## Indovate Phytotechnologies...



VERTICALLY INTEGRATED RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, BIOTECHNOLOGY & LABORATORY SERVICE COMPANY

### **ABOUT US**

Vertically integrated with full-spectrum analytical capabilities including

- Testing
- Formulation
- Validation
- Genomic & metabolic fingerprinting
- Tissue culture & genetic development
- IP development & protection
- Licensed small batch manufacturing

we aim to be one of the most cutting-edge third-party service providers in the Health Canada regulated space.





**OUR SUBSIDIARY** 

**AFFILIATED COMPANIES** 







INNOVATE PHYTOCEUTICALS INC.

Research and development, analytical, compliance and product development service provider.

ISO 17025; ISO 9000; CFR21; CFIA; GLP; GCP; GMP Compliant and accreditation upon commissioning

## INNOVATE Phytoceuticals





## Standard & non-standardized analytical testing for compliance & R&D:

INNOVATE PHYTOCEUTICALS INC.

Licensed Cannabis Analytical Testing & Research

Controlled Substances
Dealers License

Human genome sequencing

Compliance & regulatory consulting

Product development & IP

Seed banking & tissue culture



## 10,000 ft2 cutting-edge laboratory fully equipped with advanced instruments from ThermoFisher





#### R&D:

Product formulation (format, delivery method, solubility, stability)

Bioavailability & pharmacokinetics

Propagation techniques

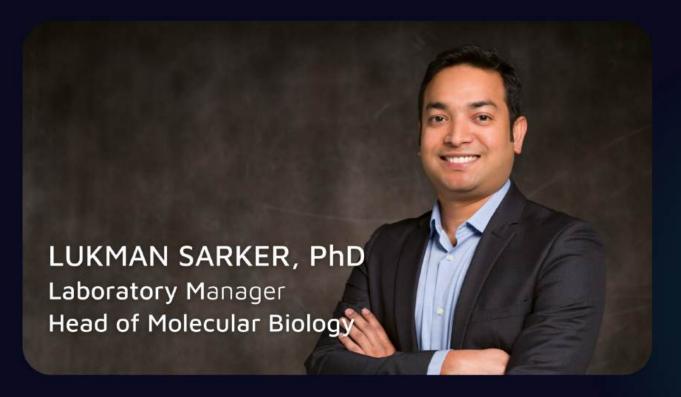
CRISPR (& other) genetic editing for targeted strain & genetic development

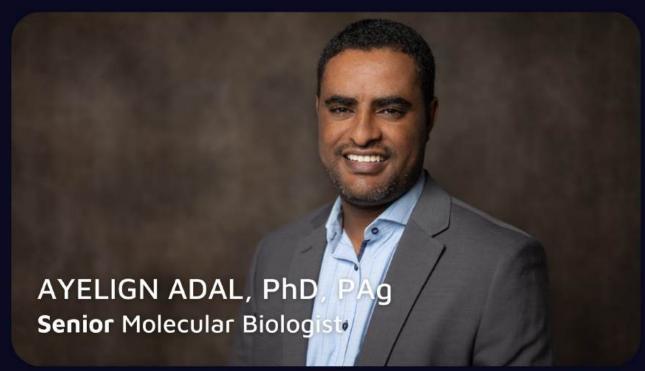




## SCIENCE & REGULATORY TEAM







## STATE-OF-ART FACILITY













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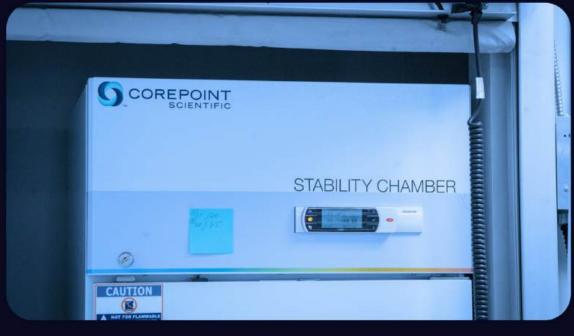
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### HEALTH CANADA ISSUED

License Name	License Number							
Controlled Drugs and Substances Dealer's License	6-1292							
Cannabis Analytical	LIC-RZVTUIIGTZ-2022							
Cannabis Research - Nanoemulsion	LIC-GVN4B1W0IF-2023-1							
Cannabis Research – Genomics & R&D	LIC-BO1M44DLTU-2020-1							
Cannabis Research – Institution Wide	LIC-JRXQKMBHJD-2021							
Cannabis Nursery	LIC-ZZG4R3NYMB-2021							
Cannabis Research	LIC-GVN4B1W0IF-2023-1							
Pathogen & Toxicology	L-R2-96550-20-PE-00							

#### **BIOSAFETY LEVEL 2 (BSL 2)**

Licensed for standard & non-standard analytical testing, genomics, product formulation & development as well as Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) and patented Intellectual Property creation.



#### COMPARISON OF LABORATORY SERVICES

An assessment of third party labs licensed for Cannabis research and analytical activities in Canada shows that no other facility has as much capacity or capability as Innovate Phytoceuticals Inc. (IPI). Noted services unique to Innovate include Sequencing, GMP Compliance, and Technical Writing.



