



# **NEXE INNOVATIONS INC.**

*(formerly Whatcom Capital Corp.)*

## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2021**

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## NEXE INNOVATIONS INC.

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This Management Discussion & Analysis (“MD&A”) of NEXE Innovations Inc. and its subsidiaries (referred to as the “Company” or “NEXE”) was prepared by management as of September 29, 2021 and was reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of NEXE. The following discussion of performance, financial condition and future prospects should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2021, and 2020, and the notes thereto (the “Financial Statements”), which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). The information provided herein supplements but does not form part of the Financial Statements. This discussion covers the year ended May 31, 2021, and the subsequent period up to the date of issue of this MD&A.

The Company has prepared this MD&A following the requirements of National Instrument 51-102 (“NI-51-102”). These statements are filed with the relevant regulatory authorities in Canada. All currency amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

### DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

The Company has developed both Keurig and Nespresso machine-compatible single-serve pods made from plant-based materials, making them fully compostable. At the Company’s head office facility in Surrey, British Columbia, the Company uses proprietary injection molding processes, significantly decreasing supply chain risk, and increasing quality control. The Company, with its sophisticated capsule manufacturing capabilities, is one of the only solutions providers in the single-serve space that work with plant-based polymers. The advanced CNC machines enable the Company to design and build rapid prototype molds in-house. This in-house testing process contributes to the Company’s ability to develop innovative single-serve packaging in multiple formats.

The Company will continue to commercialize the NEXE Pod in Keurig and Nespresso format capsules and intends to develop the NEXE brand as the standard in fully compostable packaging. Ultimately, the Company aspires to be a leading partner to major consumer packaging companies (CPG) and provide compostable solutions for a variety of beverages, including coffee, tea, and others.

### OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

NEXE is placing the planet first. The Company’s mission is to eliminate petroleum-based plastics from the planet by innovating and manufacturing 100% plant-based materials that can be returned to the soil after use. With proprietary in-house equipment and processes, the Company designs, manufactures, and commercializes fully compostable, plant-based materials for everyday consumer products including but not limited to single-serve coffee pods compatible with Keurig and Nespresso Machines. The Company has developed one of the only patented, fully compostable, plant-based, single-serve coffee pods for use in leading single-serve coffee machines. The proprietary NEXE pod is designed to reduce the significant environmental impact caused by single-serve pods – over 50 billion of which are discarded every year. Hundreds of municipalities in the European Union, Canada, and the United States are moving in the direction of introducing comprehensive compost systems, making the NEXE Pod a viable alternative to the typical plastic coffee capsules currently available in the marketplace.

For the past five years, the Company’s research and development with its engineering teams and scientific partners have been hard at work figuring out how to make plant-based material scalable for high-speed manufacturing. Today, the Company’s state-of-the-art facility positions NEXE to go above and beyond as it transforms wasteful consumer practices into powerful change and innovation. With over \$60 million raised to date from equity and government funding and over six years of R&D, NEXE is well-positioned at the forefront of advanced material manufacturing and automation to meet the growing demand for environmentally friendly and sustainable products in the single-serve coffee sector and beyond.

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### OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

During the year ended May 31, 2021, the Company focused on completing certain key milestones towards commercialization of the fully compostable NEXE Pod. These milestones are as follows:

- Received the results of its final compost study which states that the NEXE Pod, is compatible with Keurig machines, is fully compostable in as little as 35 days.
- Achieved a Key Composting Milestone for its upcoming NEXE Nespresso® Compatible Pods. NEXE Nespresso Compatible Pods achieved 100% breakdown by composting within 10 weeks.
- Completed factory and site acceptance testing for dosing and sealing machines for the NEXE Pod in the Nespresso Original Line format
- Awarded \$300,000 Grant from the Government of British under the BC Ignite Program.
- Awarded \$1,000,000 from the Government of Canada (“GOC”). The award is part of Phase 2 of the GOC’s Plastics Challenge: Improved Compostability of Bioplastics, named the Bioplastics Challenge.
- Completed the commercialization of the NEXE Soluble Pod (i.e., Superfoods like MCT, Keto, and Turmeric).
- Announced Pilot Launch Nespresso Original Line compostable capsule subsequent to end of year and soon to add more roast profiles (NexCoffee.com).

Furthermore, NEXE is in discussions with various commercial entities which could eventually serve as customers.

### COMMITMENTS

#### Equipment Procurement

The Company has committed to procuring production equipment that totaled €1,793,000 and US\$592,045, of which payments of €610,000 and US\$288,146, respectively, were made, with the remaining balances owed of €1,163,000 and US\$303,898 respectively, totaling approximately \$2,112,854 as at May 31, 2021. The transactions were recorded in prepaid expenses, deposits, and supplies. The equipment is expected to be delivered in calendar Q4 2021 with remaining payments due on delivery.

Subsequent to year-end, the Company committed to acquiring 7 Nespresso and K-cup machines for €5,045,000 (approximately \$7.5 million) from an Italian manufacturer.

