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RESOLUTION 2023-<u>148</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 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	3441	Braided Organics LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
2	3530	Dank Farms LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
3	3348	Global Grown, Inc	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
4	3367	Simply Pure Downtown Trenton LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
5	3614	Stash House Cannabis	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
6	3322	TUNEBLISS LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
7	3559	Belvidere Farms NJ	Cultivator	Standard	
8	3448	Ganja Manja	Cultivator	Standard	
9	3257	Hizenbud Inc	Cultivator	Standard	
10	3343	July's Harvest LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
11	3546	La Perla Project	Cultivator	Standard	
12	3282	Luckys Leafs LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
13	2867	Mellow Pharms	Cultivator	Standard	
14	1154	Pantheon	Cultivator	Standard	
15	3453	Pura NJ LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
16	3060	Starlight Cannabis LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
17	3439	Tiaplanta LLC	Cultivator	Standard	
18	3414	Hazlie Corri-Ahna	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
19	3319	3P Dispensary LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
20	3560	Belvidere Farms NJ	Manufacturer	Standard	
21	3487	California Honey Corp.	Manufacturer	facturer Standard	
22	3585	Ganja Manja	Manufacturer	Standard	
23	3426	Hammerhead Manufacturing Company NJ LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
24	3258	Hizenbud Inc	Manufacturer	Standard	
25	3344	July's Harvest LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
26	3284	Luckys Leafs LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
27	3532	Viridis MFG LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	

28	2635	B3ST BUDS LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
No.	Applicant ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category	
29	2405	colganation llc	Retailer	Microbusiness	
30	3262	Loddy Exotics	Retailer	Microbusiness	
31	3294	Medusa's Den LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
32	3419	OPTIMUM ELEVATION	Retailer	Microbusiness	
33	3424	sherbinskis	Retailer	Microbusiness	
34	3494	STOCKBOX LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
35	3561	Suufi Cannabis Inc.	Retailer	Microbusiness	
36	2948	Zaza Dispensary, LLP	Retailer	Microbusiness	
37	3320	3P Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard	
38	3588	CANNA VIE	Retailer	Standard	
39	3413	Cannabis Tavern LLC	Retailer	Standard	
40	2984	Cannakingz L.L.C.	Retailer	Standard	
41	3563	Elevation Cannabis Company LLC	Retailer	Standard	
42	3345	Jersey Shore Extracts LLC	Retailer	Standard	
43	3283	Luckys Leafs LLC	Retailer	Standard	
44	3044	Millstone Cure Room	Retailer	Standard	
45	3412	NJC LIZ LLC	Retailer	Standard	
46	3848	Nurturing Leaves LLC	Retailer	Standard	
47	2920	South Beach Buzz LLC	Retailer	Standard	
48	3648	Star Leaf Dispensary LLC	Retailer	iler Standard	
49	3607	Two River Greens LLC	Retailer	Standard	
50	3391	Warrior Weed LLC	Retailer	Standard	
51	3429	WeedCraft, Inc.	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 8th day of September 2023.

Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

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