SERVICES	IPI				0	ther 3	rd Par	rty La	abs wi	ith Ca	nnab	is Ana	alytica	l and/	or Res	earch	Licen	se			
Analytical standardised testing		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		٠		•	•	•
Non standardized validated testing	•	•			•	•	•	•		•	•				•		•	•	•		
PMRA testing	•	•					•														
Genetics	•							П							•						
Plant Culture	•												•			•					
Sequencing	•																				
General Chemical Testing	•	•				•	•								•				•		•
Microbiology Testing	•	•	•	•		•					•	•			•						
Formula & Product development	•			•				•				•				•	•		•		
Product validation via bench analysis and R&D batches	•						•														
Stability Studies	•				•					•	•				٠						
Small batch manufacturing	•																			•	
Regulatory services	•			•																	
GMP compliance	•																				
Technical writing	•							Т													
Grant writing	•							Т											•		
Academic partnership projects	•							П										•	•		
Research								П										•			
On site undergraduate and graduate student projects								Т											•		
Psilocybin, LSD, MDMA R&D								Т												•	
SECTORS																					
Cannabis		•	٠	•	•	•	٠	•	٠	•	•	•	٠	•	٠	٠	٠	•	•	•	•
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Viticulture	•	•													•						•
Agriculture									•						•						•
Pest Products	•	•					•														•
Food	•						•		•					•	•						•
Beer	•																				
Wine	•																		•		
Cosmetics	•				•		•				•				•				•		
Oceans and Fisheries	•									•				•							•
Pharmaceuticals					•	•	•			•	•				•		•				
Controlled Drugs and Substances																				•	
PET											•										

## TESTING, R&D & FORMULATION



#### ANALYTICAL TESTING

ISO 17025, Health Canada, US and European regulations compliant. Testing services including potency, pesticide screening, microbial analysis, genetic, heavy metal, residual solvent screening and terpene profiling.



#### **RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT**

Research & Development including validation using in house small batch manufacturing and non-standard testing.

Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Excretion and Toxicity services. Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics services.



## TESTING, R&D & FORMULATION



#### **GENOMIC SERVICES**

Employing the latest technology in strain development, genomic fingerprinting, sequencing and testing, using CRISPR gene editing technology for the development of proprietary processes/delivery methods/molecules.



#### **STABILITY**

Real time (Shelf life), accelerated and stress stability studies for raw materials, intermediate and finished products including active pharmaceutical ingredients (API).



#### PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Development of products using proprietary process, delivery methods and molecules.



## CANNABIS PROPAGATION SERVICES



- 1. Clients search our extensive database of genetic traits and work with us to order plantlets optimized for their growing conditions.
- 2. Disease/pest/pathogen resistant traits are further developed using in house gene editing technique and tools e.g. CRISPR.
- 3. Clones are created and shipped to the clients where they are grown on site.
- **4.** Grown material is shipped back to our facilities for testing and development, further improving the phytochemical and metabolomic profiles of the client's crop, while also producing intellectual property, breeding rights, and patents.



## TISSUE CULTURE & GENETIC DEVELOPMENT



By employing the latest technology in strain development, genomic fingerprinting, sequencing and testing, we offer our clients the following services:

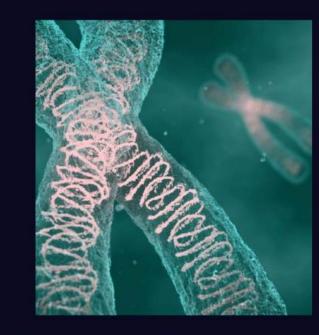
- Targeted and non-targeted genetic manipulation.
- Genomic & metabolomic fingerprinting.
- Intellectual property, breeding rights and patents.
- Seed banking.
- Licensed Producer of Cannabis and Industrial Hemp.
  - Tissue culture calli of preferred strains acclimatized to specific growing conditions shipped globally using proprietary methods.
  - Feminized seeds of superior quality using advanced molecular, biochemical and epigenetic technology.

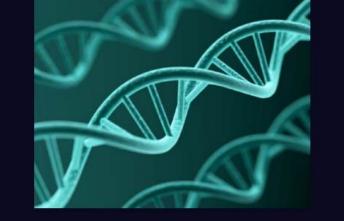












## HUMAN GENOME SEQUENCING







### GENOME SEQUENCING SERVICES

Innovate Phytotechnologies offers Whole Exome Sequencing and Whole Genome Sequencing through a combination of Nanopore sequencing, ION torrent sequencing, proprietary technology, and technical expertise.

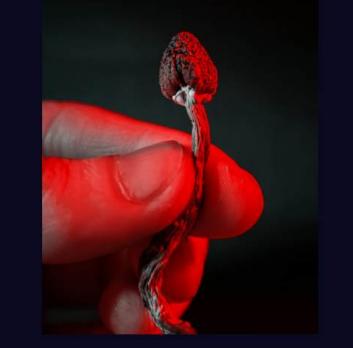
Applications of this technology include

- Personalized health profiles and plans
- Personalized genetic and genomic medicines





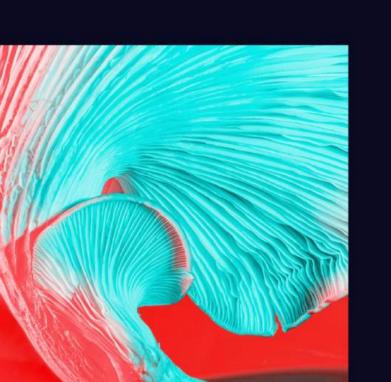






## PSILOCYBIN & OTHER PSYCHEDELIC RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CULTIVATE PSYCHEDELIC MUSHROOMS

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"Magic mushroom" is the name commonly given to hallucinogenic fungi which contain the psychoactive constituents: psilocybin and psilocin. Innovate Phytotechnologies Inc. offers genomic, analytical, formulation and R&D services within the psilocybe industry which include:

Genetic analysis of psilocybin family

Improving neurological health and function using fungal extracts and their active ingredients

Creating industry spanning novel formulations (food, beverages, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals) with psilocibe components

Coformulation with cannabis products



### HALLUCINOGENS AND MICRODOSING

Psychedelics are known for their profound changes in human consciousness and perception. These effects can include sensory enhancement, sense of time changing, and the appearance of real or imagined objects (hallucination). Health professionals consider psychedelics to be a promising treatment to aid in therapy for a broad range of psychiatric diseases including alcoholism, schizophrenia, autism and depression. Several target molecules (LSD, mescaline, ibogaine, ayahuasca and other) will be pharmacologically investigated in our lab as potential pharmaceutical or drug enhancement agent.