#### Warehouse Space Lease Agreement

The Company has entered into an agreement for leased premises commencing February 1, 2021 and ending on February 28, 2026. Total future minimum lease payments (net of any sub-lease arrangements) under the contract are as follows: Within 1 year - \$155,851; 2 to 4 years – each \$157,500; and the remaining - \$170,625.

### REVERSE TAKEOVER TRANSACTION with WHATCOM CAPITAL CORP.

Whatcom Capital Corp. (“Whatcom”) completed an initial public offering as a Capital Pool Company and listed its

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common shares on the TSX Venture Exchange (the “Exchange”) on June 4, 2020. On December 15, 2020, Whatcom completed its qualifying transaction (the “Transaction”) with Nexe Innovations Inc. (“Privco”).

In conjunction with closing of the Transaction, Whatcom completed a share consolidation on the basis of two and one-half pre-consolidation common shares of Whatcom which were exchanged for one post-consolidation common share of Whatcom (the “Consolidation”). Each holder of Privco common shares received one (1) post-Consolidation common share of Whatcom (a “Resulting Issuer Share”) for each Privco common share held, each holder of Privco Class A Preferred Shares, Series A (“Series A Shares”) received one (1) Resulting Issuer Share for each Series A Share held, each holder of Privco Class A Preferred Shares, Series A Preferred (“Series A Preferred Shares”) received one (1) Resulting Issuer Share for each Series A Preferred Share held, and each holder of Privco Class A Preferred Shares, Series 1 (“Series 1 Shares”) received one and one-half (1.5) Resulting Issuer Shares for each Series 1 Share held.

All outstanding convertible securities of Privco, including Privco share purchase warrants and Privco stock options were exchanged for or replaced with convertible securities of the Resulting Issuer based on a 1:1 ratio and on the same economic terms and conditions as previously issued. Upon completion of the Transaction, Privco became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and the Company changed its name to “NEXE Innovations Inc.”.

The Transaction was measured at the fair value of the shares that NEXE would have had to issue to shareholders of Whatcom to give shareholders of Whatcom the same percentage equity interest in the combined entity that results from the reverse takeover had it taken the legal form of NEXE acquiring Whatcom. The fair value of the common shares was determined to be \$0.80 based on the concurrent NEXE Private Placement and was considered as a significant estimate and judgement.

On December 15, 2020, the Company received proceeds from its brokered private placement (the “Brokered Private Placement”) of 11,437,500 subscription receipts (each, a “Subscription Receipt”) at a price of \$0.80 per Subscription Receipt for aggregate gross proceeds of \$9,150,000. The Brokered Private Placement was led by Canaccord Genuity Corp. (the “Agent”). Under the Brokered Private Placement, the Agent received a cash commission of up to 7% of the total proceeds of the Brokered Private Placement except for subscribers of the president’s list in which case the Agent received a cash commission of up to 3%. The Agent was also issued a total 692,585 non-transferable common share purchase warrants (each an “Agent’s Warrant”). Each Agent’s Warrant was exercisable into one Resulting Issuer Share at a price of \$0.80 until December 15, 2021. The Agent also received a corporate finance fee consisting of \$75,000 in cash and 93,750 Resulting Issuer Shares. NEXE also paid the Agent’s reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including legal fees, plus disbursements and taxes.

Additionally, the Company closed and received Subscriptions to the non-brokered private placement (“NBPP”) that totaled \$5,018,562 in gross proceeds and issued 6,273,203. This represented an oversubscription of \$518,562 from the previously announced NBPP financing of \$4,500,000. Each unit (“Unit”) at a price of \$0.80 per unit in conjunction with closing the Transaction, will consist of one common share of the Company and one share purchase warrant, with each warrant entitling the holder to purchase a common share of the Company at a price of \$1.00 per share until December 15, 2021.

The Transaction closed on December 15, 2020, and trading in the common shares of Nexe Innovations Inc. began on the Exchange under the stock symbol “NEXE” on December 18, 2020.

### GOVERNMENT LOAN

During the year ended May 31, 2017, the Company was approved to receive up to \$2,500,000 of loans from Pacific

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Economic Development Canada (formerly Western Economic Diversification Canada). The project costs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Equipment costs
- Production materials
- Salaries for employees who devoted time to the project
- Travel costs
- Contractors and professional fees
- Production testing costs
- Manufacturing facility leasehold improvement costs

The Company drew down its final tranche of the loan during the year ended May 31, 2020, in the amount of \$580,590. The Company is required to make monthly repayments of \$41,667, which were to commence August 1, 2020, however, an extension to January 1, 2021 for repayment was granted, with a new maturity date of December 31, 2025.

The loan, at inception, was considered as an interest free loan and the difference between the fair value of the loan and the principal was credited against plant and equipment.

### GOVERNMENT GRANTS

On April 21, 2020, the Company signed an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources, Innovative Solutions Canada to commence a project to develop a fully compostable coffee pod that meets the required dimensions required for Nespresso coffee makers using plant-based polymers and, or wood fibre composites, in return for the Company to receive a \$1,000,000 grant. Payments were made to the Company in four equal payments of \$250,000 - June, September, and October 2020, and January 2021.

