 2016 for 22,000 square feet of warehouse space located at 203 E. Mayflower Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89030 for a term of five years and initial rent of \$11,000 per month, which amount increased to \$29,000 per month on January 1, 2020. In June 2020, this lease was extended to February 28, 2026, and the monthly rent was amended as follows: \$25,000 for the months of April, May, and June 2020; \$22,500 for the months of March 2021 through February 2022; \$23,175 for the months of March 2022 through February 2023; 23,870 for the months of March 2023 through February 2024; \$24,586 for the months of March 2024 through February 2025; and \$25,323 for the months of March 2025 through February 2026.
- A lease that commenced on May 17, 2022 for approximately 20 acres of land for purposes of developing a cultivation facility along the Quinn River in Nevada at a cost of \$3,500 per quarter beginning on or before May 31, 2022 (the “Quinn River Land Lease”). As of May 31, 2023 the lease was terminated and will not be renewed by the parties.

In connection with the Company’s planned Colorado operations, on April 17, 2015, pursuant to an Industrial Lease Agreement (the “Lease”), CLS Labs Colorado leased 14,392 square feet of warehouse and office space (the “Leased Real Property”) in a building in Denver, Colorado where certain intended activities, including growing, extraction, conversion, assembly and packaging of cannabis and other plant materials, are permitted by and in compliance with state, city and local laws, rules, ordinances and regulations. The Lease had an initial term of seventy-two (72) months and provided CLS Labs Colorado with two options to extend the term of the lease by up to an aggregate of ten (10) additional years. In August 2017, as a result of the Company’s decision to suspend its proposed operations in Colorado, CLS Labs Colorado asked its landlord to be relieved from its obligations under the Lease, but the parties have not yet reached an agreement on how to proceed.

In August 2017, the Company’s Colorado subsidiary received a demand letter from its Colorado landlord requesting the forfeiture of the \$50,000 security deposit, \$10,000 in expenses, \$15,699 in remaining rent due under the lease agreement and \$30,000 to buy out the remaining amounts due under the lease. These expenses, which are a liability of the Company’s Colorado subsidiary, have been accrued on the balance sheet as of May 31, 2022.

### *Employment Agreements*

On March 1, 2019, the Company and Mr. Glashow entered into a two-year employment agreement and Mr. Glashow commenced serving as the Company’s President and Chief Operating Officer. Under the agreement, Mr. Glashow is entitled to receive an annual salary of \$175,000. Further, he is entitled to receive a performance bonus equal to 1% of the Company’s annual EBITDA, and annual restricted stock awards in an amount equal to 1% of the Company’s annual EBITDA. Additionally, Mr. Glashow is entitled to a one-time signing bonus of 500,000 shares of the Company’s restricted common stock, half of which vested on March 1, 2020, and half of which vested on March 1, 2021. Effective March 1, 2019, and in connection with the employment agreement, Mr. Glashow and the Company entered into a Confidentiality, Non-Compete and Proprietary Rights Agreement. Pursuant thereto, Mr. Glashow agreed (i) not to compete with us during the term of his employment and for a period of one year thereafter, (ii) not to release or disclose our confidential information, and (iii) to assign the rights to all work product to us, among other terms. On October 14, 2019, but effective October 1, 2019, the Company and Mr. Glashow entered into an amendment to his employment agreement to extend the term by one year instead of relying on the automatic one-year renewal provision in the employment agreement, and to increase Mr. Glashow’s annual base salary to \$200,000. The amendment also provides that in addition to his base salary, Mr. Glashow is entitled to receive, on an annual basis, a performance-based bonus equal to two percent (2%) of the Company’s annual EBITDA up to a maximum annual cash compensation of \$1 million including base salary, and annual stock options, exercisable at the fair market value of the Company’s common stock on the effective date of grant, in an amount equal to 2% of the Company’s EBITDA up to \$42.5 million and 4% of its annual EBITDA in excess of \$42.5 million. Additionally, the amendment provides for certain change of control provisions, including a payment of up to three years base salary and bonuses up to a maximum of \$1,000,000, if Mr. Glashow resigns or is terminated in connection with a change in control of the Company. On April 25, 2022, but effective on May 1, 2022, the Company entered into a Second Amendment to Employment Agreement with Mr. Glashow to extend the term of Mr. Glashow’s employment for two years commencing on May 1, 2022 and ending on April 30, 2024. Mr. Glashow’s base salary increased to \$250,000 effective on May 1, 2022 and he received a signing bonus of \$50,000. All other terms of Mr. Glashow’s employment agreement remain in full force and effect. Effective March 1, 2023, the Company and Mr. Glashow entered into a three-year employment agreement pursuant to which Mr. Glashow continued serving as the Company’s Chief Executive Officer and commenced serving as the Company’s Chairman of the Board. Under the Agreement, Mr. Glashow is entitled to receive an annual salary of \$325,000; a monthly amount of \$1,500 for health insurance and health related expenses; a monthly amount for home office expenses incurred; and an automobile allowance of \$1,200 monthly. Further, he is entitled to receive a performance bonus equal to 2% of the Company’s annual EBITDA up to a maximum annual cash compensation of \$1 million including Base Salary.

