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RESOLUTION 2023-<u>128</u> CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR, CLASS 2 CANNABIS MANUFACTURER, AND CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAILER LICENSES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("the Commission"), established pursuant to P.L.2019, c.153, known and cited as the "Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act," is charged with implementing the provisions of that Act as well as P.L.2021, c.16, known and cited as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act"; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2021, the Commission adopted rules pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-35(a)(1) that established the licensure process for cannabis businesses and testing laboratories; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7 outline the application process and requirements for both conditional license applicants and annual license applicants, including eligibility requirements and limitations for social equity businesses, diversely owned businesses, and impact zone businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Commission issued a Notice of Application Acceptance ("Notice") on November 9, 2021, outlining the specific criteria for the types of applications the Commission would accept, and the dates on which the Commission would begin accepting those applications; and

WHEREAS, the Notice also outlined the specific priority by which applications would be reviewed by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Testing Laboratories licenses on December 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses on March 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall review and score conditional and annual cannabis business license applications based on the priority designation of applications as set forth in the regulation and the Notice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall approve and issue licenses to applicants that receive a full score or greater; and

WHEREAS, to review applications thoroughly and efficiently, the Commission developed an application review process that included the following chronological steps for each application received:

- 1. Priority assignment;
- 2. Priority verification;
- 3. Review assignment;
- 4. Completeness review;
- 5. Scoring;
- 6. Qualification, Limitations, Financial/Management Agreement review;
- 7. Quality Control;
- 8. Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, for applications deemed incomplete in any respect, the application was sent back to the applicant with direction on how to appropriately cure any deficiencies in the application; and

WHEREAS, upon resubmission of a cured application, the application was placed in line for review in accordance with its priority designation and the time at which it was resubmitted; and

WHEREAS, the below list of conditional license applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses have been timely received prior to June 14, 2023, have been cured as necessary, have passed review by Commission staff, and are recommended by Commission staff for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-35(a)(1) and N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7, the following applicants have satisfied the requirements set forth in the regulation, and the Commission has determined to approve the applicants' applications for a conditional license:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category	
1	2955	Dragon Pit LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
2	3013	Green Leevz	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
3	3252	Happy Kola Brands	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
4	1702	Hazlie Corri-Ahna	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
5	3066	Straight Gas Boys	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
6	2758	Cannabis Cultivation & Distribution	Cultivator	Standard	
7	2891	CannaLife LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
8	2927	HiBlend	Cultivator	Standard	
9	3010	Highland Green Holdings LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
10	2982	Smile High LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
11	3095	The Bud House, LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
12	2996	Legally Bud LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
13	2417	Twister Cannabis	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
14	2892	CannaLife LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
15	3291	Pure Canna Xtract	Manufacturer	Standard	
16	2973	Shipwreck'd Labs LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
17	2983	Smile High LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
18	2865	Square Mile Botanicals, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
19	3014	WeedCraft, Inc.	Manufacturer	Standard	
20	1535	Agrovida LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
21	3037	Cannabis City 137 LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
22	3007	RECLEAF, LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
23	2547	The Cannabis Collection	Retailer	Microbusiness	
24	3054	BliZZY BAKD	Retailer	Standard	
25	3107	Bud City NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard	
26	2991	Canna Supply LLC	Retailer	Standard	

No.	Applicant ID	Applicant Business Name	Business Class	Business Category	
27	2890	CannaLife LLC	Retailer	Standard	
28	2230	Chroma New Jersey LLC	Retailer	Standard	
29	2932	Demeter's Botanical Garden	Retailer	Standard	
30	3031	East Coast Double Dose LLC	Retailer	Standard	
31	2967	Four80 Dispensary	Retailer	Standard	
32	2977	Herb Healers	Retailer	Standard	
33	3268	Herbal Wellness Farmacy	Retailer	Standard	
34	3049	Hometown Organics LLC	Retailer	Standard	
35	2924	IceKream2 LLC	Retailer	Standard	
36	3047	Juniper Lane NJ Corp	Retailer	Standard	
37	3016	MAKNJ Holdings	Retailer	Standard	
38	2988	Seaside Budds, LLC	Retailer	Standard	
39	2976	Vidu Brothers Cannabis Inc.	Retailer	Standard	
40	2292	Whoopfam LLC	Retailer	Standard	

The following conditions shall apply to the above-listed conditional license awardees:

- 1. Conditional licenses issued in accordance with this Resolution shall be automatically granted the additional 45 days allowed by statute to file a conditional conversion application, extending the conditional license phase to 165 days from the date of license issuance.
- 2. Conditional license-holders shall comply with all relevant provisions of N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7 regarding conditional licenses, license-holders, and the conditional license phase.
- 3. If issued a conditional license as a social equity business, diversely owned business, or impact zone business, maintaining eligibility as such is a condition of the license and a condition of seeking an annual license through a conditional conversion application.
- 4. Conditional license-holders may add new owners in the conditional license phase; however, a majority of the ownership shall remain with the owners that qualified for the conditional license.
- 5. Conditional license-holders shall provide an attestation certifying that they will submit to a criminal history background check. No license holder or license applicant shall be granted an annual license without submitting to a criminal history background check and satisfactorily demonstrating that all statutory and regulatory requirements have been satisfied.

6. Conditional license-holders are not authorized to cultivate, manufacture, sell, or otherwise possess cannabis or cannabis items.

Submitted by:

Dianna Houenou, Chair

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 18th day of July 2023.

Dave Tuason, Deputy Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Barker	X		X			
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso						X
Commissioner Delgado			X			
Chairwoman Houenou			X			
Commissioner Nash		X	X			