On January 14, 2021, the Company announced that it was the recipient of the \$1,000,000 grant by the Government of Canada (“GOC”) to support the commercialization of its NEXE *Nespresso*-Compatible Pods. The award is part of Phase 2 of the GOC’s Plastics Challenge: Improved Compostability of Bioplastics (“Bioplastics Challenge”). This follows a \$150,000 grant that NEXE received in 2019 during Phase 1 of the program to support prototype development. This award will support the high-speed manufacturing of the Company’s NEXE *Nespresso*-Compatible pods following the announcement of best-in-class composting results last week.

This project was recognized for its potential to improve the compostability of bioplastics and to substantially reduce plastic waste.

The Company is required to submit a detailed report to the Department of Natural Resources, Innovative Solutions Canada by May 31, 2022, outlining its activities and how they have contributed to the achievement of the objectives, benefits, and key performance measures of the project. Since the project continues to be a work-in-progress, the Company has recorded a deferred liability of \$1,000,000 in the statements of financial position. The Company has further de-risked this project post year-end through its commercial launch of its fully compostable espresso style pods.

### XOMA SUPERFOODS LAUNCH

On February 5, 2021, Nexe announced the commercialization of its proprietary pod for single-serve use in Keurig

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brewing systems under the in-house brand Xoma Superfoods. The Xoma Superfoods pilot launch consisted of one product line, Xoma MCT, which is a unique blend of a micro-ground soluble coffee with Organic MCT (Medium-Chain Triglycerides). It was a pivotal milestone for the Company to commercialize the Nexe Pod, which is one of the first patented single-serve Keurig Compatible rigid pods that is made from plant-based materials.

On April 6, 2021, the Company announced the launch of two additional product lines under the Xoma brand, which are Mindful Mushroom and Xoma Keto. The Company's fully compostable plant-based NEXE pod is the perfect delivery mechanism for future Xoma products and adheres to NEXE's environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) goals. NEXE pods are fully compostable and meet international standards for certification as compostable materials, without the need to disassemble the pod after use, products provide convenience, making it easy to integrate more superfoods into consumers' diet without creating additional waste, or making a mess of the kitchen.



### FACILITY EXPANSION

On January 20, 2021, the Company announced the expansion of its research, development, and manufacturing facility in Surrey, B.C., by leasing an adjacent bay and adding to its existing facility of approximately 10,000 sq. ft. facility, increasing total square footage to approximately 20,000 sq. ft. The expansion was a strategic business decision to enhance vertical integration in its supply chain, in order to increase product margins, protect intellectual property (IP) and mitigate supply chain risk. The expansion allowed for increased space for manufacturing equipment, laboratories, offices, and the factory floor. Using proven technologies developed by the Company in collaboration with leading experts in plant-based materials, the Company can bring key manufacturing processes to commercial scale in-house. By mitigating supply chain vulnerabilities and by

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increasing vertical integration in production, the Company can reduce or eliminate many uncertainties in production as it scales up. By upgrading plant operations to produce plant-based resins and parts in-house using proven technology, NEXE will have greater control over product development from conception to manufacturing.

### **COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. This contagious disease outbreak and any related adverse public health developments, has already adversely affected workforces, economies, and financial markets globally, leading to an economic downturn. The Company has established key guidelines and procedures related to security and access controls, health screening, isolation and quarantine, and facility infrastructure, maintenance, and cleaning, to ensure that its workplace practices are in line with local government recommendations and requirements, as well as compliant with the appropriate standards of safety, health, wellness and required workplace readiness. The Company continues to monitor key suppliers to prevent service disruptions or significant impacts in the delivery of services or goods from its suppliers.

As a result of the pandemic, the Company has experienced supply chain disruptions, particularly with machinery, human resource constraints, deterioration of consumer demand and market volatility. Although global market conditions may have affected market conditions and consumer spending patterns, the Company remains well placed to grow revenues through product innovations. The Company has reviewed its exposure from other emerging business risks but has not identified any other risks that could significantly impact the estimates used in the determination of plant and equipment, lease liability, and intangible assets that may have a significant impact on the Company's financial performance.

### **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On July 29, 2021, the Company launched its premium espresso pods in the U.S. and Canada at nexecoffee.com. This is the first NEXE-branded coffee product that the Company is introducing into the single-serve coffee pod market that is currently valued at more than US\$25 billion annually. Approximately 56 billion coffee pods are consumed each year which end up in the landfill and can take up to 500 years to decompose leaving behind contamination and microplastics. Recyclable pods often include non-recyclable plastic and aluminum - making them less likely to be recycled properly or recycled at all. The Company has invested over six years into research and development to create its proprietary and fully compostable coffee pod. The new Nespresso® compatible pod breaks down in as little as just 30 days, similar to the time it takes for an apple core to decompose.

