

# **RIV CAPITAL INC.**

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL RESULTS

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

Date: August 29, 2022

RIV Capital Inc. (the "Company" or "RIV Capital") is the direct parent company of Etain IP LLC ("Etain IP") and RIV Capital Corporation ("RCC"). References in this Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") to "RIV Capital" or the "Company" refer to RIV Capital Inc. and/or its subsidiaries, as applicable. RIV Capital is a publicly-traded corporation, incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario and located at 2504 Scotia Plaza, 40 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3Y2. The Company's class A common shares (the "Common Shares") are listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange under the trading symbol "RIV".

RIV Capital is an investment and acquisition firm specializing in cannabis. The Company aims to capitalize on the building momentum in the United States ("U.S.") cannabis market by acquiring, investing in, and developing operators and brands across financially and strategically attractive markets to create a multistate platform. As of the date hereof, in light of the Etain Acquisition (as defined herein) and the agreements referenced under the heading "Company Overview – Etain Acquisition and the Second Hawthorne Investment", following the Initial Etain Closing (as defined herein), the Company (through Etain (as defined herein)) may be considered to be directly engaged in the cultivation or distribution of cannabis in the U.S. for purposes of the Canadian Securities Administrators Staff Notice 51-352 – Issuers with U.S. Marijuana-Related Activities (the "Staff Notice"). Please refer to "Regulatory Framework" below for additional information.

This MD&A reports on the financial condition and results of operations of RIV Capital for the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 (the "Interim Consolidated Financial Statements"), including the accompanying notes, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This MD&A was prepared with reference to National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* of the Canadian Securities Administrators. This MD&A provides information for the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021. This MD&A is dated August 29, 2022.

By their nature, the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements. Accordingly, this MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, and the notes thereto (the "Annual Consolidated Financial Statements"), and the related MD&A for the three months and years ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 (the "Annual MD&A"), each dated June 10, 2022. Generally, information contained within the Annual MD&A is not discussed in this MD&A if it remains substantially unchanged.

Additional information related to the Company, including this MD&A, the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements, the Annual MD&A, the Annual Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company's annual information form dated June 10, 2022 (the "AIF"), and the Company's press releases, have been filed electronically through the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and also on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.rivcapital.com">www.rivcapital.com</a>.

The Interim Consolidated Financial Statements and this MD&A have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee (the "Audit Committee") and approved by the Company's board of directors (the "Board") on August 29, 2022.

Unless otherwise indicated, all financial information in this MD&A is presented in thousands of dollars, except share and per share amounts, and, as a result of the change in the Company's presentation currency (see "Changes in Accounting Policies – Changes in Presentation Currency"), all amounts are now expressed in U.S. dollars and references to "\$" are to U.S. dollars and references to "C\$" are to Canadian dollars.

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This MD&A contains certain "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws. All information, other than statements of historical fact, included in this MD&A that address activities, events, or developments that the Company expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future, including things such as future business strategy, competitive strengths, goals, expansion, and growth of the Company's and the Investees' (as defined herein) businesses, operations, plans, and other matters, is forward-looking information. To the extent any forward-looking information in this MD&A constitutes "financial outlooks" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws, the reader is cautioned that this information may not be appropriate for any other purpose and the reader should not place undue reliance on such financial outlooks. Forward-looking information is often identified by the words "may", "would", "could", "should", "will", "intend", "plan", "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "seek", "positioned", "project", "risk" or similar expressions and includes, among others, statements relating to:

- The Company's expectations regarding being considered to be directly engaged in the cultivation or distribution of cannabis in the U.S. for purposes of the Staff Notice;
- the Company's expectations regarding the reliability of independent sources of market and industry data;
- the evolution of cannabis markets globally and the potential for global investment opportunities to arise;
- the Company's expectations regarding legislation, regulations, and licensing related to various cannabis markets and product offerings:
- the potential time frame for the implementation of legislation and related regulations regarding the production, sale, and use of hemp and hemp-derived products in the U.S. and the potential form that implementation of the legislation and related regulations will take;
- the potential time frame for the implementation of legislation for a regulated medical or adult-use market, or related activities, in the U.S. and internationally, and the potential form that implementation of the legislation will take, including the method of delivery and framework adopted or to be adopted in the U.S. or various international jurisdictions, as applicable;
- the impact of legislative changes related to cannabis on the ability of the Company to further invest or hold interests in other entities in the U.S. or any other jurisdiction;
- the size and roll out of the medical and adult-use cannabis markets in various cannabis markets;
- the Company's expectations regarding the anticipated benefits of its strategic partnership with The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company ("ScottsMiracle-Gro");
- the plans, strategies, and objectives of the Company and the Investees, including the expected timing for implementing such plans, strategies, and objectives, and expectations regarding international investment opportunities and the Company's ability to enter and participate in such opportunities;
- the Investees' capital needs and potential additional investments by the Company in such Investees;
- the Company's expectations regarding the U.S. cannabis market;
- the Company's expectations regarding opportunities created by the current political and regulatory conditions in the U.S.;
- the Company's expectations regarding sales trends resulting from medical and adult-use programs being adopted in U.S. states;
- the Company's expectations regarding the changing political environment in the U.S.;
- the Company's expectations regarding the uncertainty and constraints faced by other U.S. cannabis market participants, including the ability to access capital;
- the Company's expectations regarding its ability to grow in the U.S. cannabis market, including growth resulting from the completion of the CGC Transaction (as defined herein), the Hawthorne Investments (as defined herein), and the Etain Acquisition (as defined herein);
- the Company's expectations regarding the strength of its balance sheet and its knowledge of the U.S. cannabis landscape, including the ability of such knowledge and the strength of the balance sheet to allow the Company to grow in the U.S. cannabis market;
- the Company's expectations and plans surrounding the shift in its strategic focus to the U.S. cannabis market;
- the Company's expectations of the anticipated benefits of the Etain Acquisition and strategic rationale for acquiring Etain (as defined herein), including expectations regarding legal cannabis market opportunities in New York and the legalization of adult-use cannabis in New York;
- the Company's expectations regarding completion of the Second Etain Closing (as defined herein), including the expected timing thereof, the consideration payable, and expectations regarding receipt of regulatory approvals from the New York State Cannabis Control Board (the "Cannabis Control Board") and the New York State Office of Cannabis Management (the "OCM");
- the Company's expectations with respect to the expansion of Etain LLC's (as defined herein) Chestertown
  facility, including the expected timing for completion of such expansion and the impact of the expansion on
  the existing cultivation and production footprint;
- the anticipated demands of the adult-use cannabis market in New York;

- Etain LLC's ability to evaluate new product formats to meet the demands of the evolving cannabis market;
- the Company's expectations regarding its competitive advantage in respect of its liquidity and available capital, including having sufficient capital to execute its business plan in New York and invest in opportunities throughout the U.S. cannabis market;
- the Company's intention to develop a flagship facility in upstate New York;
- the Company's expectations regarding the amount of capital expenditures required to achieve its growth objectives in New York;
- the expansion of Etain LLC's retail footprint;
- the Company's intentions regarding the JWAM (as defined herein) application;
- the Company's expectations regarding its shareholders, including maximizing shareholder value;
- the Company's expectations with respect to its future financial results, and terms of strategic initiatives and strategic agreements;
- the Company's expectations with respect to its business activities and future financial and operating performance, including with respect to the impact of the Investees' operating results and the anticipated cash profitability of its business;
- the Company's expectations with respect to the business activities and future financial and operating performance of its Investees;
- the Company's exposure to risks related to the cannabis industry, including in light of the Etain Acquisition;
- the Company's exposure to risks related to the ability of Investees to make contractual payments owed to it;
- expectations regarding timing and receipt of cash inflows from certain Investees, where the Company has recognized a provision for credit losses on the related receivable;
- the Company's expectations about the growth and future market volatility of the cannabis industry;
- the potential impact of infectious diseases, including COVID-19 (as defined herein), and other general economic trends on the Company and the Investees;
- the effects of COVID-19 on the global economy and financial markets;
- the continued impact of COVID-19 on the Company, including its operations, liquidity, financial results, supply and staff shortages for certain Investees, and the demand for certain Investees' products and services;
- future investments, the need for additional financing, the potential for additional dilution as a result of issuing additional equity securities, other business activities, and corporate development, including potential investment structures, including by way of investments in, or acquisitions of, companies that may have operations in the U.S.:
- the Company's expectations with respect to future expenditures and capital activities, including the ability to access the capital markets and obtain additional financing on terms acceptable to the Company, if at all;
- the Company's liquidity position and the Company's belief that it has sufficient capital resources for the next twelve months;
- the Company's expectations regarding its ability to strengthen its financial position with future equity or debt financings, the divestment of certain investments, or other liquidity events;
- the management of the Company's portfolio, including its growth, optimization, and capital allocation;
- the potential for the Company to invest in additional financing rounds pursuant to pre-emptive rights granted to the Company by certain Investees;
- the Company's dividend policy and its current stated goal to reinvest retained earnings, if any;
- the anticipated benefits of reporting the Company's presentation currency in U.S. dollars;
- statements about expected use of proceeds from fund raising activities;
- the assumptions and expectations described in the Company's critical accounting policies and estimates;
- the adoption and impact of certain accounting pronouncements;
- significant deficiencies identified in the internal control over financial reporting of Etain LLC and the remediation thereof; and
- the Company's expectations regarding the effectiveness of remedies to significant deficiencies, including their ability to fully remediate such deficiencies.

Investors are cautioned that forward-looking information is not based on historical fact, but instead is based on the reasonable assumptions and estimates of management of the Company at the time they are made and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance, or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the factors discussed in the section entitled "Financial Risk Management" herein and the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the AIF. Financial outlooks, as with forward-looking information generally, are, without limitation, based on assumptions and subject to various risks as discussed in the section entitled "Financial Risk Management" herein and the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the AIF. The Company's actual financial position and results of operations may differ materially from management's current expectations. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ

materially from statements contained in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause results to not be as anticipated, estimated, or intended. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. Forward-looking information is made as of the date given and the Company does not intend or undertake any obligation to publicly revise or update any forward-looking information that is included in this MD&A, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, other than as required by applicable law.

## THIRD-PARTY INFORMATION

Market and industry data used throughout this MD&A were obtained from various publicly available sources. Although the Company believes that these independent sources are generally reliable, the accuracy and completeness of such information is not guaranteed and has not been verified due to limits on the availability and reliability of raw data, the voluntary nature of the data gathering process, and the limitations and uncertainty inherent in any statistical survey of market size, conditions, and prospects. The Company does not make any representation as to the accuracy of such information.

## TRADEMARKS, TRADE NAMES, AND COPYRIGHTS

This MD&A includes trademarks, trade names, and material subject to copyright, which are protected under applicable intellectual property laws and are the property of the Company. Solely for convenience, the Company's trademarks, trade names, and copyrighted material referred to in this MD&A may appear without the TM, ® or © symbol, but such references are not intended to indicate, in any way, that the Company will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, its rights to these trademarks, trade names, and copyrights. All other trademarks used in this MD&A are the property of their respective owners.

#### **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

RIV Capital is an investment and acquisition firm specializing in cannabis. The Company's original focus was on strategic transactions with companies licensed under the Canadian federal regulatory framework for cannabis cultivation, processing, distribution, and sale (currently, the *Cannabis Act* (Canada) and *Cannabis Regulations*, as amended (collectively, the "Cannabis Act")) and ancillary businesses related to the cannabis industry. In connection with the completion of the CGC Transaction, the Company shifted its strategic focus to the U.S. cannabis market. The Company aims to capitalize on the building momentum in the U.S. cannabis market and pursue large investment or acquisition opportunities in established U.S.-based operating businesses. On March 30, 2022, the Company announced the Etain Purchase Agreements (as defined herein) to acquire Etain and on April 22, 2022, the Initial Etain Closing (as defined herein) occurred and RIV Capital acquired the non-regulated portion of the Etain Companies (as defined herein). A summary of certain key events in the Company's corporate history is provided below.

## AIM2 Ventures Inc. Qualifying Transaction

The Company was incorporated under the name "AIM2 Ventures Inc." by articles of incorporation pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) (the "OBCA") on October 31, 2017. On September 17, 2018, the Company completed the acquisition of 100% of the issued and outstanding securities of Canopy Rivers Corporation ("CRC PrivateCo") in connection with a business combination involving the Company and CRC PrivateCo, and concurrently changed its name to "Canopy Rivers Inc."

#### **CGC Transaction**

Prior to the completion of the CGC Transaction, the Company was controlled by Canopy Growth Corporation ("CGC"). On February 23, 2021, the Company, RCC, CGC, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of CGC completed a plan of arrangement under the OBCA pursuant to which, among other things, the Company disposed of certain assets held by RCC in exchange for cash, common shares in the capital of CGC, and the cancellation of all shares in the capital of the Company held by CGC (collectively, the "CGC Transaction"), and concurrently changed its name to "RIV Capital Inc." Following the completion of the CGC Transaction, the Company has a single class of common shares (the Common Shares, as defined above).

# **Initial Hawthorne Investment**

As further discussed under "Description of Business, Industry, and Strategy – U.S. Cannabis Platform – Strategic Shift to the U.S. Cannabis Market" below, in early 2021, RIV Capital embarked upon a strategic shift to the U.S. cannabis market. On August 24, 2021, The Hawthorne Collective, Inc. ("The Hawthorne Collective"), a newly-formed cannabis-focused subsidiary of ScottsMiracle-Gro, invested \$150,000 in the Company pursuant to an unsecured convertible promissory note (the "Convertible Note I") issued by RIV Capital (the "Initial Hawthorne Investment"). The Initial Hawthorne Investment established RIV Capital as ScottsMiracle-Gro's preferred vehicle for cannabis-related investments not currently under the purview of The Hawthorne Gardening Company (a separate subsidiary of ScottsMiracle-Gro).

## **Etain Acquisition and the Second Hawthorne Investment**

On March 30, 2022, the Company announced definitive agreements (the "Etain Purchase Agreements") to acquire (the "Etain Acquisition") ownership of Etain IP and control for financial reporting purposes of Etain, LLC ("Etain LLC"), owner and operator of legally licensed cannabis cultivation and retail dispensaries in the state of New York (together, the "Etain Companies" or "Etain"), for \$247,006 (subject to certain adjustments) payable through a combination of cash and newly issued Common Shares. Under the terms of the Etain Purchase Agreements, the cash portion of the purchase price represents \$212,219 and \$34,787 of the purchase price is being satisfied by the issuance of Common Shares (subject to certain adjustments). Concurrent with the announcement of the Etain Purchase Agreements, the Company also announced that the Board appointed Mark Sims as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

The Etain Acquisition was structured to close in two stages. On April 22, 2022, the initial closing of the Etain Acquisition (the "Initial Etain Closing") was completed. In connection with the Initial Etain Closing, RIV Capital acquired the non-regulated portion of the Etain Companies for \$197,605 through a combination of cash in the amount of \$169,775 (subject to customary post-closing adjustments) and 21,092,335 newly issued Common Shares. An additional amount of approximately \$49,401 (subject to adjustment) will be paid in connection with the second closing of the Etain Acquisition (the "Second Etain Closing") through a combination of cash and newly issued Common Shares subject to, among other things, receipt of all required regulatory approvals, including from the OCM. The Second Etain Closing is expected to occur in the second half of calendar year 2022.

On April 22, 2022, concurrent with the Initial Etain Closing, The Hawthorne Collective completed an additional \$25,000 unsecured convertible promissory note (the "Convertible Note II", and together with the Convertible Note I, the "Convertible Notes") investment in the Company pursuant to rights existing under the Initial Hawthorne Investment (the "Second Hawthorne Investment", and together with the Initial Hawthorne Investment, the "Hawthorne Investments"). To finance the cash portion of the consideration payable pursuant to the Initial Etain Closing, the Company utilized proceeds received from the Hawthorne Investments.