Innovate Phytoceuticals will conduct research on the microdosing phenomenon (regular ingestion of very small quantities of psychedelic substances). Individuals who microdose report minimal acute effect from the substances yet claim a range of long-term health benefits.



### DEMAND FOR CONTRACT RESEARCH



85%

Creating New Products or Derivatives



57%

New Delivery Methods



75%

Demand for varied derivative products



37%

Demand for organic and non-pesticide products



71%

Technologies or Patents



50%

Demand for medical and safety education



14%

Speeding up time release cannabinoids



WIDE NATURALS INC.

### GENETIC, CULTIVATION, & NATURAL HEALTH PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY



NATURALS



## MICIE

## Using molecular, biochemical & epigenetics to provide feminized seeds

WIDE NATURALS INC.

Licensed Natural Health Products (NPN)

White labelling services

Seed Establishment License

Registered Cultivars

Micropropagation for the supply of superior plantlets



## OUR SUPPLEMENT BRANDS



Redefine the way you age. Unlock the secrets to boost your vitality and increase NAD+ in the blood.

To refine wellness the natural way. Quality guaranteed herbal-based supplement.















## C/C/PHYTO-GENIOUS

a prestige natural health product line with NMN solutions

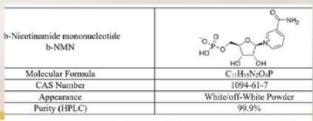


















Scientifically Formulated

to Maximize Benefits

Lab Tested for Potency&Quality



Health Canada Approved



Vegan

99.9%

**Ultra High Purity** 



**GMP Standards** 



Gluten Free



**FDA Registered** 

Cruelty Free

#### HEALTHY AGING SOLUTIONS

**PHYTO-GENIOUS** 

#### WHY PHYTO-GENIOUS?

Canadian laboratory certified



#### **Quality Assurance**

All PHYTO-GENIOUS scientifically formulated health products are produced in our own factory in British Columbia, Canada, with Health Canada certification and FDA facility certification.











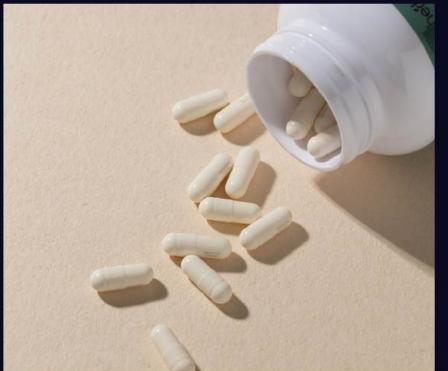


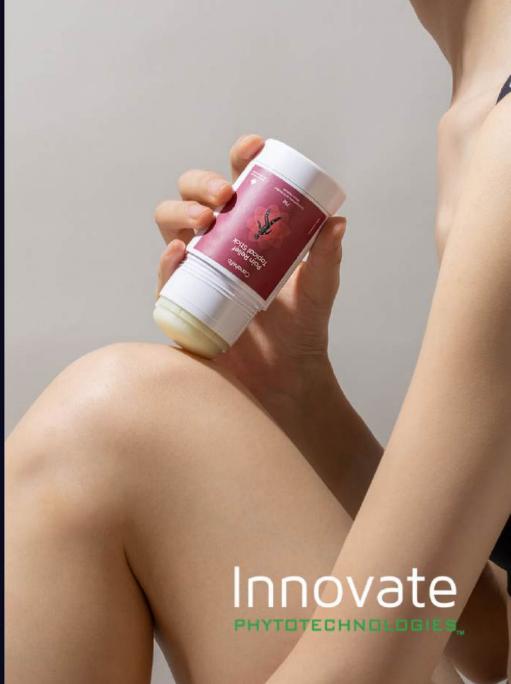
## Canaherb

a natural health brand with targeted nutritional daily supplements, aiming at improving physical well-being by targeting specific indications



























MELIUS MICROBIOMICS INC.

## Creating Balance in the Microbiome with Genetically Engineered Microbial Medicines (GEMM™)

integrates microbiology and bioengineering

## MELIUS MICROBIOMICS





We rationalized that optimizing commensal bacterium with enhanced colonization and persistence in the inflamed gut would overcome natural limitations,

leading to the possibility of a better solution:

Genetically Engineered Microbial Medicines (GEMM™)

Enhanced Colonization & Persistence

**Enhanced Bioavailability** 

Orally-administered & Viable

Immune & Microbiome Modulating





### LEAD ASSETS OF MMB

IP GENETIC COMPOSITION IN BACTERIA

#### BioPersist™

Candidate for ulcerative colitis, diabetes, memory

Giving it opportunity to persist and increase clinical efficacy during IBD

Platform A

#### BioColonize™

Candidate for gut health, metabolic control and gut-brain

Restores gut health, and improves metabolism and gut-brain homeostasis

Platform B



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#### Bob Hancock, Ph.D., OC, OBC, FRSC

- Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of British Columbia
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- Associate Professor, Biology, Faculty of Science, University of British Columbia
   Okanagan
- Area of expertise: Biochemical aspects of dietary fats and exercise in preventing the development and complications of obesity and diabetes



#### Dale A. Gibson DVM

- Member of Alberta Veterinary Medical Association
- Member of Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
- Member of American Association of Equine Practitioners
- Employed by Horse Racing Alberta as an Official Veterinarian at Northlands Park and Century Mile Racetrack



#### Maitreyi Raman, MD, FRCPC

- Associate Professor of Medicine,
   Calgary Division of Gastroenterology
   Hepatology, University of Calgary
- Medical Director, Southern Alberta
   Home Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition
   Program
- Associate Director Admissions



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## CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM



ROBERT EMLYN, AScT Chief Executive Officer

Robert Emlyn has over 25 years of experience in business development and management across many industries. He founded Antares Project Services in 2009, a planning and development company which managed projects across Canada specializing in hydroelectric facilities and commercial development. After completing the successful acquisition of Antares in 2014, he continued serving as CEO and President. Robert is the founder and CEO of Innovate Phytotechnologies, and has a proven track record of developing opportunities and taking projects successfully from inception to implementation.