On June 6, 2019, Alternative Solutions and Ms. Soco entered into an employment agreement with an initial term beginning June 17, 2019, pursuant to which Ms. Soco was appointed as Assistant Controller of Alternative Solutions. Under the agreement, Ms. Soco is entitled to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. On June 6, 2019, and in connection with the employment agreement, Ms. Soco and the Company entered into a Confidentiality, Non-Compete and Proprietary Rights Agreement. Pursuant thereto, Ms. Soco agreed (i) not to compete with the Company during the term of her employment and for a period of one year thereafter, (ii) not to release or disclose the Company's confidential information, and (iii) to assign the rights to all work product to the Company, among other terms.

On October 27, 2021, Ms. Soco's employment agreement was amended to increase her annual salary to \$117,500 and extend her employment agreement review date to November 1, 2022. On February 4, 2022, Ms. Soco's employment agreement was further amended to grant Ms. Soco 12,500 shares of the Company's common stock and increase her base annual salary to \$137,500. The amendment also extended Ms. Soco's employment agreement review date to February 4, 2023. On May 19, 2022, Alternative Solutions, the Company and Ms. Soco entered into a Clarification to Second Amendment to Employment Agreement to clarify certain terms of her employment agreement, as amended, including her promotion to Controller of Alternative Solutions and then to Vice President of Finance of Alternative Solutions and CLS Nevada.

At May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company had accrued salary due to Michael Abrams, a former officer of the Company, prior to his September 1, 2015 termination, in the amount of \$16,250.

**NOTE 24 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Company has evaluated events through the date of the financial statements and has determined that there were no additional material subsequent events.

**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.**

There have been no disagreements regarding accounting and financial disclosure matters with our independent certified public accountants.

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.**

***Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

Andrew Glashow, our Chief Executive Officer, and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-151 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on the evaluation, Mr. Glashow concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are not effective in timely alerting them to material information relating to us that is required to be included in our periodic SEC filings and ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Financial Officer, or person performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure, for the following reasons:

- We do not have an independent audit committee or adequate segregation of duties;
- We do not have an independent body to oversee our internal controls over financial reporting and lack segregation of duties due to our limited resources.

We plan to rectify these weaknesses by implementing an independent board of directors and hiring additional accounting personnel once we have additional resources to do so. In January of 2023, the Company established a formal written policy for the approval, identification and authorization of related party transaction

***Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

There have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during our last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 9B. Other Information.**

None.

**Item 9C. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections.**

Not Applicable.