The table below lists, as of the date of this MD&A, the Company, its active controlled material subsidiaries, their respective jurisdictions of incorporation or formation, and the percentage of voting securities of each that are beneficially owned, controlled, or directed by the Company:

Summary of the Company and its Active Subsidiaries					
Name of Company Place of Incorporation or Formation Ownership %					
RIV Capital Inc.	Canada	n/a			
RCC	Canada	100%			
2683922 Ontario Inc.	Canada	100%			
RIV Capital US Corporation	U.S.	100%			
RIV Capital US Holdings LLC	U.S.	100%			
RIV Capital US Real Estate LLC	U.S.	100%			
RIV Capital US Services LLC	U.S.	100%			
Etain IP	U.S.	100%			

In addition, the Company, through its subsidiaries, provides support services to Etain LLC, a legally licensed cannabis cultivation and retail dispensary operator in the state of New York. The Company has also entered into agreements with Etain LLC that prevent Etain LLC from taking certain actions or omitting to take certain actions where to do so would be contrary to the economic benefits that the Company expects to derive from the relationship with Etain LLC. For financial reporting purposes, the Company is considered to control an entity when it has power to direct certain activities of an entity; is exposed, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with an entity; and has the ability to affect those returns. The Company has assessed that as of the Initial Etain Closing, it controls Etain LLC for financial reporting purposes.

## **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, AND STRATEGY**

## **U.S. Cannabis Platform**

#### Strategic Shift to the U.S. Cannabis Market

On February 23, 2021, the Company completed the CGC Transaction. Upon completion of the CGC Transaction, the Board, in consultation with management and external advisors, comprehensively re-evaluated the Company's business and investment strategy. As a result, the Company shifted its strategic focus to potential material investments in, or acquisitions of, established operating businesses in the U.S. cannabis market.

As RIV Capital embarked upon its strategic shift to the U.S. cannabis market, the Company, in an effort to enhance the differentiation of the platform and strengthen its positioning for future operational success, established a strategic partnership with ScottsMiracle-Gro through The Hawthorne Collective. As discussed above under "Company Overview – Initial Hawthorne Investment", on August 24, 2021, The Hawthorne Collective invested \$150,000 in the Company pursuant to the Convertible Note I issued by the Company.

After completion of the Initial Hawthorne Investment, the Company continued to evaluate opportunities for transactions with U.S. cannabis businesses. These efforts culminated in the announcement on March 30, 2022, of the Etain Purchase Agreements to acquire ownership of Etain IP and control for financial reporting purposes of Etain LLC, as discussed above under "Company Overview – Etain Acquisition". On April 22, 2022, the Initial Etain Closing occurred and RIV Capital acquired the non-regulated portion of the Etain Companies. In addition, The Hawthorne Collective purchased Convertible Note II for \$25,000 pursuant to rights existing under the Initial Hawthorne Investment. To finance the cash portion of the consideration payable pursuant to the Initial Etain Closing, the Company utilized proceeds received from the Hawthorne Investments.

The Second Etain Closing is subject to, among other things, receipt of all required regulatory approvals, including from the OCM, and is expected to occur in the second half of calendar year 2022.

The Company believes that the market opportunity in the U.S. continues to be significant, and that current political and regulatory conditions present a unique opportunity for entities seeking and willing to deploy capital into cannabis businesses in the U.S. The U.S. cannabis market is currently comprised of 19 states, plus the District of Columbia, where cannabis is legal for adult use and 37 states, plus the District of Columbia, where cannabis is legal for medical use, representing a large addressable population. According to data published by BDS Analytics in February 2022, the country's legal cannabis sales totaled approximately \$23.6 billion in 2021. The Company expects sales to trend higher as a result of a continuation of medical and adult-use programs rolling out across states. Despite the changing political environment, many participants in the U.S. cannabis market continue to experience uncertain and constrained access to capital. Accordingly, the Company believes that, with the completion of the CGC Transaction, the Hawthorne Investments, and the Etain Acquisition, it is well-positioned with its strong balance sheet and existing expertise and knowledge of the U.S. cannabis landscape to continue to grow in the U.S. market.

#### New York: Etain

The State of New York's medical cannabis program was introduced in July 2014 when former Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Compassionate Care Act (the "CCA"), which legalized medical cannabis oils for patients with certain qualifying conditions. Under this program, five registered organizations ("ROs") were licensed to dispense cannabis oil to patients. Each RO's license allows for the cultivation, processing, and dispensing of medical cannabis products. Each RO is permitted to open four dispensaries in New York State Department of Health ("NYDOH") designated regions throughout the state and one cultivation and processing facility.

Etain LLC is a vertically-integrated cannabis company operating in the state of New York. It was founded as a womenand family-owned company in 2015 and was one of the original five ROs licensed to sell medical marijuana. As of the date of this MD&A, Etain LLC operates a cultivation and processing facility in Chestertown, as well as four retail dispensaries in the State of New York.

#### **Cultivation and Production**

Etain LLC currently operates a 12,000 square foot cultivation and processing facility located in Chestertown, New York, a hamlet with approximately 700 residents in the Adirondack Mountains. Originally constructed in 2015, the facility is currently comprised of 6,000 square feet of grow canopy and includes two smaller extraction labs and a larger production floor, out of which Etain LLC manufactures its portfolio of medicated cannabis products (dried flower, vaporizers, capsules, tinctures, powders, lozenges, lotions, and oral sprays).

The Chestertown facility is currently undergoing a significant expansion, which is expected to be fully completed around the end of the Company's fiscal year. The expansion plans include more than 30,000 square feet of additional canopy with eight new hybrid greenhouse bays, as well as new production space to meet the anticipated demands of the impending adult-use market in New York.

# Retail

Etain LLC operates four medical cannabis dispensaries in the State of New York under the "Etain" banner, which are focused on delivering superior patient experience through high-engagement patient interaction and a consultative, transparent, and education-forward approach to dispensing medical cannabis. Etain LLC's current dispensary footprint includes the following locations:

Summary of Etain Dispensaries			
Location	Address	Year Opened	Description
Manhattan	242 E 58 <sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY	2020	The dispensary is Etain LLC's flagship retail location in Manhattan designed by Clodagh near highly-trafficked New York landmarks and retail stores. The dispensary services an area with an addressable population of approximately 8 million people in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx.
Kingston	445 Onteora Trail, NY-28, Kingston, NY	2016	The dispensary was the first medical cannabis dispensary to open in New York. It services an area with an addressable population of approximately 65,000 people in Warren County, with a reach extending into surrounding counties.

Summary of Etain Dispensaries				
Location	Address	Year Opened	Description	
Syracuse	2140 Erie Blvd E, Syracuse, NY	2016	The dispensary is located off of Interstate 690 and near high-traffic retail stores. It services an area with an addressable population of approximately 460,000 people in Onondaga County, with additional reach into surrounding counties.	
Yonkers	55 Main Street, Yonkers, NY	2016	The dispensary is situated at the south end of Westchester County with easy access to the Bronx. It services an area with an addressable population of approximately 1 million people within Westchester County.	

#### **Products and Brands**

Etain LLC's portfolio of medical cannabis products is primarily generated from plant materials that Etain LLC grows and processes itself, which are used to produce consumer packaged goods. This portfolio consists of stock keeping units ("SKUs") across a range of cannabis product categories, consisting of dried flower, vaporizers, capsules, tinctures, powders, lozenges, lotions, and oral sprays.

Etain LLC's portfolio of SKUs are offered under four brands, each carefully tailored to deliver specific results for medical patients:

Balance: "Feel comfortable in your own skin"

• 1:1 cannabidiol ("CBD") to tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC") ratio to maintain a relaxing foundation and build on the euphoria

Dolce: "Find your center"

High level of CBD combined with just a splash of THC to provide a full-body calm

Forte: "More power to you"

High concentration of THC, with a small amount of CBD to smooth the edges

Mezzo: "Zen with benefits"

• 2:1 CBD-to-THC ratio to pair the calming effects of CBD with a gentle bounce of energy

## **Liquidity Position**

As referenced above, the current political and regulatory conditions regarding cannabis in the U.S. create significant constraints on the ability of cannabis operators, brands, and industry participants to access capital. Accordingly, the Company believes that it has a competitive advantage in respect of the liquidity on its balance sheet. Through the CGC Transaction (including the subsequent monetization of CGC common shares received as consideration) and the Hawthorne Investments, among other items, the Company was able to build a sizeable level of cash reserves.

As at June 30, 2022, the Company had approximately \$171,537 of cash on hand. While the Company plans to make substantial investments in Etain's New York cannabis operations (including the expansion of the existing cultivation and production footprint in Chestertown, the development of a flagship facility in upstate New York, and the expansion of the Company's retail footprint as the adult use market comes online), the Company aims to achieve its growth objectives in a capital efficient manner to the extent practicable. The Company currently anticipates that finishing and equipping the Chestertown expansion, optimizing and expanding Etain LLC's retail footprint, and completing the development of the initial phase of the Flagship Facility (as defined herein) will require capital expenditures in the range of \$25,000 to \$30,000 prior to the end of calendar year 2023. This estimate is based upon a number of assumptions and will continue to be refined, and excludes any fees that Etain LLC will be required to pay to the OCM to operate in New York's adult-use market, which have not been determined as of the date of this MD&A. Accordingly, the Company believes that it has sufficient capital to execute its business plan in New York and invest in opportunities in different states throughout the U.S. cannabis market.

## Other Investments

Prior to the closing of the CGC Transaction, the Company was a venture capital firm specializing in cannabis. The Company's business strategy was to create shareholder value through the continued deployment of strategic capital throughout the global cannabis sector. The Company identified strategic counterparties that were seeking financial

and/or operating support, and aimed to provide investor returns through dividends and capital appreciation, while also generating interest, lease, and royalty income. Investments were made through a variety of financial structures (including common and preferred equity, debt, royalty, joint venture, and profit-sharing agreements, among others) in 20 companies, and in doing so, the Company established a diversified portfolio of investments.

In connection with its shift in investment strategy discussed herein, the Company has capitalized on certain monetization opportunities and streamlined its legacy portfolio. As of the date of this MD&A, the Company has active investments in the following companies (the "Investees"):

		Summary of Other Investments
Company <sup>(1)</sup>	Location of Operations	Business Description
Agripharm Corp. ("Agripharm")	Canada (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, and Saskatchewan)	Agripharm is a company licensed to cultivate, process, and sell dried and fresh cannabis, cannabis plants, cannabis seeds, edible cannabis, and cannabis extracts and topicals under the Cannabis Act. Based in Creemore, Ontario, Agripharm currently operates a 20,000 square foot indoor production facility and a 570,000 square foot outdoor cultivation lot located on a 20-acre property.
BioLumic Inc. ("BioLumic")	New Zealand, and U.S.	BioLumic is a company that, through its Light Signals Recipes™, combines biological insights, genetic marker knowledge, data, and innovation in light-mediated plant development. Through one-time application of Light Signal Recipes™ to young plants or seeds, BioLumic has created large improvements in plant yield, quality, and disease resistance. This includes triggering genetic expression changes to better match existing genetics to varying environments and growing system requirements.
Dynaleo Inc. ("Dynaleo")	Canada (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and Yukon)	Dynaleo is a company licensed to produce cannabis edibles under the Cannabis Act. Based in Nisku, Alberta, Dynaleo operates a 27,000 square foot purpose-built facility, and is focused on manufacturing edible cannabis gummies for the Canadian adult-use market by way of white-label contracts and Dynaleo-branded products.
Headset, Inc. ("Headset")	Canada (Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, and Saskatchewan) and U.S.	Headset is a market intelligence and analytics software platform for the cannabis industry. With services that provide access to information on sales trends, emerging industries, popular products, and pricing, Headset's proprietary software platform allows customers to use data to identify new areas of opportunity, understand the competition, and tailor product development. Headset has launched its Insights market intelligence product in multiple adult-use cannabis markets in the U.S. and in Canada, and its retail data intelligence tool in the U.S. and Canada.
High Beauty, Inc. ("High Beauty")	U.S., Canada, Europe, Hong Kong, and the United Arab Emirates	High Beauty is a beauty company, offering multiple products under the brands high and canBE Naturally, including cleansing foams, facial oils, facial moisturizers, eye gels, and peeling masks, among others. Product offerings under both brands are expertly formulated using hempseed oil, bioflavonoids, and pure essential plant oils to deliver the high-powered benefits of hemp for the skin. The high-branded portfolio of products is sold through U.S., Canadian, and European retailers, and is offered direct to consumers online. The canBE Naturally-branded portfolio is distributed through U.S. retailers. High Beauty also has distribution partnerships with retailers and distributors in Asia, the Middle East, and the United Kingdom.
LeafLink Services International ULC ("LeafLink International")	Canada (Ontario)	LeafLink International is a subsidiary of LeafLink, Inc., a U.Sbased company, that exclusively licenses LeafLink, Inc.'s business-to-business e-commerce marketplace and supply chain technology platform for deployment throughout regulated international cannabis markets outside of the U.S. LeafLink, Inc. is a business-to-business wholesale marketplace that simplifies the supply chain through its e-commerce platform and that has linked approximately 7,900 cannabis retailers across approximately 26 territories in the U.S. with approximately 3,200 vendors, servicing approximately \$4.5 billion of gross merchandise value on an annualized basis.

Summary of Other Investments			
Company <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>Location of Operations</b>	Business Description	
NOYA Cannabis Inc. ("NOYA")	Canada (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Newfoundland, Ontario, and Saskatchewan)	NOYA is a white label company licensed to cultivate, process, and sell dried cannabis and cannabis oils under the Cannabis Act. Based in Hamilton, Ontario, NOYA is located near key transportation infrastructure and currently occupies a 140,000 square foot indoor facility, which is being developed in phases, with 40,000 square feet currently in operation. NOYA cultivates for Cookies- and Gage-branded products.	
ZeaKal, Inc. ("ZeaKal")	U.S. and New Zealand	ZeaKal, a California-based plant science company, is building a value-driven "NewType" of agriculture to harmonize the needs of farmers, consumers, and the planet. Its flagship plant trait technology, PhotoSeed™, helps crops capture more carbon and sunlight, leading to healthier, nutrient-rich food and feed grown on a smaller environmental footprint. The company goes beyond science to make affordable nutrition more sustainable, with marketable differentiation for growers. ZeaKal is currently developing its PhotoSeed™ technology for hemp, corn, and soybeans.	

<sup>(1)</sup> As of the date of this MD&A, the Company also has certain financial interests in Civilized Worldwide Inc. and RAMM Pharma Corp. These companies are not included above due to various factors, including, but not limited to, the fact that the Company is not actively engaged with these companies and, in the case of Civilized, the Company does not currently ascribe any value to its financial interests, among other items.

Below is a summary of the Company's investments as at June 30, 2022. Please refer to Notes 12, 13, and 25 of the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for information relating to the Company's carrying values and fair value estimates for these financial instruments.