CELINKA ZHOU, MSc Corporate Strategic Advisor

With over 20 years of management and consultant experiences in business and corporate development across Asia, Europe and North America. Celinka Zhou have also accumulated more than 10 years of expertise in Shangri-la chain hotel management across Asia. As the Founder and CEO of Sunnyway Capital Canada Corp, she lead a professional team that offers comprehensive equity investment services to enterprises and individuals, delivering bespoke investment strategies to achive long term value.



### SCIENCE MANAGEMENT TEAM



DEANNA L. GIBSON, Ph.D. Chief Scientific Officer of Melius

Dr. Deanna L. Gibson, Ph.D., is a distinguished Inventor and Professor in the Department of Biology at the Faculty of Science, as well as an Associate Member of the Faculty of Medicine in the Department of Medicine at UBC Okanagan. With an impressive record, she has published over 80 papers, amassing more than 15,552 citations and securing \$4 million in grant funding. Dr. Gibson is an accomplished NSERC & UBC Killam Research Scholar and a recognized Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Young Investigator. Additionally, she serves as the Co-Chair for the Crohn's and Colitis Canada Scientific and Medical Advisory Council.



EMERAN A. MAYER, MD
Chief Medical Officer of Melius

Dr. Emeran Mayer is a globally acclaimed gastroenterologist and neuroscientist with 35 years in the field, he is a Distinguished Research Professor at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine and directs both the Oppenheimer Center for Neurobiology of Stress and Resilience and the Goodman Luskin Microbiome Center. With pioneering research in gutbrain interactions since 1980, he has authored over 421 scientific articles and best-selling books like "The Mind-Gut Connection." His work continues to shape the field at UCLA.





### SCIENCE & FINANCIAL TEAM



MEHRBOD ESTAKI, Ph.D.
Chief Scientific Officer of Innovate

Dr. Estaki was a postdoctoral fellow at the Knight Lab, University of California San Diego. He obtained his undergraduate and MSc degrees in Kinesiology at Western University He pursued a PhD at The University of British Columbia Okanagan, focusing on the link between physical activity, gut health, and its implications in IBD. Utilizing faecal transplant methods, he successfully put his Ulcerative Colitis into remission, which aided his active academic career. With over 35 published articles, he has showcased his expertise and contributions to the field.



JOANNA ZHENG, CPA Financial Controller

Joanna Zheng is a CPA with 9 years of experience in Public Practice, Audits, Financial Reporting, Controllership, and FP&A. She has acted as Financial Controller for 13 companies, managed an \$80 million multi-year clinical system transformation budget, and implemented accounting systems and internal controls for multiple dental clinics and retail shops. Joanna's expertise in IFRS and ASPE, along with her meticulous approach, ensures accurate financial reporting and effective financial management.



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#### Right of Action for Ontario Purchasers

Section 130.1 of the Securities Act (Ontario) provides that every purchaser of securities pursuant to an offering memorandum (such as this Investor Presentation) shall have a statutory right of action for damages or rescission against the issuer and any selling security holder in the event that the offering memorandum contains a Misrepresentation. Where used herein, "Misrepresentation" means an untrue statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to make any statement not misleading in light of the circumstances in which it was made. A purchaser who purchases securities offered by the offering memorandum during the period of distribution has, without regard to whether the purchaser relied upon the Misrepresentation, a right of action for damages or, alternatively, while still the owner of the securities, for rescission against the issuer and any selling security holder provided that:

- (a) if the purchaser exercises its right of rescission, it shall cease to have a right of action for damages as against the issuer and the selling security holders, if any;
- (a) the issuer and the selling security holders, if any, will not be liable if they prove that the purchaser purchased the securities with knowledge of the Misrepresentation;
- (b) the issuer and the selling security holders, if any, will not be liable for all or any portion of damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the securities as a result of the Misrepresentation relied upon; and
- (c) in no case shall the amount recoverable exceed the price at which the securities were offered.

Section 138 of the Securities Act (Ontario) provides that no action shall be commenced to enforce these rights more than:

- (a) in the case of an action for rescission, 180 days after the date of the transaction that gave rise to the cause of action; or
- (b) in the case of an action for damages, the earlier of:
- (i) 180 days after the date that the purchaser first had knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action; or
- (ii) three years after the date of the transaction that gave rise to the cause of action.

This Investor Presentation is being delivered in reliance on the exemption from the prospectus requirements contained under section 73.3 of the Securities Act (Ontario) (the "accredited investor exemption"). The rights referred to in section 130.1 of the Securities Act (Ontario) do not apply in respect of an offering memorandum (such as this Investor Presentation) delivered to a prospective purchaser in connection with a distribution made in reliance on the accredited investor exemption if the prospective purchaser is:

- (a) a Canadian financial institution or a Schedule III bank (each as defined in NI 45-106);
- (b) the Business Development Bank of Canada incorporated under the Business Development Bank of Canada Act (Canada); or
- (c) a subsidiary of any person referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b), if the person owns all of the voting securities of the subsidiary, except the voting securities required by law to be owned by directors of that subsidiary.



#### RISK FACTORS

The following information is a summary only of certain risk factors and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, and must be read in conjunction with, the detailed information appearing elsewhere in this Listing Statement. These risks and uncertainties are not the only ones the Corporation is facing. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Corporation, or that it currently deems immaterial, may also impair its operations. If any such risks actually occur, the business, financial condition, liquidity and results of the Corporation's operations could be materially adversely affected. The risk factors described below should be carefully considered by readers, including investors considering a purchase of securities of the Corporation, along with all other information set forth in this Listing Statement. An investment in securities of the Corporation should only be made by persons who can afford a significant or total loss of their investment.