**PART III**

**Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.**

The information required by this Item 10 is incorporated herein by reference to the applicable information in the Proxy Statement for our 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Commission not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

**Item 11. Executive Compensation.**

The information required by this Item 11 is incorporated herein by reference to the applicable information in the Proxy Statement for our 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Commission not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

**Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.**

The information required by this Item 12 is incorporated herein by reference to the applicable information in the Proxy Statement for our 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Commission not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

**Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.**

The information required by this Item 13 is incorporated herein by reference to the applicable information in the Proxy Statement for our 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Commission not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

**Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services.**

The information required by this Item 14 is incorporated herein by reference to the applicable information in the Proxy Statement for our 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Commission not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

## PART IV

## Item 15. Exhibits

The following exhibits are included as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K by reference:

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
2.1	<a href="#">Agreement and Plan of Merger dated April 29, 2015 by and among CLS Holdings USA, Inc., CLS Merger, Inc., and CLS Labs, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 30, 2015).</a>
2.2	<a href="#">Membership Interest Purchase Agreement dated December 4, 2017 between CLS Holdings USA, Inc. and Alternative Solutions, LLC (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 7, 2017).</a>
2.3	<a href="#">First Amendment to the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement by and between CLS Holdings USA, Inc. and Alternative Solutions, LLC dated January 16, 2018 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 19, 2018).</a>
2.4	<a href="#">Second Amendment to the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement by and between CLS Holdings USA, Inc. and Alternative Solutions, LLC dated January 25, 2018 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 26, 2018).</a>
2.5	<a href="#">Third Amendment to the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement by and between CLS Holdings USA, Inc. and Alternative Solutions, LLC effective as of March 27, 2018 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 4, 2018).</a>
2.6	<a href="#">Fourth Amendment to the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement by and between CLS Holdings USA, Inc. and Alternative Solutions, LLC effective as of March 27, 2018 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.2 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 4, 2018).</a>
2.7	<a href="#">Fifth Amendment to the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement by and between CLS Holdings USA, Inc. and Alternative Solutions, LLC effective as of May 17, 2018 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 21, 2018).</a>
3.1	<a href="#">Articles of Incorporation of Adelt Design, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 in the Company's Registration Statement filed with the SEC on June 3, 2011).</a>
3.2	<a href="#">Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of CLS Holdings USA, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 1.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 26, 2014).</a>
3.3	<a href="#">Certificate of Amendment to Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of CLS Holdings USA, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.3 in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on August 25, 2022).</a>
3.4	<a href="#">Bylaws of Adelt Design, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.2 in the Company's Registration Statement filed with the SEC on June 3, 2011).</a>
3.5	<a href="#">Amended and Restated Bylaws of CLS Holdings USA, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.5 in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on August 25, 2022).</a>
3.6	<a href="#">Certificate of Designation effective July 18, 2017 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 24, 2017).</a>
3.7	<a href="#">Certificate of Change filed September 19, 2022 effective September 21, 2022 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2022).</a>
4.1	<a href="#">Form of Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 30, 2015).</a>
4.2	<a href="#">Debenture Indenture dated December 12, 2018 by and between the Company and Odyssey Trust Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 18, 2018).</a>