Summary of Royalty and Debt Investments <sup>(1)</sup>			
Investee	Investment	Carrying Value as at Jun. 30, 2022	Notes <sup>(2)</sup>
Agripharm <sup>(3)</sup>	Royalty interest	\$ 1,781	Advanced C\$20,000 to Agripharm pursuant to a royalty agreement     Royalty is for a term of 20 years and is subject to a minimum annual payment based on 20% of the amount advanced
High Beauty <sup>(4)</sup>	Convertible promissory note	\$ 968	Advanced \$750 to High Beauty pursuant to a convertible promissory note agreement     Amount drawn under the promissory note bears interest at a rate of 8% per annum, payable at the maturity date or at the date that a qualified financing occurs     Conversion price based on per share valuation of preferred stock upon closing of a qualified financing
NOYA <sup>(5)</sup>	Royalty interest	\$ 2,478	Advanced C\$5,000 to NOYA pursuant to a royalty agreement     Royalty is for a term of 20 years and is subject to a minimum annual payment of C\$900
	Convertible debenture	\$ 651	<ul> <li>Advanced C\$1,000 to NOYA pursuant to a convertible debenture agreement</li> <li>Amount drawn under the debenture bears interest at a rate of 12% per annum, payable semi-annually</li> <li>Convertible into 1,666,667 common shares of NOYA</li> </ul>

- (1) The information contained in this table excludes certain immaterial debt investments held by the Company as at June 30, 2022, in instances where the Company is not actively involved with the debtor and/or has not ascribed any value to its investment.
- (2) Annual payments are based on the contractual terms of the underlying instruments in effect as of the date of this MD&A and may not reflect actual cash amounts received by the Company. Please refer to "Financial Risk Management" herein and "Risk Factors" in the AIF.
- (3) As at June 30, 2022, the Company had written off the entire gross royalty receivable balance owed by Agripharm based upon the Company's expectations regarding the likelihood of collection in light of Agripharm's underlying business conditions.
- (4) Please refer to "Subsequent Events" herein for additional details on the Company's investment in High Beauty.
- (5) As at June 30, 2022, the Company had recognized a provision for expected credit losses of 50% of the gross royalty and interest receivable balance of \$1,428 owed by NOYA based upon the Company's expectations regarding the likelihood of collection in light of NOYA's underlying business conditions.

Summary of Equity and Warrant Investments <sup>(1)</sup>						
Investee	Investment	Carrying Value as at Jun. 30, 2022	Number of Shares / Warrants	Notes		
BioLumic	Preferred shares	\$ 3,562	472,389	Represents an approximate 8% basic and 7% fully- diluted equity interest		
Dynaleo	Common shares	\$ 1,403	1,449,569			

Summary of Equity and Warrant Investments <sup>(1)</sup>				
Investee	Investment	Carrying Value as at Jun. 30, 2022	Number of Shares / Warrants	Notes
	Warrants	\$ 108	1,000,000	Represents an approximate 9% basic and 7% fully- diluted equity interest
Headset	Preferred shares	\$ 4,802	2,126,901	Represents an approximate 8% basic and 7% fully- diluted equity interest
High Beauty <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Preferred shares	\$ nil	2,500,000	Represents an approximate 18% basic and 17% fully- diluted equity interest
	Warrants	\$ nil	612,500	
LeafLink International	Common shares	\$ 1,577	2,000,000	Represents an approximate 17% basic and 17% fully- diluted equity interest
NOYA <sup>(2)</sup>	Common shares	\$ 1,687	17,588,424	Represents an approximate 25% basic and 24% fully- diluted equity interest
	Warrants	\$ nil	266,667	
ZeaKal	Preferred shares	\$ 9,990	248,446	Represents an approximate 9% basic and 9% fully- diluted equity interest

- (1) The information contained in this table excludes certain immaterial equity and/or warrant investments held by the Company as at June 30, 2022, in instances where the Company is not actively involved with the subject company and/or has not ascribed any value to its investment.
- (2) Equity ownership on a fully-diluted basis assumes the conversion of the convertible security described in the previous table.
- (3) Please refer to "Subsequent Events" herein for additional details on the Company's investment in High Beauty.

In addition to pursuing its strategy targeting opportunities in the U.S. cannabis market, the Company plans to continue to manage its existing portfolio in a manner intended to facilitate growth, optimize capital allocation, and maximize value for its shareholders.

#### Operational and Regulation Overview

RIV Capital and Etain LLC take all actions necessary to ensure that the Company's and Etain LLC's respective operations are in full compliance with all applicable provincial, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and licensing requirements in the jurisdictions in which the Company and Etain LLC operate, respectively. Please refer to "Regulatory Framework" herein for additional information on the regulatory frameworks that are material to the Company's and Etain LLC's respective operations.

#### **CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS**

#### U.S. Cannabis Platform

## **Business Combinations**

## **Etain**

On April 22, 2022, the Company completed the Initial Etain Closing, whereby the Company acquired ownership of Etain IP and control for financial reporting purposes of Etain LLC, owner and operator of legally licensed cannabis cultivation and retail dispensaries in the state of New York.

In connection with the Initial Etain Closing, the Company paid cash consideration of \$169,775 (subject to customary closing adjustments) and issued 21,092,335 Common Shares, together representing approximately 80% of the consideration payable pursuant to the Etain Acquisition. The remaining 20% or approximately \$49,401 of the consideration is expected to be paid in connection with the Second Etain Closing, following the receipt of all required regulatory approvals, of which approximately \$42,444 is expected to be paid in cash (subject to customary closing adjustments) and approximately \$6,957 is to be satisfied by the issuance of 5,273,084 Common Shares.

The provisional fair values of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed as at the date of the Initial Etain Closing on April 22, 2022, are as follows:

Summary of Provisional Fair Values of Assets Acquired				
	Etain			
Tangible assets acquired	_			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 339			
Accounts receivable and other receivables	111			
Inventory	6,524			
Biological assets	236			
Other current assets	81			
Property, plant, and equipment	315			
Right-of-use assets	13,158			
Deferred tax assets	186			
Total tangible assets acquired at fair value	\$ 20,950			
Liabilities assumed				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,040			
Loyalty program liabilities	370			
Lease liabilities	13,158			
Total liabilities acquired at fair value	\$ 14,568			
Intangible assets and goodwill	228,842			
Total purchase price	\$ 235,224			

Please refer to Note 5 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on the provisional nature of the fair values and tax attributes of the net assets acquired pursuant to the Etain Acquisition.

# **Other Investments**

During the three months ended June 30, 2022, the Company divested its interest in one Investee. Please refer to the Annual Consolidated Financial Statements, Annual MD&A, and AIF for additional details on the Company's investments prior to March 31, 2022.

## **Greenhouse Juice**

As at March 31, 2022, the Company held 3,830,412 preferred shares of Greenhouse Juice, which were accounted for under the equity method, and held a secured convertible debenture and control warrant, which were accounted for at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). On June 20, 2022, the Company disposed of all financial instruments it held in Greenhouse Juice. Upon disposition, the Company received cash consideration of \$4,260 (C\$5,500), which was allocated among the respective underlying instruments in accordance with the sale agreement. The proceeds from disposition were consistent with the carrying values of the assets as at June 30, 2022; accordingly, no gain or loss or mark-to-market adjustments were recognized upon disposition.

#### **Leaflink International**

During the three months ended June 30, 2022, LeafLink International decided to temporarily suspend operations in Canada in light of ongoing limitations on the company's growth prospects driven primarily by certain regulatory restrictions, until such time that the Canadian regulatory framework evolves to allow more direct transactions between producers and retailers, or there are further developments in international cannabis markets.

## **Capital Activities**

#### **Second Hawthorne Investment**

On April 22, 2022, The Hawthorne Collective purchased Convertible Note II in the principal amount of C\$31,272 pursuant to rights existing under the Initial Hawthorne Investment. The consideration paid by The Hawthorne Collective

for the purchase of Convertible Note II was received by the Company in U.S. dollars (\$25,000). Convertible Note II has a maturity date of August 24, 2027, and bears interest at a rate of approximately 2.0% per annum until April 22, 2024, after which no interest will accrue for the remainder of the term. Accrued interest will be payable on the maturity date or will be included in the conversion value of Convertible Note II at the time of conversion. Convertible Note II is convertible into Common Shares at a fixed conversion price of C\$1.65 per Common Share. Convertible Note II may be converted into Common Shares at the election of The Hawthorne Collective on a discretionary basis, or at RIV Capital's discretion upon the date on which federal laws in the U.S. are amended to allow for the general cultivation, distribution, and possession of cannabis, and prior to and including the close of business on August 24, 2027. Assuming full conversion of Convertible Note II, including the full amount of the anticipated accrued interest over the life of Convertible Note II, The Hawthorne Collective would be entitled to receive 19,722,524 Common Shares.

Conversion of Convertible Note II is subject to the receipt of any required regulatory approvals (including under the *Competition Act* (Canada) and/or the U.S. Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976) and stock exchange approvals, and other conditions set out in the terms of Convertible Note II. The Company used the proceeds from the Second Hawthorne Investment (along with the proceeds previously received from the Initial Hawthorne Investment) to finance the cash portion of the consideration payable at the Initial Etain Closing.

Please refer to Note 16 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding Convertible Note II.

## **Share Capital**

Below is a summary of the Company's equity capital activity during the three months ended June 30, 2022:

Summary of Equity Capital Activity	
	Common Shares
Opening balance - April 1, 2022	142,592,403
Issued pursuant to business combinations	21,092,335
Exercise of stock options	-
Redemption of Restricted Share Units	-
Redemption of Performance Share Units	118,939
Ending balance – June 30, 2022	163,803,677

As noted herein, pursuant to the deferred consideration payable in connection with the Etain Acquisition, the Company will issue an additional 5,273,084 Common Shares at the time of the Second Etain Closing.

# **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following table sets forth summary operating results for the indicated periods:

Summary Operating Res	Three months	Three months
	ended June 30, 2022	ended June 30, 2021
Revenue	June 30, 2022	0011C 00, 2021
Revenue	\$ 1,428	\$ -
Excise taxes	(87)	<b>.</b>
Total revenue, net	1,341	-
Cost of goods sold	783	_
Gross profit excluding fair value items	558	
Unrealized loss on changes in fair value of biological assets	(36)	-
Realized fair value amounts included in inventory sold	-	-
Gross profit	522	-
Operating expenses		
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	5,529	2,029
Operating loss	(5,007)	(2,029)
Other income (loss)		
Royalty, interest, and lease income	107	457
Change in provision for credit losses	(53)	1,497
Share of loss from associates	(133)	(279)
Net change in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL	(166)	(29,198)
Gain on dispositions	-	890
Accretion and interest expense	(3,826)	(5)
Unrealized foreign exchange gain	6,317	-
Other income (expenses), net	(89)	208
Loss before taxes	(2,850)	(28,459)
Income tax expense (recovery)	624	(3,949)
Net loss	\$ (3,474)	\$ (24,510)
Other comprehensive income (loss) not subsequently reclassified to net income (loss)  Net change in fair value of financial assets at		
FVTOCI, net of tax expense (recovery)	470	(402)
Other comprehensive income (loss) subsequently reclassified to net income (loss)		
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(5,019)	3,588
Total comprehensive loss	\$ (8,023)	\$ (21,324)
Loss per share – basic	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.17)
Loss per share – diluted	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.17)

<sup>(1)</sup> The comparative period has been restated to align with the Company's presentation currency of the U.S. dollar.

## Review of Operating Results for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2022

The operating results reported by the Company for the three months ended June 30, 2022, include the operating results for Etain LLC from April 22, 2022, to June 30, 2022. The revenue and net loss reported by the Company for the three months ended June 30, 2022, would not have been materially different had the Initial Etain Closing been effected April 1, 2022, instead of April 22, 2022.

#### Revenue, Net

The Company reported revenue, net of excise taxes, of \$1,341 for the three months ended June 30, 2022 (the Company did not report revenue for any reporting periods ended on or prior to March 31, 2022). Retail revenue of \$1,271 was generated from the Company's U.S. Cannabis Platform through Etain LLC's dispensaries in Manhattan, Kingston, Syracuse, and Yonkers, and wholesale revenue of \$157 was generated from sales of Etain-branded products to other RO's in New York. The Company reported excise taxes of \$87 for the three months ended June 30, 2022.

#### **Cost of Goods Sold**

The Company reported cost of goods sold (which excludes unrealized fair value changes included in biological assets and realized fair value changes included in inventory sold) of \$783 for the three months ended June 30, 2022 (the Company did not report cost of goods sold for any reporting periods ended on or prior to March 31, 2022).

#### **Gross Profit**

Gross profit is determined as revenue (net of excise taxes), less the following items: cost of goods sold, unrealized gains or losses on changes in fair value of biological assets, and realized fair value amounts included in inventory sold.

The Company reported an unrealized loss on changes in fair value of biological assets of \$36 and a nominal amount in respect of fair value changes included in inventory sold for the three months ended June 30, 2022 (the Company did not report either of these items for any reporting periods ended on or prior to March 31, 2022).

Fair value changes that are included in gross profit are sensitive to changes in the Company's average selling price and product mix, and other changes in the Company's valuation estimates, which include, but are not limited to, estimated plant lifecycles and stage of growth, expected yields, remaining costs to complete, and the method of allocation of production costs. Changes in these underlying estimates and assumptions could have a material impact on the Company's financial results. Please refer to Notes 4, 7, and 8 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

Based on the foregoing, the Company reported a gross profit of \$522 for the three months ended June 30, 2022 (the Company did not report gross profit for any reporting periods ended on or prior to March 31, 2022).

#### **Operating Expenses**

The Company reported operating expenses of \$5,529 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with operating expenses of \$2,029 for the same period last year. The increase in operating expenses relative to the comparative period was primarily due to the significant increase in the size and scope of general and administrative functions of the Company to support its strategic shift to the U.S. cannabis market and as a result of the Etain Acquisition.

Operating expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2022, and 2021, included the following:

Summary Operating Expenses				
	Three months ended June 30, 2022	Three months ended June 30, 2021		
Personnel costs (excluding share-based compensation)	\$ 1,295	\$ 586		
Director fees (excluding share-based compensation)	57	167		
Share-based compensation	232	322		
Legal expenses and consulting fees (excluding transaction and restructuring)	815	173		
Non-inventoriable lease expenses	95	31		
Non-inventoriable right-of-use asset amortization	123	30		
Non-inventoriable depreciation of fixed assets	13	5		
Non-inventoriable amortization of intangible assets	570	4		
Audit-related fees	284	146		
Insurance premiums	547	221		
Investor relations and other public company expenses	238	111		
Selling and marketing expenses	66	4		
Transaction and restructuring expenses	485	3		
Other	709	226		
Total operating expenses	\$ 5,529	\$ 2,029		

The following factors contributed to the Company's reported operating expenses:

- Personnel costs were \$1,295 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with \$586 for the same period last year. The increase in personnel costs relative to the comparative period was primarily attributable to the Company's increased headcount as a result of the Etain Acquisition.
- Legal expenses and consulting fees (excluding transaction and restructuring expenses) were \$815 for the
  three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with \$173 for the same period last year. The increase in legal
  expenses and consulting fees relative to the comparative period was primarily attributable to a significant
  increase in the scope of the Company's activities as a result of its strategic shift to the U.S. cannabis market
  and upon completion of the Initial Etain Closing.
- Non-inventoriable lease expenses and non-inventoriable right-of-use amortization expenses were \$218, in aggregate, for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with \$61, in aggregate, for the same period last year. The increase in lease expenses relative to the comparative period was primarily attributable to the leases acquired upon the Initial Etain Closing. Please refer to Note 14 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on the Company's lease obligations. Lease expense of \$202 was capitalized to inventory and biological assets during the period.
- Non-inventoriable amortization of intangible assets was \$570 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with \$4 for the same period last year. The increase in amortization relative to the comparative period primarily relates to the recognition of intangible assets upon the Initial Etain Closing. Please refer to Note 11 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on the Company's intangible assets. Amortization expense of \$1,152 was capitalized to inventory and biological assets during the period.
- Insurance premiums were \$547 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with \$221 for the same period last year. The increase in insurance premiums relative to the comparative period was primarily attributable to the Company's strategic shift to the U.S. cannabis market.
- Transaction and restructuring expenses were \$485 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with \$3 for the same period last year. The increase in transaction expenses relative to the comparative period was primarily attributable to the transaction expenses associated with the Etain Acquisition.