#### Risks Related to the Operations of the Corporation

#### Regulatory Risks

The business and activities of the Corporation will be heavily regulated in all jurisdictions where it will carry on business. The proposed activities of the Corporation will be subject to various laws, regulations and guidelines by governmental authorities, including, but not limited to, Health Canada. Laws and regulations, applied generally, grant government agencies and self-regulatory bodies broad administrative discretion over the activities of the Corporation, including the power to limit or restrict business activities as well as impose additional disclosure requirements on the Corporation's products and services. The Corporation's business objectives are contingent upon, in part, compliance with regulatory requirements enacted by these governmental authorities and obtaining all regulatory approvals, where necessary, for the sale of its products and/or provision of its services. The Corporation cannot predict the time required to secure all appropriate regulatory approvals for its products and services, or the extent of testing and documentation that may be required by governmental authorities. Any delays in obtaining, or failure to obtain regulatory approvals would significantly delay the development of markets and products and could have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations and financial condition of the Corporation of the Corporation are currently carried out in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, no assurance can be given that new rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations and industries in dustries. Amendments to current laws and regulations governing the Corporation's

#### Regulatory Approvals, Permits and Licenses

If obtained, any licenses the Corporation or its subsidiaries obtain in Canada and/or abroad are expected to be subject to ongoing compliance and reporting requirements (see "Phytomatrix Natural Technologies Industrial Hemp oduction" see Phytomatrix Natural Technologies - Licenses"). Although the Corporation believes subsidiaries will meet the requirements for their applications and future renewals for their licenses (if awarded), there can be no guarantee that government bodies will award or renew any applicable licenses or, if renewed, that such licenses will be renewed on the same or similar terms or that regulatory authorities will not revoke any licenses. Failure by the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries to comply with the requirements of their licenses or any failure to maintain such licenses would have a material adverse impact on the business, financial condition and operating results of the Corporation. Should any jurisdiction in which the Corporation considers a license important not grant, extend or renew such license or should it renew such license on different terms, or should it decide to grant more than the anticipated number of licenses to other businesses, the businesses, financial condition and results of the operation could be materially adversely affected. Government licenses are currently, and in the future may be, required in connection with the Corporation's and its subsidiaries' operations, in addition to other unknown permits and approvals which may be required. To the extent such permits and approvals are required and not obtained, for example, the Cannabis Act research license and hemp production license that have been applied for but not yet obtained, the Corporation and its subsidiaries may be prevented from operating and/or expanding their business, which could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Changes in Laws, Regulations and Guidelines

The Corporation's operations will be subject to various laws, regulations, guidelines and licensing requirements both in Canada and potentially abroad. The Corporation is expected to be in compliance with all such laws, any changes to such laws, regulations, guidelines and policies due to matters beyond the control of the Corporation could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial condition. In particular, any amendment to or replacement for the Cannabis Act, may cause adverse effects to the Corporation's operations. On April 13, 2017, the Canadian Federal Government put forward proposed legislation, the Cannabis Act, outlining the framework for the legalization of adult use cannabis, as well as laws to address drug-impaired driving, protect public health and safety and prevent youth access to cannabis. The provincial and municipal governments have been given explicit authority by the Federal Government to provide regulations regarding retail and distribution, as well as the ability to alter some of the existing baselines, such as increasing the minimum age of 18 years for purchase and consumption of cannabis. On June 21, 2018, the Cannabis Act received Royal Assent and came into force on October 17, 2018. The ACMPR will continue to operate in tandem with the recreational regime, and will be re-evaluated within five years of the Cannabis Act coming into force. Although the impact on the Corporation should be comparable to other companies in the same business as the Corporation. To date, only fresh cannabis and cannabis and highly dependent on which specific laws or regulations are changed, the impact on the Corporation in the same business as the Corporation. To date, only fresh cannabis and cannabis and comparable to other companies in the same business as the Corporation. To date, only fresh cannabis and cannabis and comparable to other regulatory changes will be permitted for legal sale one year (on October 19, 2019) subsequent to the Cannabis act comin

#### Factors related to the Corporation's Facilities which may prevent realization of business objectives

Any adverse changes affecting the development or construction of a facility and commencement of analytical and research services could have a material and adverse effect on the Corporation's business, financial condition and prospects. There is a risk that these changes or developments could adversely affect the Corporation's facilities by a variety of factors, including some that are discussed elsewhere in these risk factors and the following:

- (a) delays in obtaining, or conditions imposed by, regulatory approvals;
- (b) plant design errors;
- (c) environmental pollution;
- (d) non-performance by third party contractors;
- (e) increases in materials or labour costs;
- (f) construction performance falling below expected levels of output or efficiency;
- (g) breakdown, aging or failure of equipment or processes;
- (h) contractor r operator errors;
- (1) labour disputes, disruptions or declines in productivity;
- (i) inability to attract sufficient numbers of qualified workers;
- (k) disruption in the supply of energy and utilities; or
- (1) major incidents and/or catastrophic events such as fires, explosions, earthquakes or storms.

It is also possible that the costs of commencing analytical and research services and hemp/cannabis cultivation, as applicable, may be significantly greater than anticipated by the Corporation's management and may be greater than funds available to the Corporation, in which circumstance the Corporation may curtail, or extend the timeframes for completing its business plans. This could have an adverse effect on the financial results of the Corporation.