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- 4.2.A [Supplemental Indenture dated March 31, 2021 to Debenture Indenture dated December 12, 2018 by and between the Company and Odyssey Trust Company \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 31, 2021\).](#)
- 4.2.B [Supplemental Indenture dated September 15, 2022 to Debenture Indenture dated December 12, 2018, as supplemented on March 31, 2021, by and between the Company and Odyssey Trust Company \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2022\).](#)
- 4.3 [Warrant Indenture dated December 12, 2018 by and between the Company and Odyssey Trust Company \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.2 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 18, 2018\).](#)
- 4.3.A [Supplemental Indenture dated March 31, 2021 to Warrant Indenture dated December 12, 2018 by and between the Company and Odyssey Trust Company \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.2 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 31, 2021\).](#)
- 4.3.B [Supplemental Indenture dated September 15, 2022 to Warrant Indenture dated December 12, 2018, as supplemented on March 31, 2021, by and between the Company and Odyssey Trust Company \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.2 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2022\).](#)
- 4.4 [Description of Registrant's Securities \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.4 in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on August 25, 2022\).](#)
- 10.1 [Lease dated April 17, 2015 between Casimir-Quince, LLC, and CLS Labs Colorado, Inc. \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.5 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 30, 2015\).](#)
- 10.2 [Promissory Note dated April 17, 2015, between CLS Labs Colorado, Inc. and Picture Rock Holdings, LLC \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.11 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 30, 2015\).](#)
- 10.3 [Confidentiality, Non-Compete and Proprietary Rights Agreement dated July 16, 2014 between CLS Labs, Inc. and Raymond Keller \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.12 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 30, 2015\).](#)
- 10.4 [Form of Indemnification Agreement \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 22, 2015\).](#)
- 10.5 [Warrant to Purchase 1,875,000 shares of Common Stock issued May 14, 2018 by CLS Holdings USA, Inc. in favor of YA II PN, Ltd. \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 17, 2018\).](#)
- 10.6 [Warrant to Purchase 1,250,000 shares of Common Stock issued July 20, 2018 by CLS Holdings USA, Inc. in favor of YA II PN, Ltd \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 24, 2018\).](#)
- 10.7 [Form of Subscription Agreement and Warrant with six accredited investors for the purchase of 8% convertible debentures in the aggregate amount of \\$5,857,000 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 6, 2018\).](#)
- 10.7.A [First Amendment to Subscription Agreement dated April 15, 2021, by CLS Holdings USA, Inc. in favor of Navy Capital Green Fund, LP \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 21, 2021\).](#)
- 10.7.B [First Amendment to Subscription Agreement dated April 15, 2021, by CLS Holdings USA, Inc. in favor of Navy Capital Green Co-Invest Fund, LLC \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 21, 2021\).](#)
- 10.7.C [First Amendment to Subscription Agreement dated April 19, 2021, by CLS Holdings USA, Inc. in favor of Darling Capital, LLC \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 21, 2021\).](#)
- 10.7.D [Form of Warrant \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.7 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 21, 2021\).](#)
- 10.7.E [Form of Warrant \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.5 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2022\).](#)

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- 10.7.F [Second Amendment to Subscription Agreement dated September 15, 2021, by CLS Holdings USA, Inc. in favor of Navy Capital Green Fund, LP \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2022\).](#)
- 10.7.G [Second Amendment to Subscription Agreement dated September 15, 2021, by CLS Holdings USA, Inc. in favor of Navy Capital Green Co-Invest Fund, LP \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2022\).](#)
- 10.8 [Loan Agreement, dated October 31, 2018, by and between CLS Holdings USA, Inc. and In Good Health, Inc. \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.5 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 6, 2018\).](#)
- 10.9 [Secured Promissory Note, dated October 31, 2018, issued by In Good Health, Inc. in favor of CLS Holdings USA, Inc. \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.6 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 6, 2018\).](#)
- 10.10 [Security Agreement, dated October 31, 2018, by and between CLS Holdings USA, Inc. and In Good Health, Inc. \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.7 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 6, 2018\).](#)
- 10.11 [Agency Agreement dated December 12, 2018 by and between the Company and Canaccord Genuity Corp \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 18, 2018\).](#)
- 10.12 [Employment Agreement effective March 1, 2023 between CLS Holdings USA, Inc. and Andrew Glashow \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 7, 2023\)\(1\).](#)
- 10.13.A [Amended and Restated Convertible Debenture dated April 15, 2021, issued to Navy Capital Green Fund, LP in the principal amount of \\$1,126,114 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.4 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 21, 2021\).](#)
- 10.13.B [Amended and Restated Convertible Debenture dated April 15, 2021, issued to Navy Capital Green Co-Invest Fund, LLC in the principal amount of \\$4,504,457 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.5 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 21, 2021\).](#)
- 10.13.C [Amended and Restated Convertible Debenture dated April 19, 2021, issued to Darling Capital, LLC in the principal amount of \\$599,101 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.6 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 21, 2021\).](#)
- 10.13.D [Second Amended and Restated Convertible Debenture, dated September 15, 2022, issued to Navy Capital Green Fund, LP \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2022\).](#)
- 10.13.E [Second Amended and Restated Convertible Debenture, dated September 15, 2022, issued to Navy Capital Green Co-Invest Fund, LP \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.4 in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2022\).](#)
- 10.14 [Lease Agreement by and between 1800 Industrial, LLC and Alternative Solutions, L.L.C. dated July 6, 2014 for premises located at 1800 Industrial Road, Suites 102, 160 and 180 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.71 in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on August 29, 2018\).](#)
- 10.14.A [Lease Addendum dated June 13, 2018 to Lease Agreement by and between 1800 Industrial, L.L.C. and Alternative Solutions, L.L.C. dated July 6, 2014 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.31.A in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020 filed with the SEC on August 31, 2020\).](#)
- 10.15 [Standard Industrial/Commercial Single-Tenant Lease by and between SFC Leasing, LP and Serenity Wellness Growers, LLC dated December 3, 2015, as amended by that certain First Amendment dated January 12, 2016, and that certain Second Amendment dated August 22, 2016 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.72 in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on August 29, 2018\).](#)
- 10.15.A [Third Amendment dated June 9, 2020 to Standard Industrial/Commercial Single-Tenant Lease by and between SFC Leasing, LP and Serenity Wellness Growers, LLC dated December 3, 2015, as amended \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.30.A in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2021 filed with the SEC on August 30, 2021\).](#)