## **Operating Loss**

Based on the foregoing, the Company reported an operating loss of \$5,007 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with an operating loss of \$2,029 for the same period last year.

## Other Income (Loss)

The Company reported other income of \$2,157 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with other loss of \$26,430 for the same period last year. The following factors contributed to the Company's reported results:

- Royalty, interest, and lease income was \$107 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with \$457 for the same period last year. The decrease in royalty, interest, and lease income relative to the comparative period was primarily attributable to the Company no longer recognizing royalty, interest, or lease income from certain Investees due to challenges in the underlying business performance of those Investees or as a result of dispositions of these financial assets.
- The change in the Company's provision for credit losses was an increase of \$53 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with a decrease of \$1,497 for the same period last year. The decrease in the provision for credit losses in the prior period related to a favourable remeasurement of the fair value of a previous financial guarantee liability of the Company in that period.
- Share of loss from associates was \$133 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with \$279 for
  the same period last year. The Company elects to account for its equity method investees one quarter in
  arrears. LeafLink International and NOYA represented the Company's equity method investees for which a
  share of loss was recognized for the period.
- The net change in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL was a decrease of \$166 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with a decrease of \$29,198 for the same period last year. The net change in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL reported in the prior period included a negative change in the fair value of the Company's previously-held investment in CGC common shares of \$29,925.
- Accretion and interest expense was \$3,826 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with a
  nominal amount for the same period last year. The increase in accretion expense relative to the comparative
  period was primarily attributable to the accretion expense recognized on the Convertible Notes and the
  deferred consideration payable.
- Unrealized foreign exchange gain was \$6,317 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with \$nil for the same period last year. The unrealized foreign exchange gain was primarily attributable to foreign-denominated cash deposits held by the Company and certain of its subsidiaries.

## Income Tax Expense (Recovery)

The Company reported an income tax expense of \$624 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with an income tax recovery of \$3,949 for the same period last year. Income tax expense for the period included a tax expense of \$374 related to the estimated taxable profits of Etain LLC for which the Company is responsible.

## **Net Loss**

Based on the foregoing, the Company reported a net loss of \$3,474 and basic and diluted earnings per share ("EPS") of \$(0.02) for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with a net loss of \$24,510 and basic and diluted EPS of \$(0.17) for the same period last year.

## Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The Company reported other comprehensive loss of \$4,549 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with other comprehensive income of \$3,186 for the same period last year.

The net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI") (net of tax expense or recovery) was an increase of \$470 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with a decrease of \$402 for the same period last year. The Company also reported a downward adjustment as a result of foreign currency translation of \$5,019 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with an upward adjustment of \$3,588 for the same period last year. The recognition of the foreign currency translation adjustment was new this period as a result of the change in the Company's presentation currency from Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars, effective April 1, 2022.

#### **Total Comprehensive Loss**

Based on the foregoing, the Company reported a total comprehensive loss of \$8,023 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with a total comprehensive loss of \$21,324 for the same period last year.

# **Summary of Quarterly Financial Information**

The following table sets forth a summary of quarterly financial information for the last eight consecutive quarters. The Company started reporting revenue, cost of goods sold, and gross profit following the Initial Etain Closing, as discussed in "Description of Business, Industry, and Strategy – U.S. Cannabis Platform – Strategic Shift to the U.S. Cannabis Market". This quarterly financial information has been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

Summary Operating Results for the Three Months Ended <sup>(1)</sup>								
	Jun. 30, 2022	Mar. 31, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021	Sep. 30, 2021	Jun. 30, 2021	Mar. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2020	Sep. 30, 2020
Revenue, net	\$ 1,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cost of goods sold	783	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fair value items	(36)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross profit	522	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating expenses	5,529	3,804	1,950	4,035	2,029	6,238	2,642	1,165
Operating loss	(5,007)	(3,804 <b>)</b>	(1,950 <b>)</b>	(4,035 <b>)</b>	(2,029)	(6,238)	(2,642)	(1,165)
Other income (loss)	2,157	(12,210)	(1,668)	(18)	(26,430)	(12,818)	(5,204)	(84,938)
Loss before taxes	(2,850)	(16,014)	(3,618)	(4,053)	(28,459)	(19,056)	(7,846)	(86,103)
Income tax expense (recovery)	624	(2,273)	(847)	(2,890)	(3,949)	(2,065)	(8,962)	(3,347)
Net income (loss)	\$ (3,474)	\$ (13,741)	\$ (2,771)	\$ (1,183)	\$ (24,510)	\$ (16,991)	\$ 1,114	\$ (82,756)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(4,549)	3,980	1,712	(6,609)	3,186	71,376	71,251	22,431
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (8,023)	\$ (9,761)	\$ (1,059)	\$ (7,792)	\$ (21,324)	\$ 54,385	\$ 72,365	\$ (60,325)
Basic EPS	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.43)
Diluted EPS	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.43)

<sup>(1)</sup> The comparative periods have been restated to align with the Company's presentation currency of the U.S. dollar.

## LIQUIDITY, FINANCING, AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The following table sets forth summary cash flow and financial position data for the indicated periods:

Summary Cash Flows and Financial Position Data				
	Three months ended	Three months ended		
	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021		
Net cash flows from operating activities	\$ (4,747)	\$ (15,976)		
Net cash flows from investing activities	(166,079)	81,182		
Net cash flows from financing activities	24,550	1		
Net increase (decrease) in cash	\$ (146,276)	\$ 65,207		
Effect of foreign exchange rate movements on cash held	(893)	4,514		
Cash, beginning of fiscal period	318,706	101,695		
Cash, end of fiscal period	\$ 171,537	\$ 171,416		
	As at	As at		
	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022		
Current assets	\$ 189,771	\$ 330,190		
Non-current assets	270,765	36,021		
Total assets	\$ 460,536	\$ 366,211		
Current liabilities	\$ 43,965	\$ 3,946		
Non-current liabilities	124,261	97,551		
Total liabilities	\$ 168,226	\$ 101,497		
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 292,310	\$ 264,714		

## Net cash flows from operating activities

Net cash used in operating activities was \$4,747 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with net cash used of \$15,976 for the same period last year. Net loss for the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, was \$3,474 and \$24,510, respectively, and included numerous non-cash items, which are reflected in the Company's consolidated statements of cash flows in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements. For the three months ended June 30, 2021, net cash used in operating activities included the net settlement of the Company's fiscal year 2021 taxes payable of \$13,661 (primarily related to the CGC Transaction).

# Net cash flows from investing activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$166,079 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with net cash provided by investing activities of \$81,182 for the same period last year. For the three months ended June 30, 2022, net cash used in investing activities was primarily attributable to the cash consideration paid upon the Initial Etain Closing, partially offset by the proceeds received by the Company upon the disposition of its financial interests in Greenhouse Juice. For the three months ended June 30, 2021, net cash provided by investing activities was primarily attributable to the disposition of the Company's investment in CGC common shares for total proceeds of \$82,725.

# Net cash flows from financing activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$24,550 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, compared with a nominal amount for the same period last year. During the three months ended June 30, 2022, net cash provided by financing activities was primarily attributable to the net proceeds received from the issuance of Convertible Note II.

#### **Commitments and Contingencies**

## **Financial Obligations**

As at June 30, 2022, the Company had the following financial obligations on an undiscounted basis:

Summary of Financial Obligations – Payments Due by Period					
	Total	< 1 Year	1 to 3 Years	4 to 5 Years	> 5 Years
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,515	\$ 3,515	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lease liability <sup>(1)</sup>	20,650	2,374	4,489	4,463	9,324
Deferred consideration payable	42,444	42,444	-	-	-
Convertible Notes <sup>(2)</sup>	177,091	-	-	-	177,091
Total financial obligations	\$ 243,700	\$ 48,333	\$ 4,489	\$ 4,463	\$ 186,415

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on minimum lease payments. Please refer to Note 14 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

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

As at June 30, 2022, the Company had no off-balance sheet arrangements.

## Litigation

On May 24, 2022, the Company announced that it had received notice of an Ontario Superior Court of Justice application by JW Asset Management, LLC ("JWAM") in connection with the Company's process regarding the Etain Acquisition. In its application, JWAM seeks a declaration that the management, business, or affairs of the Company have been conducted in a manner that is oppressive or unfairly prejudicial or that unfairly disregards the interests of JWAM as a shareholder of RIV Capital. JWAM also seeks an order requiring the Company to purchase JWAM's Common Shares at fair value as at March 29, 2022, the day prior to the announcement of the Etain Acquisition.

The Company's position is that the Etain Acquisition complied with all applicable laws and stock exchange requirements and that the position advanced by JWAM is baseless and wholly without merit. The Company intends to ask the court to dismiss the application and award the Company its costs of defending it. Accordingly, as at June 30, 2022, the Company had not recognized any liability related to JWAM's application. A hearing on the matter is scheduled for September 1, 2022. If JWAM is ultimately successful in its application, fair value would likely be determined by the court at a subsequent hearing.

#### Other

The Company is subject to risks including, but not limited to, its ability to generate positive net cash flows or raise additional funds through debt and/or equity financing to support the Company's development and continued operations, and to meet the Company's liabilities and commitments as they come due.

The Company manages its capital with the objective of maximizing shareholder value and sustaining future development of the business. The Company defines capital as the Company's equity and any debt it may issue. The Company manages its capital structure and adjusts it, based on the funds available to the Company, in order to support the Company's activities. The Company, upon approval from the Board, will undertake to balance its overall capital structure through new share issuances, the issuance of debt, or by undertaking other activities as deemed appropriate under the specific circumstances.

During the three months ended June 30, 2022, the Company financed its operations and current liquidity position primarily through proceeds raised from prior equity financings, consideration received pursuant to the CGC Transaction (including the subsequent sale of the CGC common shares received as consideration), and the proceeds received from the Hawthorne Investments. As at June 30, 2022, working capital (calculated as the difference between the Company's current assets and current liabilities on its consolidated statement of financial position) was approximately \$145,806, primarily attributable to the Company's cash balance of \$171,537.

The Company believes that it has sufficient liquidity and capital resources to finance working capital for at least the next twelve months. Furthermore, if required, the Company believes that it may be able to further strengthen its financial position with future equity or debt financings, the divestment of certain investments, or other liquidity events. The

<sup>(2)</sup> Assumes the principal balance as at June 30, 2022, remains outstanding at the maturity date. Includes the estimated accrued and unpaid interest over the life of the Convertible Notes. Please see Note 16 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

Company believes that it currently has enough cash available to achieve its current business plans and objectives, including those described under "Description of Business, Industry, and Strategy – U.S. Cannabis Platform – Liquidity Position".

While the Convertible Notes are outstanding, the Company faces liquidity risks associated with the Hawthorne Investments. A failure to comply with the obligations related to the Hawthorne Investments could result in an event of default which, if not cured or waived, may result in the acceleration of the relevant indebtedness. If such indebtedness were to be accelerated, there can be no assurance that the Company's assets would be sufficient to repay such indebtedness in full. There can also be no assurance that the Company will generate cash flows in amounts sufficient to pay such indebtedness or to fund any other liquidity needs.

In the future, the Company may face certain liquidity risks if it is unable to: i) generate sufficient cash to fund its ongoing requirements and obligations; and ii) raise funds through equity or debt to account for its commitments. Ongoing capital markets, global economic, and general cannabis industry conditions, including as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic ("COVID-19"), may impact the ability of the Company to obtain equity, debt, or other suitable financing on favourable terms or at all. It may also impact the ability of the Investees to meet their commitments to the Company, including royalty payments, interest payments, and other debt obligations, which may negatively impact the Company's cash flow, and the value and liquidity of the Company's investments. Furthermore, given the constraints on transaction activity, impact on valuations, and general business challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and other events impacting the capital markets, global economic, and general cannabis industry conditions, the Company may not be able to realize successful monetization events involving its economic interests in the Investees. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to generate sufficient positive net cash flow to achieve its business plans and objectives.

The Company's principal capital needs relate to the following business plans and objectives: completing expansion and development activities relating to Etain's cultivation and retail dispensary operations; enhancing the Company's competitive positioning in the U.S. through brand partnerships; investing in new global cannabis opportunities, including investments in, or acquisitions of, established operating businesses in the U.S. cannabis market (including completing the Second Etain Closing); potentially making follow-on investments in existing Investees; and satisfying working capital requirements for Etain's business and operations, and the Company's general corporate functions, as well as for general corporate purposes.

On March 30, 2022, the Company entered into the Etain Purchase Agreements to acquire ownership and control of Etain for \$247,006 (subject to certain adjustments), payable through a combination of cash and newly issued Common Shares. Under the terms of the Etain Purchase Agreements, the cash portion of the purchase price represents \$212,219 (subject to customary post-closing adjustments) and \$34,787 of the purchase price is being satisfied by the issuance of Common Shares. In connection with the Initial Etain Closing, \$197,605 of the purchase price was paid, of which \$169,775 was paid in cash (subject to customary post-closing adjustments) and \$27,830 was satisfied through the issuance of 21,092,335 Common Shares. The remaining \$49,401 of the purchase price is payable in connection with the Second Etain Closing, of which approximately \$42,444 is to be paid in cash (subject to customary post-closing adjustments) and approximately \$6,957 is to be satisfied by the issuance of 5,273,084 Common Shares. As at June 30, 2022, the Company did not have any contractual commitments to its Investees. However, the Company anticipates that certain Investees will require additional capital in order to achieve their business objectives and/or to sustain their operations. Accordingly, the Company may invest in additional financing rounds pursuant to pre-emptive rights granted to the Company by certain Investees. The amount of such investments will depend upon a host of factors, including, but not limited to, the following: the Company's assessment of the Investee's needs and uses for such capital; the Company's current liquidity and existing cash requirements at the time; and the Company's portfolio of investments and investment opportunities.

## TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

## **Key Management Personnel**

The Company's key management personnel have authority and responsibility for overseeing, planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly. The key management personnel of the Company are the members of the Company's executive management team and Board. Together, these individuals, controlled approximately 1.2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares on a fully diluted basis as at June 30, 2022.

Compensation provided to key management personnel includes executive salaries and accrued bonuses, director fees (excluding special committee fees and share-based compensation), special committee fees, and share-based compensation. The following table presents a summary of compensation provided to key management personnel:

Key management personnel			
	Three months ended Jun. 30, 2022	Three months ended Jun. 30, 2021	
Executive management			
Salaries and accrued bonuses	\$ 435	\$ 299	
Share-based compensation	80	171	
Board			
Director fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 57	\$ 46	
Special committee fees	-	121	
Share-based compensation	132	58	

<sup>(1)</sup> At the beginning of the Company's fiscal year, each director submits an election to allocate their annual retainer between cash and share-based compensation, subject to certain restrictions. Director fees indicated above represent the cash portion of total director compensation (excluding special committee fees, which are paid in cash and presented separately), with the remainder presented in share-based compensation.

#### **Transactions with The Hawthorne Collective**

On April 22, 2022, in connection with the Second Hawthorne Investment and the Etain Acquisition, The Hawthorne Collective invested \$25,000 in the Company pursuant to Convertible Note II issued by the Company. Please refer to "Corporate Developments – Capital Activities – Second Hawthorne Investment" above and Note 16 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for further details regarding the Hawthorne Investments.

The accrued and unpaid interest under the Convertible Notes is subject to the Income Tax Act ("ITA") non-resident thin capitalization tax rules. Accordingly, as at June 30, 2022, the Company recognized an accrued liability for the withholding tax payable to the Canada Revenue Agency in the amount of \$139 in its statement of financial position. Pursuant to the Convertible Note I and Convertible Note II agreements, The Hawthorne Collective and the Company have agreed to share this liability equally. As such, the Company has recognized a related party receivable from The Hawthorne Collective as at June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$69 on its statement of financial position.

## SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

## Developments since June 30, 2022

On July 21, 2022, High Beauty completed the initial closing of a financing round that triggered automatic conversion mechanisms pursuant to the senior secured convertible promissory note agreement between High Beauty and the Company, which had been amended during the period to extend the maturity date. Accordingly, the principal amount of \$750 that the Company had advanced to High Beauty pursuant to that agreement converted into 1,000,017 preferred shares of High Beauty.

On August 23, 2022, the Company announced that it had entered into a lease agreement with Zephyr, a leading California-based developer, for the development and operation of a planned new flagship cannabis cultivation and manufacturing facility in Buffalo, New York (the "Flagship Facility"). Under the lease agreement, Zephyr will develop and lease to RIV Capital two buildings totaling approximately 75,000 square feet. The initial term of the lease is for 15 years and will begin upon substantial completion of construction of the buildings. RIV Capital will sublease the Flagship Facility to Etain LLC upon receipt of necessary regulatory approvals. The lease is contingent on receipt of regulatory and other necessary approvals.

#### **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

The Company has one class of shares outstanding (the Common Shares). The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares.

The following table summarizes the Company's issued and outstanding securities:

Issued and Outstanding Securities				
	As at Jun. 30, 2022	As at Aug. 29, 2022		
Common Shares	163,803,677	163,844,998		
Convertible Notes <sup>(1)</sup>	122,947,306	122,947,306		
Stock Options	9,403,001	9,403,001		
Restricted Share Units	381,697	381,697		
Performance Share Units	1,236,083	1,194,762		

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes the principal and full amount of the anticipated accrued interest over the term of Convertible Note I and Convertible Note II under the assumption that conversion does not occur prior to interest being fully accrued on both Convertible Notes.

Convertible Note I and Convertible Note II held by The Hawthorne Collective are both outstanding as of the date of this MD&A and are convertible into Common Shares at a conversion price of C\$1.90 per Common Share and C\$1.65 per Common Share, respectively. Please refer to "Company Overview — Etain Acquisition and the Second Hawthorne Investment", "Corporate Developments — Capital Activities — Second Hawthorne Investment", and Note 16 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information, as applicable, regarding the Hawthorne Investments.

As described in Note 17 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements, as at June 30, 2022, the following dilutive securities were outstanding:

- Stock options exercisable pursuant to the Company's long-term incentive plan, with a weighted average exercise price of C\$2.63 per share;
- Restricted Share Units ("RSUs") redeemable pursuant to the Company's share unit plan for non-employee directors; and
- Performance Share Units ("PSUs") redeemable pursuant to the Company's long-term incentive plan. The number of granted PSUs eligible to vest may be adjusted upwards based on the increase, if any, in the Common Share price between the grant date and the vesting date, subject to a maximum adjustment of 100%.

Pursuant to the deferred consideration payable in connection with the Etain Acquisition, the Company will issue an additional 5,273,084 Common Shares at the time of the Second Etain Closing.

## OTHER INFORMATION

The Company has not paid dividends in the past and does not expect to pay dividends in the near future. The Company plans to reinvest any earnings it may generate in the Company to manage its existing operations, pursue investment or acquisition opportunities, and maintain and develop the business. Any decision to declare dividends, in the future, will be made at the discretion of the Board and will depend upon, among other things, financial results, investment or acquisition opportunities, cash requirements, contractual obligations, and other factors the Board may consider relevant.

The Company is subject to risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect its future performance, including, but not limited to, changes to the regulatory environment for the cannabis industry, changes to the business environment for the cannabis industry, and risks and uncertainties posed by the performance and management of the Investees. See "Risk Factors" in the AIF for information regarding the risks and uncertainties that could have a negative effect on the Company's future performance.

#### **CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The significant accounting policies used in preparing the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements are consistent with those disclosed in the Annual Consolidated Financial Statements and have been applied across all periods presented in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements, except as noted below.

Significant accounting policies newly applicable to the Company for the three months ended June 30, 2022, are described below.

## **Change in Presentation Currency**

In light of the Etain Acquisition, and the Initial Etain Closing which occurred on April 22, 2022, the Company changed the presentation currency of its consolidated financial statements from the Canadian dollar to the U.S. dollar effective April 1, 2022.

The Company believes that U.S. dollar financial reporting provides more relevant presentation of the Company's financial position, funding and treasury functions, financial performance, and cash flows.

A change in presentation currency represents a change in accounting policy as defined in *IAS 8, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*, which requires restatement of comparative information as if the accounting policy was always adopted.

In accordance with *IAS 21, The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates*, the methodology followed in restating historical financial information from Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars for the Company's consolidated entities with a Canadian dollar functional currency was as follows:

- Assets and liabilities for each statement of financial position presented are translated at the closing rate of the period:
- Income and expenses for each quarterly statement of loss and comprehensive loss are translated at average
  exchange rates for the period (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect
  of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the rate
  on the dates of the respective transactions);
- Equity transactions are translated at historical exchange rates in effect on the date of the respective equity transaction; and
- All resulting change differences are recognized as a separate component of equity, the "Foreign currency translation adjustment", which is recorded within other comprehensive income (loss).

The average and closing rates used in translating the historical financial information from Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars for the comparative periods presented in these Interim Consolidated Financial Statements are as follows:

- The average rate used for the three months ended June 30, 2022, was 0.77
- The average rate used for the three months ended June 30, 2021, was 0.81
- The closing rate used as at June 30, 2022, was 0.77
- The closing rate used as at March 31, 2022, was 0.80
- The closing rate used as at April 1, 2021, was 0.80

## **Business Combinations**

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred in a business combination is measured at fair value at the date of acquisition. Acquisition-related transaction costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets and liabilities, including intangible assets, of acquired businesses are recorded at their fair value at the date of acquisition. When the Company acquires control of a business, any previously held equity interest is also remeasured to fair value. The excess of the purchase consideration and any previously held equity interest over the fair value of identifiable net assets acquired is goodwill. If the fair value of identifiable net assets acquired exceeds the purchase consideration and any previously held equity interest, the difference is recognized in the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss immediately as a bargain purchase gain.

# **Biological Assets**

The Company measures biological assets, which consist of medical and adult-use cannabis plants, at fair value less costs to sell and complete up to the point of harvest, which becomes the basis for the cost of internally-produced harvested cannabis and finished goods inventories after harvest. These costs are then recorded within cost of goods

sold in the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss in the period in which the related product is sold. Unrealized gains or losses arising from changes in fair value less costs to sell during the period are included in the results of operations.

Production costs related to biological assets are capitalized. These costs include the direct costs of seeds and growing materials, as well as other indirect costs such as utilities and supplies used in the growing process. The cost of indirect labour for individuals involved in the growing and quality control process is also capitalized, as well as depreciation on production equipment and overhead costs such as rent to the extent it is associated with the growing space. Unrealized fair value gains/losses on the growth of biological assets are reported in a separate line on the face of the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss.

The Company capitalizes costs incurred after harvest to bring the products to their present location and condition in accordance with *IAS 2, Inventories*. The cost of inventory includes the fair value less costs to sell of the cannabis at harvest and costs incurred after harvest (such as quality assurance costs, fulfillment costs, and packaging costs) to bring the products to their present location and condition.

## Inventory

Inventory of purchased finished goods, packaging materials, supplies, and consumables is initially valued at cost and subsequently measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Inventory of harvested cannabis is transferred from biological assets at its fair value less costs to sell and complete at harvest, which becomes the deemed cost. Any subsequent post-harvest costs are capitalized to inventory to the extent that the cost is less than net realizable value. Net realizable value is determined as the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. Cost is determined using the weighted average cost basis. Products for resale and supplies and consumables are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. The Company reviews inventory for obsolete, redundant, and slow-moving goods and any such inventory is written down to net realizable value.

## Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property and equipment are reported at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any. Expenditures that materially increase the life of the assets are capitalized. Ordinary repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset using the following terms:

Asset Class	Depreciable Life
Manufacturing equipment	2 to 10 years
Right-of-use assets	5 to 10 years
Vehicles	5 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives, and methods of depreciation are reviewed at each financial year-end and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate. An item of equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying value of the asset) is included in the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss in the period the asset is derecognized.

## **Intangible Assets**

Finite life and indefinite life intangible assets

Intangible assets are reported at cost, net of accumulated amortization and impairment losses, if any. Amortization is calculated on a straight-line basis over an estimated useful life of the asset (which does not exceed the contractual period, if any) ranging from 5 to 15 years.

The Company's intangible assets are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently, if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they may be impaired. The estimated useful lives, residual values, and methods of amortization are reviewed at each financial year-end and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price paid for the acquisition of an entity over the fair value of the net tangible and intangible assets acquired. Goodwill is allocated to the cash generating unit ("CGU") or CGUs that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

Goodwill is not subject to amortization and is tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired. Impairment is determined for goodwill by assessing if the carrying value of a CGU, including the allocated goodwill, exceeds its recoverable amount determined as the greater of the estimated fair value less costs to sell or the value in use. Impairment losses recognized in respect of a CGU are first allocated to the carrying value of goodwill and any excess is allocated to the carrying amounts of the assets in the CGU. Any goodwill impairment loss is recognized in the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss in the period in which the impairment is identified. Impairment losses on goodwill are not subsequently reversed.

#### Revenue

Revenue is recognized by the Company in accordance with *IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("IFRS 15"). Through application of the standard, the Company recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to the customer in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

To recognize revenue under IFRS 15, the Company applies the following five steps:

- Identify a customer along with a corresponding contract;
- Identify the performance obligation(s) in the contract to transfer goods or provide distinct services to a customer:
- Determine the transaction price the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for transferring promised goods or services to a customer;
- Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligation(s) in the contract; and
- Recognize revenue when or as the Company satisfies the performance obligation(s).

Under IFRS 15, revenue from the sale of cannabis is generally recognized at a point in time when control over the goods have been transferred to the customer. Payment is typically due upon transferring the goods to the customer or within a specified time period permitted under the Company's credit policy.

Revenue is recognized upon the satisfaction of the performance obligation. The Company satisfies its performance obligation and transfers control upon delivery and acceptance by the customer at either its medical dispensaries or delivery to a wholesale customer. Revenue is presented net of discounts, sales tax (if applicable), and other related taxes. The majority of the Company's revenue is currently derived from sales at medical cannabis dispensaries in the state of New York.

Local authorities will often impose excise tax on the sale or production of cannabis products. Excise taxes are effectively a production tax that become payable when a cannabis product is delivered to the customer and are not directly related to the value of sales. The excise tax is borne by the Company and is included in revenue. The subtotal "total revenue, net" on the statements of loss and comprehensive loss represents the revenue as defined by IFRS, less the excise taxes.

The Company offers customer loyalty programs through which medical cannabis customers accumulate points for each dollar of spending. These points are recorded as deferred revenue until customers redeem their points for discounts on cannabis products as part of an in-store sales transaction.

# **Income Taxes**

The Company uses the liability method to account for income taxes. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities for accounting purposes, and their respective tax bases. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted applied to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred income tax assets and liabilities of a change in statutory tax rates is recognized in profit or loss in the year of change. Deferred income tax assets are recorded when their recoverability is considered probable and are reviewed at the end of each reporting period.

Certain of the Company's U.S. consolidated subsidiaries are subject to Section 280E of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") ("IRC Section 280E"), which disallows tax deductions and credits from gross income attributable to a trade or business of trafficking in US controlled substances (labeled as Schedule I or Schedule II). Under current U.S. federal law, cannabis is a Schedule I controlled substance, and therefore the provisions of IRC Section 280E apply. Accordingly, the Company's effective tax rate can be highly variable and may not necessarily correlate with pre-tax income or loss.

#### Segment Reporting

#### **Operating Segment**

An operating segment is a component of the Company for which discrete financial information is available and whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the entity's chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and that engaged in business activities from which it may earn revenue and incur expenses.

The Company's chief operating decision maker is represented by key management personnel. For management purposes, during the three months ended June 30, 2022, the Company was organized into the following three main operating segments, which are reportable segments:

- U.S. Cannabis Platform focused on the cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, and sale of medical cannabis in the U.S.; and services related thereto, including the Company's corporate activities; and
- Minority Portfolio focused on the maintenance of the Company's legacy portfolio of minority investments
  in the cannabis space in which it had historically invested to provide investor returns through dividends,
  interest, rent, royalties, and capital appreciation.

As permitted under *IFRS 8, Operating Segments*, the Company does not separately disclose operating segments that do not meet certain quantitative thresholds. As such, the Company's one reportable segment is the U.S. cannabis platform.

#### Geography

The Company operates in the U.S. and Canada. As at June 30, 2022, the Company had the following non-current assets by geography:

	U.S.	Canada
Non-current assets <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 240,306	\$ 210

<sup>(1)</sup> The Company's non-current assets disclosed in the table above exclude associates, other investments, and deferred tax assets,

The Company's reported revenue, net of excise tax, of \$1,341 for the three months ended June 30, 2022, that was entirely attributable to the U.S.

## Non-controlling Interest

Non-controlling interest ("NCI") represents the portion of equity ownership in subsidiaries not attributable to the Company's shareholders. NCI is initially measured at either the fair value or proportionate share of its interest in the acquiree's identifiable net assets as at the date of acquisition. The initial measurement is an election made on a transaction-by-transaction basis. NCI is subsequently adjusted for the share of net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss) attributable to the NCI based on contractual terms of the related agreements.

The Company does not own a direct equity interest in Etain LLC, but has financial control over Etain LLC through a number of agreements that have been entered into between the Company's subsidiaries and Etain LLC. These agreements prevent Etain LLC from taking certain actions or omitting to take certain actions where to do so would be contrary to the expected economic benefits that the Company expects to derive from its relationship with Etain LLC. Taken together, these agreements effectively devalue any future economic benefits that Etain LLC's members would have otherwise derived from their ownership interest in Etain LLC. Accordingly, the Company does not ascribe any value to the equity interest of Etain LLC that it does not directly own, and there is no non-controlling interest accounted for on the Company's consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss or on its consolidated statements of financial position.

## **New Accounting Pronouncements**

The following new interpretations and amendments have been issued and are applicable for future annual reporting periods. The list includes standards and interpretations issued that the Company reasonably expects to be applicable at a future date. The Company intends to adopt these standards when they become effective and does not expect the standards to have a material impact on the Interim Financial Statements.

#### Amendments to IAS 12, Deferred Taxes

In May 2021, the IAS issued amendments to IAS 12 that narrow the scope of certain recognition exceptions so that they no longer apply to transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences. An entity applies the amendments to transactions that occur on or after the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented. It also, at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented, recognizes deferred tax for all temporary differences related to leases and decommissioning obligations and recognizes the cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings at that date. The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023, with early application permitted.

#### Amendments to IAS 8, Accounting Estimates

On February 12, 2021, the IASB issued 'Definition of Accounting Estimates (Amendments to IAS 8)', which introduces a new definition for accounting estimates, clarifying that they are monetary amounts in the financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty. The amendments also clarify the relationship between accounting policies and accounting estimates by specifying that a company develops an accounting estimate to achieve the objective set out by an accounting policy. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

Certain other new accounting standards, amendments, and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the current period and have not been early adopted by the Company.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The preparation of the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates, and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In addition to the significant accounting estimates and judgements outlined in the Annual Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company has applied the following newly applicable estimates and judgements in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **Biological Assets**

Management is required to make significant estimates in calculating the fair value of biological assets and harvested cannabis inventory. These estimates include a number of assumptions, such as estimating the stages of growth of the cannabis up to the point of harvest, harvesting costs, selling costs, expected yields, and average expected selling prices.

Please refer to Note 8 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for more information regarding the Company's biological assets.