#### Environmental Risk and Regulation

The Corporation's operations are subject to environmental regulation in the various jurisdictions in which it operates or intends to operate. These regulations mandate, among other things, the maintenance of air and water quality standards and land reclamation. They also set forth limitations on the generation, transportation, storage and disposal of solid and hazardous waste. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which will require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees. There is no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect the Corporation's operations. Government approvals and permits are currently, and may in the future, be required in connection with the Corporations. Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions thereunder, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. The Corporation may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of its operations and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

#### The Canadian Medical and Recreational Cannabis Markets are Relatively New and these Markets may not Continue or Grow as Anticipated

As an anticipated license holder under the Cannabis Act, the Corporation will be operating its business in a relatively new industry and market. In addition to being subject to general business risks, the Corporation must continue to build brand awareness in this industry and market through significant investments in its strategy, its production capacity, quality assurance and compliance with regulations. In addition, there is no assurance that the industry and market will continue to exist and grow as currently estimated or anticipated or function and evolve in the manner consistent with management's expectations and assumptions. Any event or circumstance that adversely affects the cannabis industry and market could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, financial conditions and results of operations.

#### **Limited Operating History**

Innovate was incorporated and began carrying on business in 2018. The Corporation is therefore subject to many of the risks common to early-stage enterprises, including under-capitalization, cash shortages, limitations with respect to personnel, financial, and other resources and lack of revenues. There is no assurance that the Corporation will be successful in achieving a return on shareholders' investment and the likelihood of success must be considered in light of the early stage of operations.

#### **History of Losses**

The Corporation and Innovate have both incurred losses in recent periods. The Corporation may not be able to achieve or maintain profitability and may continue to incur significant losses in the future. In addition, the Corporation expects to continue to increase operating expenses as it implements initiatives to continue to grow its business. If the Corporation's revenues do not increase to offset these expected increases in costs and operating expenses, it will not be profitable.

#### Volatile Stock Price

The stock price of the Corporation is expected to be highly volatile and will be drastically affected by governmental and regulatory regimes and community support for the cannabis industry. The Corporation cannot fully predict the results of its operations expected to take place in the future. The results of these activities will inevitably affect the Corporation's decisions related to future operations and will likely trigger major changes in the trading price of the Corporation shares.

#### Risks Inherent in an Agricultural Business

The Corporation's business may, in the future, involve the growing of cannabis, an agricultural product. Such business will be subject to the risks inherent in the agricultural business, such as insects, plant diseases and similar agricultural risks. Although all such growing is expected to be completed indoors under climate controlled conditions, there can be no assurance that natural elements will not have a material adverse effect on any such future production. In addition, if the Company cannot successfully develop its products, or if the Company experiences difficulties in the development process, such as quality control problems or other disruptions, the Company may not be able to develop market-ready commercial products at acceptable costs, which would affect its ability to successfully enter the market.

#### **Energy Costs**

The Corporation's cannabis growing operations will consume considerable energy, which will make it vulnerable to rising energy costs. Accordingly, rising or volatile energy costs may, in the future, adversely impact the business of the Corporation and its ability to operate profitably.

#### Reliance on Management

Another risk associated with the production and sale of cannabis is the loss of important staff members. The Corporation is currently in good standing with all high-level employees and believes that with well managed practices it will remain in good standing. The success of the Corporation will be dependent upon the ability, expertise, judgment, discretion and good faith of its senior management and key personnel. While employeent agreements are customarily used as a primary method of retaining the services of key employees, these agreements cannot assure the continued services of such employees. Any loss of the services of such individuals could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, operating results or financial condition. In addition, the Corporation's future success depends on its continuing ability to attract, develop, motivate and retain highly qualified and skilled employees. Qualified individuals are in high demand, and the Corporation may incur significant costs to attract and retain them.

#### Insurance and Uninsured Risks

The Corporation's business is subject a number of risks and hazards generally, including adverse environmental conditions, accidents, labour disputes and changes in the regulatory environment. Such occurrences could result in damage to assets, personal injury or death, environmental damage, delays in operations, monetary losses and possible legal liability. Although the Corporation maintains and intends to continue to maintain insurance to protect against certain risks in such amounts as it considers to be reasonable, its insurance will not cover all the potential risks associated with its operations. The Corporation may also be unable to maintain insurance to cover these risks economically feasible premiums. Insurance coverage may not continue to be available or may not be adequate to cover any resulting liability. Moreover, insurance against risks such as environmental pollution or other hazards encountered in the operations of the Corporation is not generally available on acceptable terms. The Corporation might also become subject to liability for pollution or other hazards which may not be insured against or which the Corporation may elect not to insure against because of premium costs or other reasons. Losses from these events may cause the Corporation to incur significant costs that could have a material adverse effect upon its financial performance and results of operations.

#### The Corporation Will Be an Entrant Engaging in a New Industry

The medical and recreational cannabis industries are relatively new. There can be no assurance that an active and liquid market for the Common Shares of the Corporation will develop and shareholders may find it difficult to resell their Common Shares.

Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the Corporation will be successful in the long term.

#### Dependence on Suppliers and Skilled Labour

The ability of the Corporation to compete and grow will be dependent on it having access, at a reasonable cost and in a timely manner, to skilled labour, equipment, parts and components. No assurances can be given that the Corporation will be successful in maintaining its required supply of skilled labour, equipment, parts and components. This could have an adverse effect on the financial results of the Corporation.

#### Difficulty to Forecast

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

#### Additional Financing

There is no guarantee that the Corporation will be able to execute on its business strategy. The continued development of the Corporation may require additional financing. The failure to raise such capital could result in the delay or indefinite postponement of current business strategy or the Corporation ceasing to carry on business. There can be no assurance that additional capital or other types of financing will be available if needed or that, if available, the terms of such financing will be favourable to the Corporation. In addition, from time to time, the Corporation may enter into transactions to acquire assets or the shares of other companies. These transactions may be financed wholly or partially with debt, which may temporarily increase the Corporation's debt levels above industry standards. Any debt financing secured in the future could involve restrictive covenants relating to capital raising activities and other financial and operational matters, which may make it more difficult for the Corporation to obtain additional capital and to pursue business opportunities, including potential acquisitions.