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- 10.16 [Lease Agreement by and between 1800 Industrial, LLC and CLS Nevada Inc. dated February 1, 2019 for premises located at 1800 Industrial Road, Suite 100 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.33 in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020 filed with the SEC on August 31, 2020\).](#)
- 10.17 [Lease Agreement by and between 1800 Industrial, LLC and CLS Nevada Inc. dated February 1, 2019 for premises located at 1718 Industrial Road \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.34 in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020 filed with the SEC on August 31, 2020\).](#)
- 10.18 [Lease Addendum dated February 25, 2020 to Leases dated July 6, 2014 and February 1, 2019 for or premises located at 1800 Industrial Road, Suites 100, 102, 160 and 180 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.35 in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020 filed with the SEC on August 31, 2020\).](#)
- 10.19 [Right to Use Land Agreement effective May 17, 2022 between DeWayne Brown and CLS Nevada, Inc. \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.21 in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on August 25, 2022\).](#)
- 10.20 [Secured Promissory Note, dated June 11, 2021, issued by In Good Health Inc. in favor of CLS Holdings USA, Inc. in the original principal amount of \\$3,000,000 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 in the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 17, 2021\).](#)
- 10.21 [Management Services Agreement dated October 20, 2021, by and among Kealii Okamalu, LLC, CSI Health MCD LLC, and the Fort McDermitt Cannabis Commission \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 in the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 26, 2021\).](#)
- 10.22 [Form of Debenture issued in connection with the November 2021 Debenture Offering \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.23 in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, File No. 333-264214, filed with the SEC on April 8, 2022\).](#)
- 10.22.A [Amended and Restated Unsecured Debenture dated May 31, 2023, issued to Graham Saunders in the principal amount of \\$250,000.00 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 in the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 5, 2023\).](#)
- 10.22.B [Amended and Restated Unsecured Debenture dated May 31, 2023, issued to Ian Whitmore in the principal amount of \\$250,000.00 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 in the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 5, 2023\).](#)
- 10.22.C [Amended and Restated Unsecured Debenture dated May 31, 2023, issued to Tribeca Investment Partners in the principal amount of \\$500,000.00 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 in the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 5, 2023\).](#)
- 10.22.D [Amended and Restated Unsecured Debenture dated May 31, 2023, issued to Tribeca Investment Partners in the principal amount of \\$500,000.00 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.4 in the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 5, 2023\).](#)
- 10.22.E [Amended and Restated Unsecured Debenture dated May 31, 2023, issued to Tribeca Investment Partners in the principal amount of \\$500,000.00 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.5 in the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 5, 2023\).](#)
- 10.22.F [Amended and Restated Unsecured Debenture dated May 31, 2023, issued to Navy Capital Green Fund LP in the principal amount of \\$500,000.00 \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.6 in the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 5, 2023\).](#)
- 10.23 [Form of Warrant issued in connection with the November 2021 Debenture Offering \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.24 in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, File No. 333-264214, filed with the SEC on April 8, 2022\).](#)
- 10.24 [Employment Agreement dated June 6, 2019 between Alternative Solutions, LLC and Charlene Soco \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.25 in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A, File No. 333-264214, filed with the SEC on May 23, 2022\).](#)
- 10.24.A [First Amendment dated October 27, 2021 to Employment Agreement dated June 6, 2019 between Alternative Solutions, LLC and Charlene Soco \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.25.A in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A, File No. 333-264214, filed with the SEC on May 23, 2022\).](#)
- 10.24.B [Second Amendment dated February 4, 2022 to Employment Agreement dated June 6, 2019 between Alternative Solutions, LLC and Charlene Soco \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.25.B in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A, File No. 333-264214, filed with the SEC on May 23, 2022\).](#)
- 10.24.C [Clarification to Second Amendment to Employment Agreement for Employee Charlene Soco dated May 19, 2022 by and among Alternative Solutions, LLC, CLS Holdings USA, Inc., and Charlene Soco \(incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.25.C in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A, File No. 333-264214, filed with the SEC on May 23, 2022\).](#)