## **Business Combinations**

In a business combination, all identifiable assets, liabilities, and contingent liabilities acquired are recorded at their fair values. One of the most significant estimates relates to the determination of the fair value of these assets and liabilities.

For any intangible asset identified, depending on the type of intangible asset and the complexity of determining its fair value, an independent valuation expert or management may develop the fair value, using appropriate valuation techniques, which are generally based on a forecast of the total future net cash flows expected to be derived from the asset. The evaluations are linked closely to the assumptions made by management regarding the future performance of the assets concerned and any changes in the discount rate applied.

Certain fair values may be estimated at the acquisition date pending confirmation or completion of the valuation process. Where provisional values are used in accounting for a business combination, they may be adjusted retrospectively in subsequent periods. However, the measurement period may last up to one year from the acquisition date. In estimating the fair value of a financial asset or a liability, the Company uses market-observable data to the extent it is available. Where such "Level 1" inputs are not available, the Company uses various valuation models to determine the fair value of its financial instruments that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Please refer to Note 5 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for more information regarding the Company's business combinations.

#### Control

The Company consolidates entities over which it exercises control. Control is achieved when the Company:

- has power over the investee;
- · is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The assessment of control is based on the consideration of all facts and circumstances on a collective basis. Judgement is required in determining whether the Company has control over an entity. When voting rights are not relevant in determining whether the Company has power over an entity, the assessment of control considers the Company's relationship with the entity, its ability to make decisions over significant activities, and whether the Company acts as principal or agent.

#### Impairment of Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The carrying value of goodwill and intangible assets is reviewed annually for impairment or more frequently when there are indicators that impairment may have occurred. The Company tests for impairment of goodwill and intangible assets by comparing the carrying amount of the CGU to its recoverable amount, which is the greater of value in use calculations that use a discounted cash flow model and estimated fair value less costs to sell. The determination of the Company's CGUs are based on management's judgement.

Value-in-use calculations employ key assumptions regarding future cash flows, growth prospects, economic risks, and estimates of the Company's ability to achieve key operating metrics, among other items. The cash flows are derived from the Company's budget for the future and do not include restructuring activities that the Company is not yet committed to or significant future investments that will enhance the asset base of the CGU being tested. The recoverable amount is sensitive to several items, including the discount rate applied in the discounted cash flow model (if applicable) and expectations regarding growth rates and future cash flows. The estimated fair value less costs to sell may be based upon an assessment of comparable company multiples and precedent transaction multiples.

Please refer to Note 11 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for more information regarding the Company's intangible assets and goodwill.

## Inventory

The net realizable value of inventory represents the estimated selling price for inventories in the ordinary course of business, less all estimated costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sale. The determination of net realizable value requires significant judgement, including consideration of factors such as shrinkage, the aging of and future demand for inventory, the expected future selling price the Company expects to realize by selling the inventory, and the contractual arrangements with customers. Reserves for excess and obsolete inventory are based upon quantities on hand, projected volumes from demand forecasts, and net realizable value. The estimates are judgmental in nature and are made at a point in time, using available information, expected business plans, and expected market conditions. As a result, the actual amount received on sale could differ from the estimated value of inventory. Periodic reviews are performed on the inventory balance. The impact of changes in inventory reserves is reflected in cost of goods sold.

Please refer to Note 7 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for more information regarding the Company's inventory.

#### **IRC 280E**

Goodwill and intangible assets that arise from business combinations may be subject to the limits of IRC Section 280E if they exist in an entity that deals in trade or business of trafficking in U.S. controlled substances (labeled as Schedule I or Schedule II). The assessment of tax basis on goodwill and intangible assets requires significant judgement and a view of facts and circumstances on an aggregate basis. As at June 30, 2022, the Company had not yet finalized its evaluation of the tax attributes related to the goodwill and intangible assets acquired in the Etain Acquisition in respect of IRC Section 280E.

## Estimated Useful Lives and Depreciation of Property, Plant, and Equipment

Depreciation of property and equipment is dependent upon estimates of useful lives, which are determined through the exercise of judgement. The assessment of any impairment of these assets is dependent upon estimates of recoverable amounts that consider factors such as economic and market conditions and the useful lives of assets.

Please refer to Note 10 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for more information regarding the Company's property, plant, and equipment.

#### **DISCLOSURE AND INTERNAL CONTROLS**

Management has established processes, which are in place to provide sufficient knowledge to support management representations that they have exercised reasonable diligence that: (i) the financial statements do not contain any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it is made, as of the date of and for the periods presented by the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements; and (ii) the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows of the Company, as of the date of and for the periods presented by the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

Management of the Company has separately filed on SEDAR the Form 52-109FV2 Venture Issuer Basic Certificates at the same time as having filed the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements and this MD&A. In contrast to the certificate required under National Instrument 52-109 – Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings ("NI 52-109"), the venture issuer certificate on Form 52-109FV2 does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P") and internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR"), as defined in NI 52-109. In particular, the certifying officers filing the certificates are not making any representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of:

- controls and other procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be
  disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings, or other reports filed or submitted under securities
  legislation is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in securities
  legislation; and
- a process to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's IFRS.

The Company's certifying officers are responsible for ensuring that processes are in place to provide them with sufficient knowledge to support the representations they are making in this certificate.

Investors should be aware that inherent limitations on the ability of certifying officers of a venture issuer to design and implement on a cost-effective basis DC&P and ICFR as defined in 52-109 may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency, and timeliness of interim and annual filings and other reports provided under securities legislation.

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

## Financial Instruments

Please refer to Notes 13 and 25 in the Interim Consolidation Financial Statements for additional information on the Company's financial instruments and the related fair value estimates and disclosures.

## Financial Risk Management

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, including market risk (i.e. general market risk, foreign currency risk, and interest rate risk), regulatory risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, asset forfeiture risk, and risks related to its internal controls. See "Risk Factors" in the AIF for additional information regarding these risks.

#### Market risk

Market risk is defined for these purposes as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument held by the Company will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Company faces market risk from the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and changes in market prices due to other factors, including changes in equity prices. Financial instruments held by the Company that are subject to market risk primarily relate to investments in financial assets. The categories of financial instruments that can give rise to significant variability are described below:

### General market risk

The Company holds financial assets in the form of investments in shares, warrants, and other convertible securities that are measured at fair value and recorded through either net income (or loss) or other comprehensive income (or loss). The Company is exposed to price risk on these financial assets, which is the risk of variability in fair value due to movements in equity or market prices. Information regarding the fair value of financial instruments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis, and the relationship between the unobservable inputs used in the valuation of these financial assets and their fair value, are presented in Note 25 of the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

# Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that a variation in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and Canadian dollar, or other foreign currencies, will affect the Company's operations and financial results. The presentation currency of the Company is the U.S. dollar. The functional currencies of the Company and its subsidiaries are listed in Note 2(d) in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements. The Company and certain subsidiaries hold cash and cash equivalents in both Canadian dollars and U.S. dollars, incur operating expenses in Canadian dollars and U.S. dollars, and measure the fair value of certain other investments in Canadian dollars. While the Convertible Notes with The Hawthorne Collective are denominated in Canadian dollars, the proceeds were received by the Company in U.S. dollars, and the Company can repay the Convertible Notes upon maturity in U.S. dollars.

The Company does not currently engage in currency hedging activities to limit the risks of currency fluctuations. Consequently, fluctuations in the U.S. dollar/Canadian dollar exchange rate could have a negative impact on the Company's financial results. A 1.0% increase in the value of the U.S. dollar compared to the Canadian dollar would result in an unrealized foreign exchange gain of \$864. A 1.0% decrease in the value of the U.S. dollar compared to the Canadian dollar would result in an unrealized foreign exchange loss of \$864. Other than foreign denominated cash, each of the Company's consolidated subsidiaries does not hold significant monetary assets or liabilities in currencies other than its respective functional currency.

## Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is defined for these purposes as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument to which the Company is party will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates. The Company's exposure to interest rate risk is primarily limited to funding arrangements whereby the Company has committed to invest funds in the form of convertible or repayable debentures, notes, loans, or other debt instruments with variable interest rates, if any, or where the Company has borrowed funds in the form of convertible or repayable debentures, notes, loans, or other debt instruments with variable interest rates, if any. The Company's policy is to minimize cash flow exposure to interest rate risks on long-term financing. As at June 30, 2022, the Company is not directly party to any arrangement involving variable interest rates. The Convertible Notes carry a fixed interest rate for the first two years of approximately 2.0% and are thus not affected by changes in market interest rates. Please refer to Note 16 in the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information about the relationship between the liability and equity components of the Convertible Notes.

The Company may invest surplus cash in highly liquid investments with short terms to maturity that would accumulate interest at prevailing rates for such investments.

## **Regulatory Risk**

Regulatory risk pertains to the risk that the Company's business objectives are contingent, in part, upon compliance with regulatory requirements. Due to the nature of the industry, the Company recognizes that regulatory requirements are more stringent and punitive in nature than most other sectors of the economy. Any delays in obtaining, or failure to obtain, regulatory approvals could significantly delay operational and product development and could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations, and financial condition. The Company is cognizant of the advent of regulatory changes in the cannabis industry on the city, state, provincial, and national levels. Although the regulatory outlook on the cannabis industry has been moving in a positive trend, the Company is aware of the effect that unforeseen regulatory changes could have on the goals and operations of the business as a whole.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's credit risk arises from the Company's interest and royalty receivables, as well as the principal amounts owing to the Company under the terms of any loan, debenture, or promissory note. The Company has provided financing and upfront capital to the Investees in the normal course of business and has evaluated and monitored counterparty credit to mitigate credit risk. Furthermore, although deposited cash is placed with U.S. financial institutions in good standing with regulatory authorities, changes in U.S. federal banking laws related to the deposit and holding of funds derived from activities related to the cannabis industry have passed the U.S. House of Representatives, but have not yet been voted on within the U.S. Senate. Given that current U.S. federal law provides that the production and possession of cannabis is illegal, there is a strong argument that banks cannot accept for deposit funds from businesses involved with the cannabis industry.

Under IFRS 9, Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9"), the Company is required to apply an expected credit loss ("ECL") model to all financial assets not held at FVTPL, where credit losses that are expected to transpire in future years are provided for, irrespective of whether a loss event has occurred as at the statement of financial position date. The Company recognizes a loss allowance for ECLs on its interest receivables, royalty receivables, and other receivables. Where the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to the 12-month ECLs. The ECLs on these financial assets are measured as the probability-weighted present value of all expected cash shortfalls over the remaining expected life of the financial instrument, giving consideration to collateral and reasonable and supportable information about past events, current economic conditions, and forecasts of future events. The measurement of ECLs is primarily based on the product of the financial instrument's probability of default ("PD"), loss given default ("LGD"), and exposure at default ("EAD"). A 12-month PD and lifetime PD are the probabilities of a default occurring over the next 12 months or over the life of a financial instrument, respectively, based on conditions existing at the statement of financial position date and on future economic conditions that have, or will have, an impact on credit risk. LGD reflects the losses expected should default occur and considers such factors as the mitigating effects of collateral and security, the realizable value thereof, and the time value of money. EAD is the expected balance owing at default and considers such factors as repayments of principal and interest beyond the statement of financial position date or additional amounts to be drawn. The Company recognizes lifetime ECLs when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. Lifetime ECLs represent the ECLs that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECLs represent the portions of lifetime ECLs that are expected to result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

## Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. The Company manages its liquidity risk by reviewing on an ongoing basis its capital requirements and maintaining sufficient cash balances for settlement of financial liabilities on their due dates.

As at June 30, 2022, the Company's financial liabilities were comprised of accounts payable and accrued liabilities, lease liability, deferred consideration payable, and the Convertible Notes. As at June 30, 2022, the contractual maturities for the Company's accounts payable were generally within six months. The Convertible Notes' principal and accrued and unpaid interest are due at maturity, being August 24, 2027.

#### **Asset Forfeiture Risk**

Because the cannabis industry remains illegal under U.S. federal law, any property owned by participants in the cannabis industry that are either used in the course of conducting such business, or are the proceeds of such business, could be subject to seizure by law enforcement and subsequent civil asset forfeiture. Even if the owner of the property was never charged with a crime, the property in question could still be seized and subject to an administrative proceeding by which, with minimal due process, it could be subject to forfeiture.

#### **Internal Controls**

The Company's system of ICFR is not guaranteed to provide absolute assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and financial statements and may not prevent or detect misstatements. As described above under "Disclosure and Internal Controls", management of the Company has separately filed on SEDAR the Form 52-109FV2 Venture Issuer Basic Certificates. In contrast to the certificate required under NI 52-109, the venture issuer certificate on Form 52-109FV2 does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of DC&P and ICFR, as defined in NI 52-109. Investors should be aware that inherent limitations on the ability of certifying officers of a venture issuer to design and implement on a cost-effective basis DC&P and ICFR as defined in 52-109 may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency, and timeliness of interim and annual filings and other reports provided under securities legislation. Additionally, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. A failure to prevent or detect errors or misstatements may have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, and results of operations of the Company or the market price of the Common Shares.

In addition, if the Company does not maintain adequate financial and management personnel, processes, and controls, it may not be able to accurately report financial performance on a timely basis, which could cause a decline in the price of the Common Shares, harm the Company's ability to raise capital, and jeopardize the Company's stock exchange listing. Delisting of the Common Shares would reduce the market liquidity of the Common Shares, which would increase the volatility of the price of the Common Shares.

Furthermore, the Company is dependent upon the quality of financial information provided to it by certain Investees and Etain LLC, respectively, which in turn is dependent upon adequate internal control over financial reporting within the Investees' and Etain LLC's respective finance functions. While the Company works closely with the Investees and Etain LLC, respectively, with respect to receiving, analyzing, and querying the financial information received, or to be received, there can be no assurance that the financial information provided by Investees or Etain LLC, respectively, is, or will be, accurate and free of material misstatement or fraud. Should the financial information provided by Investees or Etain LLC, respectively, be materially incorrect, the Company may be required to re-file its financial statements, which could also cause investors to lose confidence in the Company's reported financial information, which in turn could also result in a reduction in the trading price of the Common Shares.

As a privately-held U.S. company, Etain LLC was not required to evaluate its ICFR. In connection with the preparation of the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements, management of RIV Capital has identified significant deficiencies in Etain LLC's ICFR. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal controls that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those responsible for oversight of a company's financial reporting. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. The deficiencies that management has identified relate to completeness and classification issues related to underlying financial statement line items. Management has taken steps to address and remedy the deficiencies identified, which the Company believes will address their underlying causes. The Company is also in the process of hiring additional personnel with requisite skills in both technical accounting and ICFR, and is evaluating the longer term resource needs of Etain LLC's various financial functions, particularly in light of the anticipated growth of the business. In addition, management plans to develop a detailed plan to design, evaluate, and document the overall control environment and resolve the identified weaknesses. Implementing any appropriate changes to Etain LLC's internal controls and continuing to update and maintain Etain LLC's internal controls may distract the Company's officers and employees, entail substantial costs to implement new processes and modify its existing processes, and take significant time to complete. If the Company fails to enhance Etain LLC's ICFR, the Company may be unable to report its financial results accurately, which could increase operating costs and harm the Company's and Etain LLC's respective businesses, including the Company's investors' perception of its business and the Company's share price. The actions that management plans to take are subject to continued management review, supported by confirmation and testing, as well as Audit Committee oversight. While the Company expects to fully remediate these significant deficiencies, it cannot provide assurance that it will be able to do so in a timely manner, which could impair the Company's ability to report its financial position. Additionally, the Company

cannot ensure that the measures the Company has taken to date, and is continuing to implement, will be sufficient to avoid potential future material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Moreover, the Company cannot be certain that that there will not be additional significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in ICFR in the future, or that the Company will successfully remediate any that it finds.