### **SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION**

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The following table sets forth selected audited financial information of the Company from the last three completed years ended May 31:

	2021	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$
Total assets	57,675,600	8,642,707	5,365,292
Net loss	17,178,988	2,187,603	1,158,327
Net loss per share – basic and diluted	0.37	0.12	0.06

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### FINANCIAL RESULTS for the YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2021

For the year ended May 31, 2021, the Company recorded a net loss of \$17,178,988, or \$0.37 per share, compared to a net loss of \$2,187,603, or \$0.12 per share, for the year ended May 31, 2020. The increase was a result of the following:

- Consulting fees increased to \$1,858,458 (2020 - \$51,856) which included the write-off of shares valued at \$418,000 that were issued the date of these consolidated financial statements, the Company has not received sufficient evidence that payment has been received for these shares, the balance for corporate development, and accounting and regulatory management services. The Company is pursuing the return of the shares and warrants to its treasury;
- Research and development expenses increased to \$666,725 (2020 - \$46,839) primarily due to the development and testing of products;
- The Company recorded warrant-based compensation of \$1,715,475 (2020 - \$nil) which was due to the issuance of the fair value of 3,250,000 performance warrants. The warrants vest upon the employee, consultant, or advisor achieving certain key milestones that are aligned with the financial and business success of the Company.
- Digital advertising and marketing increased to \$1,560,691 (2020 - \$13,980) as the Company pursued a significant brand awareness and product marketing campaign program that included social marketing to introduce future products into the market in Canada and the U.S.;
- Market and investor relations increased to \$1,571,779 (2020 - \$82,103) regarding increased activities with institutions, brokerage firms and the retail public to build and support the business;
- Salaries and benefits increased to \$718,756 (2020 - \$121,349) with the hiring of additional staff, such as engineers, manufacturing, lab, and administrative personnel to support the growing business;
- Management fees increased to \$775,824 (2020 - \$184,000) regarding employment and consulting agreement commitments that pertained to certain executives of the Company which included success bonuses that totaled \$450,000;
- Advertising and media increased to \$492,314 (2020 - \$45,883) due to the following: promo video, advertising campaign, website updates, press release copywriting, Xoma branding, packaging design, forecast coverage, and ad programming;
- Professional fees increased to \$666,961 (2020 - \$234,159) primarily due to audit fees incurred regarding the filing statement, short form base shelf prospectus, prospectus supplement to the short form base shelf

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prospectus, quarterly financial statement reviews and year-audit, and legal fees related to a breach of contract for a machinery order and faulty windows installed, several wrongful dismissal claims, RTO (reverse take-over), closing documents, non-brokered and brokered financings, short form prospectus and other corporate matters;

- The Company recorded a non-cash interest expense of \$289,601 (2020 – \$192,704) related to the fair value of interest associated with the interest free Government loan from the Western Innovation program;
- A non-cash share-based compensation expense of \$660,645 (2020 - \$332,103) was recorded for stock options granted to directors, officers, certain employees, and advisors;
- Advisory fees increased to \$153,376 (2020 - \$40,000) due to financial advisory fees regarding capital market activities;
- Administrative expenses increased to \$835,869 (2020 - \$252,282) primarily due to lab supplies, general repairs and maintenance, office renovations, insurance, utilities, and property tax;
- \$70,013 (2020 - \$nil) of transfer agent and filing fees were recorded due to the initial set up and ongoing regulatory costs regarding the Company going public;
- Travel and promotion expenses increased to \$90,163 (2020 - \$73,738) primarily attributable to meetings with current investors, potential investors, travel to equipment manufacturers, and travel and meetings involving capital markets activities;
- Depreciation increased slightly to \$253,331 (2020 – \$234,860) primarily as a result of the purchase and implementation of manufacturing equipment;
- A non-cash listing expense of \$2,614,701 (2020 - \$nil) which included the issuance of 4.0 million shares at a fair value of \$3.2 million less assets acquired at the time of the RTO (reverse take-over) transaction with Whatcom Capital Corp. was recorded; and,
- The Company recorded decreased interest income of \$13,202 (2020 - \$42,406).

### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following is summary of the Company's financial results for the eight most recently completed quarters:

	Three Months Ended May 31, 2021	Three Months Ended Feb. 28, 2021	Three Months Ended Nov. 30, 2020	Three Months Ended Aug. 31, 2020	Three Months Ended May 31, 2020	Three Months Ended Feb 28, 2020	Three Months Ended Nov. 30, 2019	Three Months Ended Aug. 31, 2019
Revenue	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Net loss	(8,948,761)	(6,366,013)	(1,080,911)	(783,303)	(735,718)	(669,835)	(419,597)	(362,451)
Basic & diluted loss per share	(0.19)	(0.10)	(0.06)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.02)	(0.02)

(1) Included was the fair value of \$1,852,500 regarding 3,250,000 performance warrants, and the write-off of common shares valued at \$418,000.

(2) Included was a listing expense of \$2,614,701 regarding the Whatcom Capital Corp. RTO transaction.