Further, the Corporation's business activities rely on newly established and/or developing laws and regulations in Canada. These laws and regulations are rapidly evolving and subject to change with minimal notice. Regulatory changes may adversely affect the Corporation's profitability or cause it to cease operations entirely. The cannabis industry may come under the scrutiny or further scrutiny by Health Canada or the CSE. It is impossible to determine the extent of the impact of any new laws, regulations or initiatives that may be proposed, or whether any proposals will become law. The regulatory uncertainty surrounding the Corporation's industry may adversely affect the business and operations of the Corporation, including without limitation, the costs to remain compliant with applicable laws and the impairment of its ability to raise additional capital, which could reduce, delay or eliminate any return on investment in the Corporation.

Management of Growth

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

Internal Controls

Effective internal controls are necessary for the Corporation to provide reliable financial reports and to help prevent fraud. Although the Corporation will undertake a number of procedures and will implement a number of safeguards, in each case, in order to help ensure the reliability of its financial reports, including those imposed on the Corporation under Canadian securities law, the Corporation cannot be certain that such measures will ensure that the Corporation will maintain adequate control over financial processes and reporting. Failure to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in their implementation, could harm the Corporation's results of operations or cause it to fail to meet its reporting obligations. If the Corporation or its auditors discover a material weakness, the disclosure of that fact, even if quickly remedied, could reduce the market's confidence in the Corporation's consolidated financial statements and materially adversely affect the trading price of the Common Shares.

Liquidity

The Corporation cannot predict at what prices the Corporation's Common Shares will trade, and there can be no assurance that an active trading market in the Corporation will develop or be sustained. Final approval of the CSE has not yet been obtained. There is a significant liquidity risk associated with an investment in the Corporation.

Dilution

The Corporation may issue equity securities to finance its activities, including future acquisitions. If the Corporation was to issue Common Shares existing holders of such shares may experience dilution in their holdings. Moreover, when the Corporation's intention to issue additional equity securities becomes publicly known, the Corporation's share price may be adversely affected.

Litigation

The Corporation may become party to litigation from time to time in the ordinary course of business which could adversely affect its business. Should any litigation in which the Corporation becomes involved be determined against the Corporation such a decision could adversely affect the Corporation's ability to continue operating and the market price for the Common Shares and could use significant resources. Even if the Corporation is involved in litigation and wins, litigation can redirect significant resources of the Corporation.

Risks Related to the Cannabis Industry

Legislative or Regulatory Reform

The Corporation's operations will be subject to a variety of laws, regulations, guidelines and policies relating to the manufacture, import, export, management, packaging/labeling, advertising, sale, transportation, storage and disposal of cannabis but also including laws and regulations relating to drugs, controlled substances, health and safety, the conduct of operations and the protection of the environment. While to the knowledge of the Corporation's management, the Corporation is currently in compliance with all such laws, changes to such laws, regulations and guidelines due to matters beyond the control of the Corporation, may cause adverse effects to its operations and financial condition. The recreational and medical cannabis industries are relatively new markets and the Corporation anticipates that such regulations will be subject to change as the Federal Government monitors Licensed Producers.

Unfavourable Publicity or Consumer Perception

Management of the Corporation believes the cannabis industry is highly dependent upon consumer perception regarding the safety, efficacy and quality of the medical cannabis produced. Consumer perception of the Corporation's proposed products may be significantly influenced by scientific research or findings, regulatory investigations, litigation, media attention and other publicity regarding the consumption of cannabis products. There can be no assurance that future scientific research, findings, regulatory proceedings, litigation, media attention or other research findings or publicity will be favourable to the cannabis market or any particular product, or consistent with earlier publicity. Future research reports, findings, regulatory proceedings, litigation, media attention or other publicity that are perceived as less favourable than, or that question, earlier research reports, findings or publicity could have a material adverse effect on the demand for the Corporation's proposed products and the business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows of the Corporation. The Corporation. The Corporation's dependence upon consumer perceptions means that adverse scientific research reports, findings, regulatory proceedings, litigation, media attention or other publicity, whether or not accurate or with merit, could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's proposed products, and the business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows of the Corporation. Further, adverse publicity reports or other media attention could arise even if the adverse effects associated with such products resulted from consumers' failure to consume such products appropriately or as directed.

The Corporation may not be able to develop its brands, products and services, which could prevent it from ever becoming profitable

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

The Corporation's directors, officers, employees and investors may be subject to entry bans into the United States

Cannabis is illegal under United States (U.S.) federal law. Individuals employed at or investing in cannabis companies could face detention, denial of entry or lifetime bans from the U.S. for their business associations with cannabis businesses. Entry to the U.S. s granted at the sole discretion of Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") officers on duty, and these officers have wide latitude to ask questions to determine the admissibility of a foreign national. The government of Canada has started warning travelers that previous use of cannabis, or any substance prohibited by U.S. federal laws, could result in denial of entry to the U.S. business or financial involvement in the cannabis industry in Canada or in the U.S. could also be reason enough for CBP officers to deny entry. On September 21, 2018, CBP released a statement outlining its position with respect to enforcement of the laws of the U.S. It stated that Canada's legalization of cannabis will not change CBP enforcement of U.S. laws regarding controlled substances and because cannabis continues to be a controlled substance under U.S. law, working in or facilitating the proliferation of the cannabis industry in U.S. states or Canada may affect admissibility to the U.S. On October 9, 2018, CBP released an additional statement regarding the admissibility of Canadian citizens working in the legal cannabis industry. CBP stated that a Canadian citizen working in or facilitating the proliferation of the legal cannabis industry in Canada coming into the U.S. for reasons unrelated to the cannabis industry will generally be admissible to the U.S., however, if such person is found to be coming into the U.S. for reasons unrelated to the cannabis industry, such person may be deemed inadmissible. Employees, directors, officers, managers and investors of companies involved in business activities related to cannabis in the U.S. or Canada (such as the Corporation), who are not U.S. chave the risk of being barred from entry into the U.S. for life. If any of the Corporati