The Company does not expect that the DC&P and ICFR will prevent all errors or fraud. A control system, no matter how well-designed and implemented, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Due to the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues within an organization are detected. The inherent limitations include the realities that judgements in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple errors or mistakes. Controls can also be circumvented by individual acts of certain persons, by collusion of two or more people or by management override of the controls. Due to the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and may not be detected in a timely manner or at all. If the Company cannot provide reliable financial reports or prevent fraud, its reputation and operating results could be materially adversely affected, which could also cause investors to lose confidence in the Company's reported financial information and result in a reduction in the trading price of the Common Shares.

#### **REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

Prior to the Etain Acquisition, RIV Capital did not engage in the cultivation or distribution of cannabis in the U.S. for purposes of the Staff Notice. In light of the Etain Acquisition and the agreements referenced under the heading "Company Overview – Etain Acquisition and the Second Hawthorne Investment", following the Initial Etain Closing, the Company (through Etain) may be considered to be directly engaged in the cultivation or distribution of cannabis in the U.S. for purposes of the Staff Notice. Etain is a legally licensed cannabis cultivation and retail dispensary operator in the state of New York. Etain is one of the state's original five medical cannabis license recipients and one of 10 approved vertically integrated operators. Etain has four operating dispensaries, including its flagship store in Manhattan and locations in Kingston, Syracuse, and Westchester. The Investees are not currently directly involved in any marijuana-related activities in the U.S. (as defined in the Staff Notice). Pursuant to the Staff Notice, issuers with U.S. cannabis-related activities are expected to clearly and prominently disclose certain prescribed information in prospectus filings and other required disclosure documents, such as this MD&A. The Company will evaluate, monitor, and reassess this disclosure, and any related risks, on an ongoing basis and the same will be supplemented and amended to investors in public filings, including in the event of government policy changes or the introduction of new or amended guidance, laws or regulations regarding cannabis regulation. Any non-compliance, citations or notices of violation that may have an impact on Etain LLC's licences, business activities, or operations will be promptly disclosed by the Company.

In accordance with the Staff Notice, below is a discussion of the federal and state-level U.S. regulatory regime in New York state, where Etain is currently involved in the cannabis industry. Also included below is a summary of the cannabis regulatory framework in Canada.

#### Cannabis Regulatory Framework - Canada

Medical cannabis has been regulated in Canada since 2001 under various legislative regimes. On October 17, 2018, the Cannabis Act came into force. The Cannabis Act governs both the medical and the regulated adult-use markets in Canada. Under the Cannabis Act, Health Canada has been granted the authority to issue a wide range of licences, including licences for standard cultivation, micro-cultivation, industrial hemp cultivation, and nursery cultivation, licences for standard processing and micro-processing, medical sales licences, and licences for analytical testing and research. In addition, federal regulations include various labeling and branding requirements.

Under the Cannabis Act, the distribution and sale of cannabis for adult-use purposes is regulated under the individual authority of each provincial and territorial government, and as such, regulatory regimes vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. With respect to retail sales of cannabis, certain provinces and territories allow only for government-run cannabis stores, whereas others, such as Ontario, leave the retail sale of cannabis to the private sector. In addition, other provinces and territories, such as British Columbia, allow for a hybrid model in which both public and private stores can operate.

Estimates of the potential size of the legal market for adult-use cannabis in Canada have varied greatly among industry observers, and initial projections failed to account for some of the operational growing pains that would be experienced by operators during Canada's initial years of cannabis legalization. Despite the early and, in some respects, ongoing challenges experienced by the industry, the emerging sector is demonstrating positive momentum. For example, the continued development of brick-and-mortar retail infrastructure and loosening of restrictions implemented in response

to COVID-19 are expected to foster further industry growth by improving accessibility to the legal cannabis market through an increase in the number of access points for Canadians to purchase legal cannabis. It is also expected that the continued adoption by consumers of new cannabis product formats, including edible cannabis, cannabis extracts, and cannabis topical products, will support industry growth and further encourage consumers to migrate from the illicit market to the legal market.

### Cannabis Regulatory Framework – United States (Federal-Level)

Unlike in Canada, which has uniform federal legislation governing the cultivation, distribution, sale, and possession of cannabis under the Cannabis Act, in the U.S., cannabis is regulated differently at the federal and state level. Notwithstanding the permissive regulatory environment of cannabis in some states, cannabis continues to be categorized as a Schedule I controlled substance under the U.S. Controlled Substances Act (the "CSA"), making it illegal under federal law in the U.S. to cultivate, distribute, or possess cannabis. This means that while state laws may take a permissive approach to medical and/or adult-use of cannabis, the CSA may still be enforced by U.S. federal law enforcement officials against citizens of those states for activity that is legal under state law. As at the date of this MD&A, and as mentioned above, 37 states, plus the District of Columbia (and the territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Island), have legalized the cultivation and sale of cannabis for medical purposes. In 19 states and the territory of Guam, the sale and possession of cannabis is legal for both medical and adult use, and the District of Columbia has legalized adult use, but not commercial sale.

As a result of the conflicting views between state legislatures and the U.S. federal government regarding cannabis, investments in cannabis businesses in the U.S. are subject to inconsistent legislation and regulation. The response to this inconsistency was addressed in August 2013 when then Deputy Attorney General James Cole authored a memorandum (the "Cole Memorandum") addressed to all U.S. district attorneys acknowledging that notwithstanding the designation of cannabis as a controlled substance at the federal level in the U.S., several U.S. states have enacted laws relating to cannabis.

The Cole Memorandum outlined certain priorities for the Department of Justice relating to the prosecution of cannabis offenses. In particular, the Cole Memorandum noted that in jurisdictions that have enacted laws legalizing cannabis in some form and that have also implemented strong and effective regulatory and enforcement systems to control the cultivation, distribution, sale, and possession of cannabis, conduct in compliance with those laws and regulations is less likely to be a priority at the federal level. Notably, however, the Department of Justice has never provided specific guidelines for what regulatory and enforcement systems it deems sufficient under the Cole Memorandum standard. In light of limited investigative and prosecutorial resources, the Cole Memorandum concluded that the Department of Justice should be focused on addressing only the most significant threats related to cannabis. States where medical cannabis had been legalized were not characterized as a high priority. On January 4, 2018, then U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued a memorandum (the "Sessions Memorandum") that rescinded the Cole Memorandum. The Sessions Memorandum rescinded previous nationwide guidance specific to the prosecutorial authority of U.S. attorneys relative to cannabis enforcement on the basis that they are unnecessary, given the well-established principles governing federal prosecution that are already in place. Those principals require federal prosecutors deciding which cases to prosecute to weigh all relevant considerations, including federal law enforcement priorities set by the Attorney General, the seriousness of the crime, the deterrent effect of criminal prosecution, and the cumulative impact of particular crimes on the community.

As a result of the Sessions Memorandum, federal prosecutors are now free to utilize their prosecutorial discretion to decide whether to prosecute cannabis activities despite the existence of state-level laws that may be inconsistent with federal prohibitions. No direction was given to federal prosecutors in the Sessions Memorandum as to the priority they should ascribe to such cannabis activities, and therefore it is uncertain how active federal prosecutors will be in relation to such activities. Due to the ambiguity of the Sessions Memorandum, 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. See "Risk Factors" in the AIF for additional information.

It is unclear what specific impact the Biden administration will have on U.S. federal government enforcement policy, and there is no assurance 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. Unless and until the U.S. Congress amends the CSA with respect to cannabis (and there can be no assurances as to the timing or scope of any such potential amendments), there is a risk that federal authorities may enforce current U.S. federal law, including in respect of the cultivation, distribution, sale, and possession of cannabis.

If the Department of Justice opted to pursue a policy of aggressively enforcing U.S. federal law against financiers or equity owners of cannabis-related businesses, then the Company and its Investees could face: (i) seizure of their cash and other assets used to support or derived from their business activities; and/or (ii) the arrest of its employees,

directors, officers, managers, and/or investors, who could face charges of ancillary criminal violations of the CSA for aiding and abetting and conspiring to violate the CSA by virtue of providing financial support to state-licensed or permitted cultivators, processors, distributors, and/or retailers of cannabis.

Under such an aggressive enforcement policy, the Department of Justice could allege that the Company and the Board, and potentially the Company's shareholders, "aided and abetted" violations of federal law by providing finances and services to the Company or certain of its Investees. Under these circumstances, it is possible that the federal prosecutor would seek to seize the assets of the Company or its Investees, and to recover "the illicit profits" previously distributed to the Company or, if the Company has paid dividends, the shareholders who received such dividends, resulting from any of the foregoing financing or services. In these circumstances, the Company's shareholders may lose their entire investment and directors, officers, and/or the Company's shareholders may be required to defend any criminal charges against them at their own expense and, if convicted, be sent to federal prison.

Additionally, under U.S. federal law it may, under certain circumstances, be a violation of federal money laundering statutes for financial institutions to accept any proceeds from cannabis sales or any other Schedule I controlled substances. Certain Canadian banks are similarly reluctant to transact business with U.S. cannabis companies, due to the uncertain legal and regulatory framework characterizing the industry at present. Banks and other financial institutions could be prosecuted and possibly convicted of money laundering for providing services to U.S. cannabis businesses. Under U.S. federal law, banks or other financial institutions that provide a cannabis business with a chequing account, debit or credit card, small business loan, or any other service could be found guilty of money laundering or conspiracy. Accordingly, the Company may have limited or no access to banking or other financial services. The inability, or limitation on the ability, to open or maintain bank accounts in the U.S., obtain other banking services, and/or accept credit card and debit card payments may make it difficult for the Company to operate and conduct its business as planned in the U.S.

Despite these laws, in February 2014, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FCEN") of the U.S. Treasury Department issued the FCEN memorandum providing instructions to banks seeking to provide services to cannabis-related businesses (the "FCEN Memorandum"). The FCEN Memorandum states that in some circumstances, it is permissible for banks to provide services to cannabis-related businesses without risking prosecution for violation of federal money laundering laws. It refers to supplementary guidance that Deputy Attorney General Cole issued to federal prosecutors relating to the prosecution of money laundering offenses predicated on cannabis-related violations of the CSA. It is unclear at this time whether the current administration will follow the guidelines of the FCEN Memorandum. See "Risk Factors" in the AIF for additional information.

On December 20, 2018, the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (commonly known as the "2018 Farm Bill") was signed into law by the former President Donald Trump in the U.S. The 2018 Farm Bill, among other things, removed industrial hemp and its cannabinoids, including CBD derived from industrial hemp (as defined in the 2018 Farm Bill), from the CSA and amended the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to allow for industrial hemp production and sale in the U.S. Under the 2018 Farm Bill, industrial hemp is defined as "the plant Cannabis sativa L. and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis." The U.S. Department of Agriculture (the "USDA") has been tasked with promulgating regulations for the industrial hemp industry, which, among other things, requires the USDA to review and approve any state-promulgated regulations relating to industrial hemp. On October 31, 2019, the USDA issued interim final regulations that imposed certain testing and other requirements in order to assure that crops to be sold as industrial hemp will meet the statutory limitations. On February 27, 2020, the USDA announced that it would delay enforcement of certain requirements of the interim final regulations pertaining to analytical testing and disposal requirements until October 31, 2021, or publication of the final rule, whichever occurred first. On January 11, 2021, the USDA announced the final regulations, with an effective date of March 22, 2021. The final regulations generally track the interim final regulations, though with some modifications.

Further, under the 2018 Farm Bill, the United States Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA") has retained its authority to regulate products containing cannabis or cannabis-derived compounds, including CBD, under the Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act (the "FDCA") and section 351 of the Public Health Services Act. On May 31, 2019, the FDA held its first public meeting to discuss the regulation of cannabis-derived compounds, including CBD. The meeting included stakeholders across academia, agriculture, consumer, health professional, and manufacturer groups, and was intended to explore new pathways for hemp-derived CBD to be sold legally in the food and supplement markets, while protecting research into future pharmaceutical applications. The FDA has expressed an interest in fostering innovation regarding the development of products containing hemp-derived compounds, such as CBD; however, the FDA has indicated that those actions will have to fit under the confines of current law and further legislation will likely be required. In November 2019, the FDA issued guidance and a description of its activities, in which the FDA stated that only hemp seed oil, hulled hemp seed, and hemp seed powder were "Generally Recognized as Safe" ("GRAS") as ingredients in food, and

that CBD and THC were not GRAS. In the guidance, the FDA has taken the position that a food product or dietary supplement containing CBD would be "adulterated" and could not legally be marketed in the U.S. The FDA has continued to issue warning letters to manufacturers of food or dietary supplements that are labeled as including CBD. The FDA has approved one prescription drug containing CBD and has taken the position that no other product can be marketed as containing CBD without approval as a new drug. There can be no assurance that the FDA will approve CBD as an additive to products under the FDCA. Additionally, the 2018 Farm Bill does not legalize "marihuana" (as such term is defined in the CSA), which remains a Schedule I controlled substance under the CSA.

On November 3, 2020, ballot initiatives regarding the establishment of medical use regulatory frameworks in Mississippi and South Dakota, and adult-use regulatory frameworks in Arizona, New Jersey, Montana, and South Dakota, successfully passed. Subsequently, Connecticut, New Mexico, New York, and Virginia (during 2021) and Rhode Island (during 2022) passed legislation to allow adult use of cannabis, with implementing legislation and regulations for commercial sales to follow. Other states, including Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, are currently considering the implementation of adult-use regulatory frameworks as well. Furthermore, multiple legislative reforms related to cannabis have been introduced in the U.S. Congress. Examples include the proposed bills styled as the States Reform Act, the Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act, the Medical Marijuana Research Act, the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act, the Strengthening the Tenth Amendment Through Entrusting States Act, and the Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act (the "SAFE Banking Act"). Currently, although the SAFE Banking Act has passed the House of Representatives and is pending in the Senate, none of these proposed bills have been approved by both chambers and none have yet been presented to President Biden for signature. The emergence and ongoing effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and other events may impact the timeline for the potential passage of these reforms as regulators prioritize their response to the health and economic crisis, or other domestic priorities. There can be no assurance that any of these pieces of legislation will become law in the U.S.

On February 8, 2018, the Canadian Securities Administrators revised their previously released Staff Notice, which provides specific disclosure expectations for issuers that currently have, or are in the process of developing, cannabis-related activities in the U.S. as permitted within a particular state's regulatory framework. All issuers with U.S. cannabis-related activities are expected to clearly and prominently disclose certain prescribed information in prospectus filings and other required disclosure documents.

For the reasons set forth above, the Company's existing investments in the U.S., and any current and future investments in the U.S. cannabis market that the Company pursues under its revised corporate strategy, 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 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 the Company's ability to further invest in the U.S. or any other jurisdiction. This could have a material adverse effect on the Company, including its reputation and ability to conduct business, its investments in certain Investees, its financial position, operating results, profitability or liquidity or the market price of the Common Shares.

Moreover, as a result of the Company's strategy targeting opportunities in the U.S. cannabis market and/or the Etain Acquisition, parties outside of the cannabis industry with which the Company does business may perceive that they are exposed to reputational risk as a result of the Company's cannabis-related business activities. For example, the Company could receive a notification from a financial institution or professional services firm advising it that they would no longer maintain a relationship with the Company. Accordingly, the Company may in the future have difficulty establishing certain business relationships that it needs to operate its business. Failure to establish or maintain business relationships could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

Please refer to "Regulatory Framework – Other Risk Related to Investing in the U.S. Cannabis Industry" below and the "Risk Factors" section in the AIF for additional details.