### FINANCIAL RESULTS for the THREE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2021

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During the three months ended May 31, 2021, the Company had a net loss of \$8,948,761, or \$0.19 per share, compared to a net loss of \$735,718, or \$0.04 per share, for the comparable period last year. The increased net loss was predominantly a result of the following:

- Consulting fees of \$464,615 (2020 - \$21,000) were due to the write-off of shares valued at \$418,000 that were issued but, as of the date of these consolidated financial statements, the Company has not received sufficient evidence that payment has been received for these shares, the balance for corporate development, and accounting and regulatory management services. corporate development, accounting, and regulatory management services;
- Research and development of \$313,619 (2020 - \$6,985) was primarily the expensing of costs that were for the development and testing of products;
- Digital advertising and marketing of \$118,654 (2020 – \$13,980) as the Company pursued a significant brand awareness and product marketing campaign along with the reclassification of expenses in Q4 2021 that were recorded in other line items. The credit noted in 2020 was due to a credit note received on a vendor account;
- Market and investor relations of \$392,945 (2020 - \$38,035) was due to increased activities to build and support the business along with the reclassification of expenses in Q4 2021 that were recorded in other line items;
- Management fees of \$193,956 (2020 - \$59,000) were due to employment and consulting agreement commitments that pertained to certain executives of the Company which included success bonuses that totaled \$450,000. Amounts were recorded in advisory and consulting fees in prior quarters but were reclassified in Q4 2021;
- Salaries and benefits of \$345,781 (2020 – (\$122,773)) due to the hiring of additional staff, such as manufacturing, administrative and lab personnel to support the growing business. The credit in 2020 was due to a reclassification to plant and equipment on the statements of financial position;
- Professional fees of \$510,635 (2020 - \$106,956) were due to audit fees incurred regarding the short form base shelf prospectus, prospectus supplement, quarterly financial statement review and year-audit, and legal fees related to a breach of contract for faulty windows installed, wrongful dismissal claims, a brokered financing, short form base shelf prospectus, prospectus supplement, and other corporate matters;
- A non-cash share-based compensation expense of \$412,802 (2020 - \$81,001) was recorded for stock options granted to directors, officers, and employees;
- Travel and promotion of \$15,636 (2020 - \$7,858) was due to meetings with investors and capital market activities;
- The Company recorded administrative expenses of \$611,701 (2020 - \$172,119) which was due to lab supplies, and repairs and maintenance expenses;
- Interest income dropped to \$10,008 (2020 - \$22,271).

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at May 31, 2021, the Company had working capital of \$49,501,770 (2020 - \$2,712,942), with cash and cash

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equivalents that totaled \$50,526,731 (2020 – \$3,311,463).

The Company's ability to raise additional capital is subject to a number of factors, uncertainties and risks including market conditions that could make it difficult or impossible for the Company to raise necessary funds to meet its capital and operating requirements. If the Company is unable to obtain financing through commercial profitability or equity investments, it may consider other financing solutions including, but not limited to credit facilities or debenture issuances.

All cash is held with Schedule A banks either in deposit accounts or guaranteed investment certificates, and the Company has no joint ventures with any parties that may potentially create derivative or hedge risk.

### OPERATING ACTIVITIES

For the year ended May 31, 2021, the Company's operating activities used cash of \$10,444,763, compared to cash used of \$1,749,420 for operating activities for the year ended May 31, 2020.

### FINANCING ACTIVITIES

For the year ended May 31, 2021, cash and cash equivalents provided by financing activities of \$58,673,585, compared to cash and cash equivalents provided of \$5,583,676 for the year ended May 31, 2020.

As at May 31, 2021, the Company had 96,628,674 issued and outstanding (May 31, 2020: 18,182,004) common shares after the bought deal financing and conversion of all other classes of shares namely Class A, Series 1 shares, Class A, Series A, and Class A Series A preferred shares.

During the year-ended May 31, 2021, the Company issued the following common shares: 35,269,453 common shares from financings for proceeds, net of share issuance costs, of \$46,062,250; 25,855,396 common shares for proceeds of \$12,116,542 from the conversion of preferred shares; 12,027,420 common shares from the exercise of warrants for proceeds of \$10,590,142; and 1,294,401 common shares from the exercise of options for proceeds of \$405,123.

### INVESTING ACTIVITIES

For the year ended May 31, 2021, cash and cash equivalents used by investing activities of \$1,013,554, compared to cash and cash equivalents used of \$522,793 for the year ended May 31, 2020.

### CONTINGENCIES

The Company is party to legal proceedings and has determined that each such proceeding constitutes a routine matter incidental to the business it conducts and that the ultimate disposition of the proceedings, it is anticipated will not have a material effect on its statements of loss or comprehensive loss, statements of financial position, or statements of cash flows.

The Company has two breach of contract cases that it is currently being defended and management believes that these claims are without merit.

On August 23, 2018, a third party brought an action against G-PAK Holdings Ltd. (Nexe Innovations Inc.). The Company has defended the claim on the basis that the work was done by the third party was defective.