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10.24.D	<a href="#">Third Amendment dated August 17, 2022 to Employment Agreement dated June 6, 2019 between Alternative Solutions, LLC and Charlene Soco (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.26D in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on August 25, 2022).</a>
20.1	<a href="#">Text of public announcement issued April 10, 2023 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 in the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 13, 2023).</a>
21.1*	<a href="#">Subsidiaries of CLS Holdings USA, Inc.</a>
31.1*	<a href="#">Certification by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</a>
32.1*	<a href="#">Certification by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</a>
101.INS*	Inline XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104*	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

(1) Management Contract or Compensation Plan  
\* Filed herewith.

**Item 16. Form 10-K Summary**

Not Applicable.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**CLS HOLDINGS USA, INC.**

Date: August 24, 2023

By: /s/ Andrew Glashow  
Andrew Glashow  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the  
Board of CLS Holdings USA, Inc.  
(Principal Executive, Financial and Accounting Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Name and Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Andrew Glashow</u> Andrew Glashow	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of CLS Holdings USA, Inc. (Principal Executive, Financial and Accounting Officer)	August 24, 2023
<u>/s/ Ross Silver</u> Ross Silver	Director	August 24, 2023
<u>/s/ David Zelinger</u> David Zelinger	Director	August 24, 2023

CLS HOLDINGS USA, INC.

Subsidiaries

CLS Labs, Inc., a Nevada corporation

CLS Labs Colorado, Inc., a Florida corporation

CLS Nevada, Inc., a Nevada corporation

CLS Massachusetts, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation

CLSCBD LLC., a Nevada limited liability company

Kealii Okamalu LLC, a Nevada limited liability company

Alternative Solutions, L.L.C., a Nevada limited liability company

Serenity Wellness Center, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company

Serenity Wellness Growers, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company

Serenity Wellness Products, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company

Serenity Wellness Operations 2, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company

**CERTIFICATION BY THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Andrew Glashow, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of CLS Holdings USA, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. As the registrant's certifying officer, I am responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control for financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under my supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant is made known to me by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under my supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report my conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. As the registrant certifying officer, I have disclosed, based on my most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 24, 2023

/s/ Andrew Glashow

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Andrew Glashow  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the  
Board of CLS Holdings USA, Inc.  
(Principal Executive, Financial and Accounting Officer)

**CERTIFICATION BY THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Andrew Glashow, certify pursuant to 18 U. S. C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of my knowledge, the Annual Report on Form 10-K of CLS Holdings USA, Inc. (the “Company”) for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2023 (the “Report”) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: August 24, 2023

/s/ Andrew Glashow

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Andrew Glashow  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the  
Board of CLS Holdings USA, Inc.  
(Principal Executive, Financial and Accounting Officer)

A signed original copy of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.