# Cannabis Regulatory Framework – United States (State-Level and Compliance Summary)

## New York Legislative History

In July 2014, the New York legislature and Governor of New York enacted the CCA to provide a comprehensive, safe and effective medical cannabis program. The CCA bill was part of the Title V-A in Article 33, Title 10, Chapter 13 of the Public Health Law. The CCA provided access to the program to those who suffer from one of 31 qualifying serious conditions including debilitating or life-threatening conditions such as cancer, HIV/AIDS, ALS and chronic pain. Patients were also required to have one of the following associated or complicating conditions: cachexia or wasting syndrome, severe or chronic pain, severe nausea, seizures, or severe or persistent muscle spasms. Pursuant to the CCA, only a limited number of product offerings were allowed including metered liquid or oil preparations, solid and semi-solid preparations (e.g., capsules, chewable and effervescent tablets), metered ground plant preparations, and topical forms

and transdermal patches. Medical cannabis was not permitted to be incorporated into food products unless approved by the Commissioner of Health and smoking of cannabis flower was prohibited.

On March 31, 2021, the New York legislature passed the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (the "MRTA"), legalizing adult-use cannabis in the state and establishing a regulatory framework for adult-use cannabis. Under the MRTA, the CCA provisions were repealed effective six months after the appointment of the Cannabis Control Board, the approval and oversight body of the Office of Cannabis Management. The Cannabis Control Board was appointed in September 2021 and held its first meeting on October 5, 2021. Accordingly, the CCA was repealed as of April 2022. The MRTA also provides for the transfer of authority over medical cannabis from the NYDOH to the Cannabis Control Board and the Office of Cannabis Management. The Cannabis Control Board has also issued proposed regulations to govern medical cannabis, which would replace the regulations promulgated by the NYDOH. The comment period on the proposed medical cannabis regulations closed on May 9, 2022, and on July 14, 2022, the Cannabis Control Board filed revised medical cannabis regulations for public comment. The public comment period for the revised medical cannabis regulations closes on September 19, 2022, and the Cannabis Control Board may promulgate final regulations thereafter.

Etain is currently regulated under New York state law related to medical dispensaries. Etain has received licences to cultivate and manufacture cannabis products, and to sell those products to individuals who have been prescribed medical marijuana and who have appropriate identification cards issued by the state. The cultivation, manufacture, and sale must occur on the licensed premises. Etain currently has four operating dispensaries in New York. Under New York state law, licensed medical dispensaries may be permitted to sell adult-use cannabis products, once final regulations have issued. Please refer to "Compliance Program and Procedures" below for information regarding Etain LLC's compliance program and procedures.

## **New York Operations**

Please refer to "Description of Business, Industry, and Strategy – U.S. Cannabis Platform – New York: Etain" for additional information regarding Etain LLC's operations, products and brands.

#### New York Licenses

The NYDOH has issued licenses to ten registered organizations which hold vertically integrated licenses. Each registered organization has one cultivation/processing license and four dispensary licenses. Under the MRTA, the authority to renew existing licenses and to issue new licenses has transferred from the NYDOH to the OCM.

The New York dispensary, growing and processing licenses are valid for two years from the date of issuance and license holders are required to submit a renewal application not more than six months nor less than four months prior to expiration. License holders must ensure that no cannabis is sold, delivered, transported or distributed by a producer to or from a location outside of New York.

While Etain LLC's compliance controls have been developed to mitigate the risk of any material violations of a license arising, there is no assurance that New York cannabis licenses will be renewed in the future in a timely manner. Any unexpected delays or costs associated with the licensing renewal process could impede the ongoing or planned New York cannabis operations and could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Company and Etain.

The table below lists Etain LLC's active and pending NYDOH licenses:

License Number	City/County	<b>Expiration Date</b>	Description
MM0401M	Chestertown	07/31/2023	Acquiring, possession, manufacture, sale, transporting, distributing, and dispensing medical marijuana
MM0403D	Kingston	07/31/2023	Acquiring, possession, sale, transporting, distributing, and dispensing medical marijuana
MM0404D	Yonkers	07/31/2023	Acquiring, possession, sale, transporting, distributing, and dispensing medical marijuana
MM0405D	Syracuse	07/31/2023	Acquiring, possession, sale, transporting, distributing, and dispensing medical marijuana

License Number	City/County	Expiration Date	Description
MM0407D	New York	07/31/2023	Acquiring, possession, sale, transporting, distributing, and dispensing medical marijuana
OCM-HMPD-22-00028	Westchester	03/25/2023	Cannabinoid Hemp Distributor Permit
OCM-HMPR-22-00108	Westchester	02/06/2023	Cannabinoid Hemp Retail License
OCM-HMPR-22-00108-001	N/A	02/06/2023	Cannabinoid Hemp Retail License
OCM-HMPR-22-00108-002	N/A	02/06/2023	Cannabinoid Hemp Retail License
OCM-HMPR-22-00108-003	N/A	02/06/2023	Cannabinoid Hemp Retail License
OCM-HMPR-22-00108-004	N/A	02/06/2023	Cannabinoid Hemp Retail License
OCM-HMPR-22-00108-005	N/A	02/06/2023	Cannabinoid Hemp Retail License

New York Record-Keeping and Reporting

The NYDOH uses the BioTrack THC T&T system used to track commercial cannabis activity. Each month, each registered organization is required to file reports with the NYDOH which provides information showing all products dispensed during the month. All other data shall be pulled from the BioTrack THC T&T system. The data must include (a) documentation, including lot numbers where applicable, of all materials used in the manufacturing of the approved medical cannabis products to allow tracking of the materials, including but not limited to, soil, soil amendment, nutrients, hydroponic materials, fertilizers, growth promoters, pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides, (b) cultivation, manufacturing, packaging and labelling production records, and (c) laboratory testing results. The records are required to be maintained for a period of five years.

## New York Inventory/Storage

A record of all approved medical cannabis products that have been dispensed must be filed with the NYDOH by registered organizations electronically through the BioTrack THC T&T system no later than 24 hours after the cannabis was dispensed to a certified patient or designated caregiver. The information filed must include (a) a serial number for each approved medical cannabis product dispensed to the certified patient or designated caregiver, (b) an identification number for the registered organization's dispensing facility, (c) the patient's name, date of birth and gender, (d) the patient's address, and (e) the patient's registry identification card number.

All cannabis that is not part of a finished product must be stored in a secure area or location within the registered organization and be accessible only to a minimum number of employees essential for efficient operation and in such a manner as approved by the NYDOH in advance, to prevent diversion, theft or loss and against physical, chemical and microbial contamination and deterioration. Cannabis must be returned to its secure location immediately after completion of manufacture, distribution, transfer or analysis.

# New York Security

All facilities operated by a registered organization, including any manufacturing facility and dispensing facility, must have a security system to prevent and detect diversion, theft or loss of cannabis and/or medical cannabis products. The security system must utilize commercial grade equipment which includes (a) a perimeter alarm, (b) a duress alarm, (c) a panic alarm, and (d) a holdup alarm. Manufacturing and dispensing facilities must direct cameras at all approved safes, vaults, dispensing areas, cannabis sales areas and any other area where cannabis is manufactured, stored, handled, dispensed or disposed of. Manufacturing and dispensing facilities must angle the cameras to allow for the capture of clear and certain identification of any person entering or exiting the facilities. The surveillance cameras must record 24 hours, seven days a week. Recordings from all surveillance cameras must be readily available for immediate viewing by a New York State authorized representative upon request and must be retained for at least 90 days. A registered organization must test the security and surveillance equipment no less than semi-annually at each manufacturing and dispensing facility that is operated under the registered organization's registration. Records of security tests must be maintained for five years.

#### **New York Transportation**

Cannabis products must be transported in a locked storage compartment that is part of the vehicle transporting the cannabis and in a storage compartment that is not visible from outside the vehicle. An employee of a registered organization, when transporting approved medical cannabis products, must (a) travel directly to his or her destination(s) and may not make any unnecessary stops in between, (b) ensure that all approved medical cannabis product delivery times are randomized, (c) appoint each vehicle with a minimum of two employees where at least one transport team member remains with the vehicle at all times, (d) possess a copy of the shipping manifest at all times when transporting

or delivering approved medical cannabis products, and (e) keep the shipping manifest in a safe compartment for a minimum of five years.

#### **New York Inspections**

A medical marijuana facility in New York must make its books, records and manufacturing and dispensing facilities available to the NYDOH or its authorized representatives for monitoring, on-site inspection, and audit purposes, including but not limited to, periodic inspections and/or evaluations of facilities, methods, procedures, materials, staff and equipment to assess compliance with requirements of New York state law.

# U.S. Attorney Statements in New York

To the knowledge of management of the Company, other than as disclosed elsewhere in this AIF, there have not been any statements or guidance made by federal authorities or prosecutors regarding the risk of enforcement action in New York. See "Risk Factors" in the AIF for further details.

## Compliance Program and Procedures

Prior to the Etain Acquisition, the Company did not engage in the cultivation or distribution of cannabis in the U.S. for purposes of the Staff Notice. In light of the Etain Acquisition, the Company is developing its internal compliance and standard operating procedures on this topic, which will be fully integrated with the extensive state-approved standard operating procedures and compliance policies and programs Etain LLC has in place. In entering into the Etain Purchase Agreements, the Company conducted appropriate diligence to confirm that Etain has internal policies and procedures to maintain compliance with applicable state laws and as to current compliance. The Etain Purchase Agreements included appropriate representations as to current compliance. While the Company believes that Etain LLC is currently in compliance with New York state rules, regulations and license requirements, there are significant risks associated with its business and the business of its contractual parties. Further, the rules and regulations as outlined above are not a full complement of all the rules that Etain LLC is required to follow in the state of New York. Etain LLC monitors, and the Company will monitor, the applicable rules and regulations of the state of New York as well as correspondence and changes to, and updates of, rules or regulatory policies impacting Etain LLC in the state of New York. The Company has engaged New York state and local regulatory/compliance counsel to assist in evaluating compliance of applicable requirements. The Company understands that Etain LLC has longstanding New York State-specific legal counsel, in addition to its Compliance Department, to monitor and implement applicable requirements.

Etain LLC has no non-compliance citations or notices of violation which may have a material impact on its licenses, business activities or operations.

Further, Etain has in place comprehensive standard operating procedures and policies, which are compliant with the applicable state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, and other requirements Etain ensures adherence to standard operating procedures by regularly conducting internal compliance inspections and assessments and is committed to ensuring any issues identified are resolved quickly and thoroughly.

In addition, Etain LLC has a comprehensive training program that emphasizes, among other things, the importance of compliance with state and local laws and security and inventory control.

In order to comply with industry best practices, Etain LLC performs the following:

- Ensure the operations are compliant with all licensing requirements that are set forth with regards to cannabis operation by New York State.
- Ensure the activities relating to cannabis business adhere to its New York State licensing requirements.
- Etain LLC functions within the New York State regulatory environment, which imposes a range of requirements and strict regulatory oversight aimed at ensuring, as do Etain's business policies and practices, sufficient checks and balances to ensure that no revenue is distributed to criminal enterprises, gangs and cartels.
- Ensure Etain LLC's products and product packaging are in compliance with applicable regulations and contain required disclaimers regarding such products.

While Etain LLC strives, and the Company will strive, to ensure that operations are in compliance with New York state laws, regulations and licensing requirements, some of such activities remain illegal under U.S. federal law. For the

reasons described above, the risks described below under "Other Risks Related to Investing in the U.S. Cannabis Industry" and the risks further described under the heading "Risk Factors" in the AIF, there are significant risks associated with the business of Etain (and the Company).

#### Other Risks Related to Investing in the U.S. Cannabis Industry

#### **Contracts and Service Providers**

Operating or investing in the U.S. cannabis industry may breach existing contractual covenants the Company has with any banking institutions, suppliers, or other third parties. In such circumstances, the Company would be required to amend the terms of or replace such agreements and enter into alternative arrangements. Any violation of the terms of such contractual covenants and the failure to enter into appropriate alternative arrangements would result in a breach of the applicable agreement, and accordingly, may have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, and financial condition of the Company.

Prior to the Initial Etain Closing, the Company engaged in discussions with its service providers, including its auditor and any entities that provide commercial banking services to RIV Capital, whose terms of service prohibit the Company from making investments or acquisitions in the U.S. cannabis market regarding any necessary transition to service providers whose terms of service would not prohibit such activities. The Company successfully completed certain required transitions to new service providers prior to the Initial Etain Closing.

#### **Taxes**

An additional challenge for cannabis-related businesses in the U.S. is that the provisions of Section 280E of the Code, are being applied by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") to businesses operating in the medical and adult-use cannabis industry in the U.S. Pursuant to Section 280E of the Code, "no deduction or credit shall be allowed for any amount paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business if such trade or business (or the activities which comprise such trade or business) consists of trafficking in controlled substances (within the meaning of Schedule I and II of the CSA) which is prohibited by Federal law or the law of any State in which such trade or business is conducted."

Accordingly, Section 280E of the Code prohibits cannabis businesses from deducting their ordinary and necessary business expenses, forcing them to pay higher effective federal tax rates than similar companies in other industries. The effective tax rate on a cannabis business depends on how large its ratio of non-deductible expenses is to its total revenues. Therefore, businesses in the U.S. cannabis industry, such as Etain, may be less profitable than they would otherwise be if the provisions of Section 280E of the Code were not applicable. Furthermore, although the IRS issued a clarification allowing the deduction of cost of goods sold, the scope of such items is interpreted very narrowly, and a significant portion of operating costs and general administrative costs are not permitted to be deducted. These tax provisions could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, and results of operations of the Company.

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

Given the illegality of cannabis under U.S. federal law, the Company's access to capital could be negatively affected by public and/or private capital not being available to support continuing operations or future investment opportunities. To date, the Company has been able to access equity financing through public and private markets in Canada, and debt financing through the Convertible Notes. At present, management believes that capital availability could change without notice, requiring the Company to operate solely on currently available and internally generated funds.

There can be no assurance that additional financing will be available to the Company when needed or on terms that are acceptable to the Company. The Company's inability to raise financing to fund its capital expenditures and execute on its investment strategy could limit its growth and may have a material adverse effect upon future profitability.

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") as a global pandemic. COVID-19 continues to spread in Canada, the U.S., and globally, including in multiple jurisdictions where the Company and the Investees have operations. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused companies and various international jurisdictions to impose restrictive measures such as quarantines, business closures, and travel restrictions and has had a negative impact on the global economy. The situation is continuing to evolve, but the Company continues to monitor developments and actively assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on its employees, service providers, the Investees, and the Company as a whole, and, where possible, has adopted measures to mitigate such

impact, including work-from-home programs and certain restrictions on business travel where appropriate and practicable.

Going forward, the Company expects to continue to experience some short to medium-term negative impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing uncertainty related to certain continuing macroeconomic challenges, including the potential for continued supply and personnel shortages, a reduction in demand for certain products and services, mandated social distancing and quarantines, impacts of declared states of emergency, public health emergencies and similar declarations, increased governmental regulations, capital markets volatility, a reduction in available financing for the Company and the Investees, and an elevated cost of capital.

At this time, it is impossible to predict the effect and overall impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations, liquidity, and financial results of the Company or any of the Investees due to uncertainties relating to the ultimate geographic spread of the virus, the severity of the disease, the duration of the outbreak, containment and treatment of COVID-19, and the timing and length of any travel restrictions and business closures that have been or may be imposed by government authorities. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has had, and may continue to have, an adverse effect on global economies and financial markets, which may result in an economic downturn that could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, operating results, and cash flows of the Company and the Investees. Please refer to "Financial Risk Management" herein and "Risk Factors" in the AIF for additional details.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

There are several risk factors that could cause the Company's actual results, performance, and achievements to differ materially from those described herein. If any of these risks occur, the Company's business may be harmed, and its financial condition and results of operations may suffer significantly. Such risk factors include, but are not limited to, the risk factors discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in the AIF, which has been filed under the Company's profile on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.