No provision for these claims was recorded as of May 31, 2021 as management believes they are without merit.

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### CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company manages its capital to maintain its ability to continue as a going concern and to provide returns to shareholders and benefits to other stakeholders. The capital structure of the Company consists of cash and equity comprised of issued capital, share option reserve, and contributed surplus.

The Company manages its capital structure and adjusts, when required, considering certain economic conditions. The Company, upon approval from its Board of Directors, will balance its overall capital structure through new share issuances or by undertaking other activities as deemed appropriate under the special circumstances.

The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements and the Company's overall strategy with respect to risk management remains unchanged from the year ended May 31, 2020.

### OUTLOOK

The Company's primary focus is to commercialize the manufacturing facility to eventual capacity as it continues to receive the various important integrated pieces of equipment and supply chain. To streamline and scale production, the Company is working with various equipment manufacturers, globally, that not only help the Company reach scale but also to help develop the proprietary elements that increase the Company's intellectual property portfolio. Furthermore, as the organization continues to face the logistical bottlenecks brought on by COVID-19, the Company is also assessing more localized solutions as part of the manufacturing process to further expedite capacity build-out and build improved vertical integration as part of the process. Increased vertical integration means that the Company will be less reliant on third parties for manufacturing and that we are better able to handle the various components of the manufacturing process in-house.

As part of the Company's public and secondary offerings in the past two quarters, it intends to use this capital to commercialize and scale the XOMA Superfoods line as well as its coffee offerings for both the Nespresso and Keurig brewing systems within fiscal 2022 by adding new SKUs for each as the Company expands capacity. The Company will be doing so by bringing on experienced team members who have expertise in operations, manufacturing, sales and marketing, and product development. In light of the recent and ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Company has decided to launch its own product lines as part of a direct to consumer ("DTC") offering. The Company intends to generate sales in fiscal 2022 through its own proprietary DTC sites as well as through third party established sites, such as Amazon.com and Amazon.ca. Although the Company has taken the initiative to sell primarily and directly online, it is in ongoing discussions with various well-established retailers and coffee co-packers and roasters to get onto "brick and mortar" retailer shelves as key equipment for capacity arrives through the fiscal year.

Furthermore, the Company's marketing and distribution strategy also entails channel specific campaigns to boost trial and brand loyalty, launch consumer marketing promotion with well-established online platforms, and develop a strong social media presence, including the use of influencers. The Company intends to educate its audience on how it differs from the marketplace including what compostability means through various messaging conducted by way of educational online videos and ads. The Company, also, believes that as it begins to focus on in-store sales, that it will focus on a strong trade and consumer show presence and geo-targeted and point of sale positioning to better display and sell its pods within the retailers.

### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, receivables, deposits, trade payables, bank overdraft, deferred Government grant liability, due to related parties, Government loan payable and a loan

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payable. The carrying values of these financial instruments approximate their fair values with the exception of loan payable due to their relatively short periods to maturity.

The Company's risk management policies are established to identify and analyze the risks faced by the Company, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to market conditions and the Company's activities. The Company has exposure to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk as a result of its use of financial instruments.

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to each of the above risks and the Company's objectives, policies, and processes for measuring and managing these risks. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these Financial Statements. The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. The Board has implemented and monitors compliance with risk management policies.

(a) Credit risk:

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's cash and cash equivalents as well as other receivables, are subject to credit risk for a maximum of the amount shown on the consolidated statements of financial position. The Company limits its exposure to credit risk on cash and cash equivalents by depositing only with reputable financial institutions and limits its exposure to credit risk on other receivables by only working with large and well-funded organizations. Management believes that the Company is subject to minimal credit risk.

(b) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The purpose of liquidity risk management is to maintain a sufficient amount of cash and cash equivalents to meet its liquidity requirements at any point in time. The Company uses cash to settle its financial obligations as they fall due.

The Company prepares annual expenditure budgets, which are regularly monitored and updated as considered necessary. To facilitate its expenditure program, the Company raises funds through financings and anticipates it will have adequate liquidity to fund its financial liabilities.

As at May 31, 2021, the Company's financial liabilities were comprised of accounts payable and accrued liabilities, which have a maturity of less than one year and a loan payable, which is payable over five years commencing January 1, 2021.

(c) Interest rate risk:

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company is only subject to interest rate risk on its cash and term deposits in the bank and there is unlikely to be a material impact on net income (loss) as the bank deposits are short term.

(d) Foreign Exchange Rate Risk:

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the Company's financial instruments will fluctuate in value as a result of movements in foreign exchange rates. The Company is not exposed to any significant foreign exchange rate risk.

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### OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

As of the date of this MD&A, the Company had no off-balance sheet arrangements.

### TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

The related party transactions are in the normal course of operations and have been valued in these consolidated financial statements at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties. Amounts due to or from related parties are non-interest bearing, unsecured and due on demand. Related party transactions not disclosed elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements are listed below.