#### **Product Liability**

If licensed as a distributor of products designed to be ingested by humans, the Corporation faces an inherent risk of exposure to product liability claims, regulatory action and litigation if its products are alleged to have caused significant loss or injury. In addition, the sale of the Corporation's products would involve the risk of injury to consumers due to tampering by unauthorized third parties or product contamination. Previously unknown adverse reactions resulting from human consumption of the Corporation's products alone or in combination with other medications or substances could occur. The Corporation may be subject to various product liability claims, including, among others, that the Corporation's products caused injury or illness, include inadequate instructions for use or include inadequate warnings concerning possible side effects or interactions with other substances. A product liability claim or regulatory action against the Corporation could result in increased costs, could adversely affect the Corporation's reputation with its clients and consumers generally, and could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations and financial condition of the Corporation. There can be no assurances that the Corporation will be able to obtain or maintain product liability insurance on acceptable terms or with adequate coverage against potential liabilities. Such insurance is expensive and may not be available in the future on acceptable terms, or at all. The inability to obtain sufficient insurance coverage on reasonable terms or to otherwise protect against potential product liability claims could prevent or inhibit the commercialization of the Corporation's potential products.

#### Manufacturers

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

#### Competition

There is potential for the Corporation to face intense competition from other companies, some of which have longer operating histories and more financial resources, industry, manufacturing and marketing experience than the Corporation. Additionally, there is potential that the industry will undergo consolidation, creating larger companies that may have increased geographic scope and other economies of scale. Increased competition by larger and better-financed competitors with geographic and other structural advantages could materially and adversely affect the proposed business, financial condition and results of operations of the Corporation. To date, the application process to secure a license under the Cannabis Act has remained rigorous and highly competitive. Because of the early stage of the industry in which the Corporation operates, the Corporation expects to face additional competition from new entrants. The current number of licenses granted and the rigorous regulatory landscape could hinder the Corporation's ability to secure a license, thereby having a negative impact on the operations of the Corporation. If the number of users of medical and/or recreational cannabis in Canada increases, the demand for products will increase and the Corporation expects that competition will become more intense, as current and future competitors begin to offer an increasing number of diversified products. To remain competitive, the Corporation will require a continued high level of investment in research and development, marketing, sales and client support efforts on a competitive basis which could materially and adversely affect the business, financial condition and results of the Corporation.

#### Client Acquisition and Retention

The Corporation's success will depend to a substantial extent on the willingness of new customers to try or migrate to its service and/or products. If customers do not perceive the benefits of the Corporation's products and/or services, then the market for these products and/or services may not develop at all, or it may develop more slowly than expected, either of which would significantly adversely affect operating results. In addition, as a new company in this competitive market, the Corporation has limited insight into trends that may develop and affect its business. The Corporation may make errors in predicting and reacting to relevant economic and currency-related trends, which could harm its business. There are many factors which could impact the Corporation's ability to attract and retain customers, including but not limited to, the Corporation's ability to provide desirable and effective products and/or services, the Corporation's ability to successfully implement a customeracquisition plan, continued growth in the number of medical and recreational cannabis users and the number of competitors providing similar products and/or services.

#### Strategic Partnerships

The Corporation's business plan contemplates several strategic partnerships or relationships that may not necessarily materialize in the course of the Corporation's business, particularly with respect to its proposed cultivation facility.

Due to the perishable nature of its proposed products, the Corporation will depend on fast and efficient third-party transportation services to distribute its product. Any prolonged disruption of third-party transportation services could have an adverse effect on the financial condition and results of operations of the Corporation.

#### Market Unpredictability

Because the cannabis industry (including the hemp industry) is in an early stage with uncertain boundaries, there is a lack of information about comparable companies available for potential investors to review in deciding about whether to invest in the Corporation and, few, if any, established Corporations whose business model the Corporation can follow or upon whose success the Corporation can build. Accordingly, investors will have to rely on their own estimates in deciding about whether to invest in the Corporation. There can be no assurance that the Corporation's estimates are accurate or that the market size is sufficiently large for its business to grow as projected, which may negatively impact its financial results. The Corporation regularly purchases and follows market research.

#### The Corporation could be liable for fraudulent or illegal activity by its employees, contractors and consultants resulting in significant financial losses to claims against the Corporation.

The Corporation is exposed to the risk that its employees, independent contractors and consultants may engage in fraudulent or other illegal activity. Misconduct by these parties could include intentional, reckless and/or negligent conduct or disclosure of unauthorized activities to the Corporation that violate government regulations. It is not always possible for the Corporation to identify and deter misconduct by its employees and other third parties, and the precautions taken by the Corporation to detect and prevent this activity may not be effective in controlling unknown or unmanaged risks or losses or in protecting the Corporation from governmental investigations or other actions or lawsuits stemming from a failure to be in compliance with such laws or regulations. If any such actions are instituted against the Corporation, and it is not successful in defending itself or asserting its rights, those actions could have a significant impact on the Corporation's business, damages, monetary fines, contractual damages, reputational harm, diminished profits and future earnings, and curtailment of the Corporation's operations, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### The Corporation will be reliant on information technology systems and may be subject to damaging cyberattacks.

The Corporation has entered into agreements with third parties for hardware, software, telecommunications and other information technology ("IT") services in connection with its operations. The Corporation's operations depend, in part, on how well it and its suppliers protect networks, equipment, IT systems and software against damage from a number of threats, including, but not limited to, cable cuts, damage to physical plants, natural disasters, intentional damage and destruction, fire, power loss, hacking, computer viruses, vandalism and theft. The Corporation's operations also depend on the timely maintenance, upgrade and replacement of networks, equipment, IT systems and software, as well as pre-emptive expenses to mitigate the risks of failures. Any of these and other events could result in information system failures, delays and/or increase in capital expenses. The failure of information systems or a component of information systems could, depending on the nature of any such failure, adversely impact the Corporation's reputation and results of operations.

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

