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RESOLUTION 2022-<u>14</u> APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR AND CLASS 2 CANNBIS MANUFACTURER LICENSES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("the Commission") is established pursuant to P.L. 2019, c.153, known and cited as the "Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act," and 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 Cultivation, Class 2 Manufacturing, and Testing Laboratories on December 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as of March 30, 2022, the Commission has received 732 total applications. The breakdown is shown in the table below:

	Annual	Conditional	Grand Total
Class 1 Cultivator	29	222	251
Class 2 Manufacturer	24	111	135
Class 3 Wholesaler	0	2	2
Class 4 Distributor	1	4	5
Class 5 Retailer	35	292	327
Class 6 Delivery	3	4	7
Testing Laboratory	0	5	5
Grand Total	92	640	732

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall review, score, and approve conditional and annual cannabis business license applications and issue licenses to applicants that receive a full score or greater, with review taking place based on the priority designation of applications as set forth in the regulation and the Notice; 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 designation assignment;
- 2. Priority designation verification;
- 3. Completeness review;
- 4. Scoring;
- 5. Qualification, Limitations, Financial/Management Agreement review;
- 6. Quality Control;
- 7. Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, for applications deemed incomplete in any respect, the application was "rejected" with instructions on how the applicant can appropriately "cure" the deficient application and resubmit for consideration; 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, as of March 30, 2022, of the 640 conditional license applications received, over 213 applications were "rejected" back to applicants to be "cured"; and

WHEREAS, the below list constitutes the entirety of conditional license applications for Class 1 Cultivation and Class 2 Manufacturing licenses that have been timely received prior to March 28, 2022, have been "cured" as necessary, and have passed review by Commission staff and are recommended 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 regulation and the Commission has determined to approve the applicants' applications for conditional licenses:

				Business
No.	App ID	Applicant Business Name	License Type	Category
1	1003	T-Verde LLC	Cultivator	Micro
2	1005	ACTF NJ LLC	Cultivator	Micro
3	1053	Franklingrow Inc	Cultivator	Standard
4	1071	Hudson Blooom LLC	Cultivator	Micro
5	1111	Sussex Cultivator LLC	Cultivator	Standard
6	1131	Fire Gardens LLC	Cultivator	Micro
7	1132	Premium Genetics Partners, LLC	Cultivator	Standard
8	1139	Amor Herbal Farms LLC	Cultivator	Standard
9	1194	Waves of Green LLC	Cultivator	Standard
10	1200	Arise Cannabis NJ LLC	Cultivator	Micro
11	1201	Savage Garden LLC	Cultivator	Standard
12	1205	Green Lift LLC	Cultivator	Micro
13	1211	Audacious NJ LLC	Cultivator	Standard
14	1276	Creative Flavors by Esther LLC	Cultivator	Standard
15	1288	Violet Genetics LLC	Cultivator	Standard
16	1296	D&M 2018 LLC	Cultivator	Standard
17	1297	Pigment Holdings LLC	Cultivator	Standard
18	1304	Pure Cultivations, LLC	Cultivator	Micro
19	1325	Parks Grove LLC	Cultivator	Micro
20	1348	Green Thumb Growing Company LLC	Cultivator	Standard
21	1074	T-Verde LLC	Manufacturer	Micro
22	1128	TGC New Jersey LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
23	1136	Amor Herbal Manufacturing L.L.C.	Manufacturer	Standard
24	1188	Trenton Equity Holdings LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
25	1191	Good Growth NB, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
26	1212	Audacious NJ LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
27	1234	Jersey Gem Farms LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
28	1246	Power Grow LLC	Manufacturer	Micro
29	1287	ACTF NJ, LLC	Manufacturer	Micro
30	1289	Green Alchemy LLC	Manufacturer	Micro
31	1303	Bellegrow LLC	Manufacturer	Micro
32	1321	Garden State Green Genetics, LLC	Manufacturer	Micro
33	1369	Leif Enterprises LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
34	1392	Pigment Holdings LLC	Manufacturer	Standard

Approval of applications from the above-listed conditional license awardees shall be subject to the following conditions:

- 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, the majority of the ownership shall remain with the owners that qualified for the conditional license.
- 5. Conditional license-holders shall be granted provisional approval for 90 days to get a criminal history background check, with the ability for the provisional period to be extended by the Commission. No license holder or license applicant shall be granted an annual license without completing a criminal history background check.
- 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 <u>11th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2022.

Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

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