- (a) For the year ended May 31, 2021, the Company incurred salary and benefits expenses of \$227,463 (2020 - \$75,869), \$262,000 (2020 - \$77,000) in management fees, of which \$225,000 was a success bonus, to the CEO of the Company and to a company controlled by the CEO of the Company. In addition, the Company incurred home office expenses of \$22,500 (2020 - \$nil) and lower than market rent expenses of \$13,800 (2020 - \$nil) regarding a condo owned by the CEO for one of the Company's key staff to a company controlled by the CEO of the Company. Total paid was \$525,763 (2020 - \$152,869). As May 31, 2021, \$15,074 (2020 - \$15,074) was owed to the CEO of the Company which is included in due to related parties.
- (b) For the year ended May 31, 2021, the Company incurred management fees of \$475,000 (2020 - \$107,000), which included a success bonus of \$225,000 (2020 - \$nil), and home office expenses of \$21,000 (2020 - \$nil) to a company controlled by the President of the Company. Total paid was \$496,000 (2020 - \$107,000). As at May 31, 2021, \$3,150 (2020 - \$nil) was owed to the President of the Company which is included in due to related parties.
- (c) For the year ended May 31, 2021, the Company recorded salary and benefits expenses of \$9,113 (2020 - \$nil) to the Chief Financial Officer of the Company. As at May 31, 2021, \$363 (2020 - \$nil) was owed to the Chief Financial Officer of the Company which is included in due to related parties.
- (d) For the year ended May 31, 2021, the Company incurred consulting fees of \$126,775 (2020 - \$35,000), which included a bonus of \$18,775 (2020 - \$nil) to a company controlled by the former Chief Financial Officer of the Company.
- (e) For the year ended May 31, 2021, the Company incurred consulting fees of \$61,000 (2020 - \$46,452) to John LaGourgue, the former President of the Company.
- (f) For the year-end May 31, 2021, the Company recognized \$273,287 (2020 - \$137,739) as share-based compensation for stock options to directors and officers of the Company.

### FUTURE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

A number of new standards, and amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for the year ended May 31, 2021 and have not been early adopted in preparing these Financial Statements. These new standards, and amendments to standards and interpretations are either not applicable or are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. A summary of future IFRS amendments is as follows:

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### *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to IAS1)*

On January 23, 2020, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, to clarify the classification of liabilities as current or non-current. On July 15, 2020, the IASB issued an amendment to defer the effective date by one year. The amendments removed the requirement for a right to defer settlement or roll over of a liability for at least twelve months to be unconditional to classify such liability as a non-current liability. Instead, such a right must have substance and exist at the end of the reporting period.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Early adoption is permitted.

### *Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments of IAS 16)*

On May 14, 2020, the IASB issued Property, Plant and Equipment - proceeds before intended use (Amendments to IAS 16). The amendments clarify that proceeds from selling items before the related item of Property, Plant and Equipment is available for use should be recognized in profit or loss, together with the cost of producing those items.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Early adoption is permitted.

### *Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards – 2018 to 2020*

On May 14, 2020, the IASB issued Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards – 2018 to 2020

IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* – Clarifies which fees are included for the purpose of performing the “10 percent test” for derecognition of financial liabilities.

IFRS 16 *Leases* – Removes the illustration of payments from the lessor relating to leasehold improvements.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 22. Early adoption is permitted.

### *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2 (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16)*

On August 27, 2020, the IASB finalized its response to the ongoing reform of inter-bank offered rates and other interest rate benchmarks by issuing a package of amendments to IFRS Standards.

## **Critical Accounting Estimates**

Please refer to Note 2 of the Company’s Audited Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2021, for additional information under “Significant Accounting Policies”.

Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates include the collectability of amounts receivable, balances of accrued liabilities, the fair value of financial instruments, the rates for depreciation of property and equipment, determination of estimates of deferred tax assets and liabilities, and the determination of variables used in the calculations of share-based payments. While management believes that these estimates are reasonable, actual results could differ from those estimates and could impact future results of operations and cash flows.

## **OTHER MD&A REQUIREMENTS**

### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Management is responsible for the preparation and integrity of the Financial Statements and maintains appropriate information systems, procedures, and controls to ensure that information used internally and disclosed externally is complete and reliable. Management is also responsible for the design of the Company’s

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internal controls over financial reporting in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of Financial Statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

Readers are cautioned that the Company is not required to certify the design and evaluation of its disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting and has not completed such an evaluation. The inherent limitations on the ability of the Company's certifying officers to design and implement on a cost-effective basis disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting for the Company may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency and timeliness of interim and annual filings and other reports provided under securities legislation.

In connection with National Instrument 52-109 (Certificate of Disclosure in Issuer's Annual and Interim Filings) ("NI 52-109"), the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company have filed a Venture Issuer Basic Certificate with respect to the financial information contained in the Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2021, and this accompanying MD&A (together, the "Filings").

In contrast to the full certificate under NI 52-109, the Venture Issuer Basic Certificate does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, as defined in NI 52-109. For further information the reader should refer to the Venture Issuer Basic Certificates filed by the Company with its Filings on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The following are certain factors relating to the business of the Company. If any such risks actually occur, the financial condition, liquidity, and results of operations of the Company could be materially adversely affected and the ability of the Company to implement its growth plans could be adversely affected. The Company will face a number of challenges in the development of its business.

Prospects for companies in the technology industry generally may be regarded as uncertain given the nature of the industry and, accordingly, investments in technology companies should be regarded as highly speculative. Technology research and development involves a significant degree of risk. An investor should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described below. The risks and uncertainties described below are not an exhaustive list. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to NEXE or that NEXE believes to be immaterial may also adversely affect NEXE's business. If any one or more of the following risks occur, the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations could be seriously harmed. Further, if the Company fails to meet the expectations of the public market in any given period, the market price of the Company's shares could decline. If any such risks actually occur, shareholders could lose all or part of their investment and the financial condition, liquidity, and results of operations of the Company could be materially adversely affected and the ability of the Company to implement its growth plans could be adversely affected. Potential investors should consult with their professional advisors to assess an investment in the Company.

The risks and uncertainties described in this section are not inclusive of all the risks and uncertainties to which the Company may be subject.

#### **Risks Related to Regulation by Governmental Authorities**

The activities of the Company may be subject to regulation by governmental authorities wherever its business is conducted. Achievement of the Company's business objectives are contingent, in part, upon compliance with regulatory requirements enacted by these governmental authorities and obtaining all regulatory approvals. The Company cannot predict the time required to secure all appropriate regulatory approvals for its products, or the

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extent of testing and documentation that may be required by governmental authorities. Any delays in obtaining, or failure to obtain regulatory approvals could have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations and financial condition of the Company.

The business of the Company is subject to rapid regulatory changes. Failure to keep up with such changes may adversely affect the business of the Company. Failure to follow regulatory requirements will have a detrimental impact on the business. Timing and nature of changes in legislation cannot be predicted and could irreparably harm the business.

### **Risks Related to Protection of Intellectual Property Rights**

The future success of the Company's business is dependent upon the intellectual property rights surrounding the technology, including trade secrets, know-how and continuing technological innovation. Although the Company will seek to protect its proprietary rights through trademark registrations and patent applications, its actions may be inadequate to protect any proprietary rights or to prevent others from claiming violations of their proprietary rights. There can be no assurance that other companies are not investigating or developing other technologies that are similar to the technology.

In addition, effective intellectual property protection may be unenforceable or limited in certain countries, and the global nature of the Internet makes it impossible to control the ultimate designation of the Company's technology. Any of these claims, with or without merit, could subject the Company to costly litigation. If the protection of proprietary rights is inadequate to prevent unauthorized use or appropriation by third parties, the value of the Company's brand and other intangible assets may be diminished. Any of these events could have an adverse effect on the Company's business and financial results.

If a third party accuses the Company of infringing its intellectual property rights or if a third party commences litigation against the Company for the infringement of patent or other intellectual property rights, the Company may incur significant costs in defending such action, whether or not it ultimately prevails. Typically, patent litigation in the technology industry is expensive. Costs that the Company incurs in defending third party infringement actions would also include diversion of management and technical personnel's time.

In addition, parties making claims against the Company may be able to obtain injunctive or other equitable relief that could prevent the Company from further developing discoveries or commercializing its technology. In the event of a successful claim of infringement against the Company, it may be required to pay damages and obtain one or more licenses from the prevailing third party. If it is not able to obtain these licenses at a reasonable cost, if at all, it could encounter delays in product introductions and loss of substantial resources while it attempts to develop alternative technology. Defense of any lawsuit or failure to obtain any of these licenses could prevent the Company or its partners from commercializing available technology and could cause it to incur substantial expenditure.

The Company also relies on its trade secrets, which include information relating to the manufacture, development, and administration of its technology. The protective measures that the Company employs may not provide adequate protection for its trade secrets. This could erode the Company's competitive advantage and materially harm its business. The Company cannot be certain that others will not independently develop the same or similar technologies on their own or gain access to trade secrets or disclose such technology, or that the Company will be able to meaningfully protect its trade secrets and unpatented know-how and keep them secret.

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### Risks Related to Competition

To remain competitive, the Company will require a continued high level of investment in research and development, marketing, sales, and client support. The Company may not have sufficient resources to maintain 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 operations of the Company.

The beverage industry is intensely competitive with respect to product, quality, convenience, and price. NEXE faces significant competition in each of its channels and marketplaces. NEXE competes with major international beverage and appliance companies that operate in multiple geographic areas, as well as numerous companies that are primarily local in operation. The Company's ability to gain a share of sales in the global marketplace or in various local marketplaces or maintain or enhance its relationships with its partners and customers may be limited as a result of actions by competitors, including as a result of increased consolidation in the food and beverage industry and an increase in the number of competitive pod contract manufacturers.

Many of the Company's competitors and potential competitors are larger and have greater name recognition, longer operating histories, larger marketing budgets and significantly greater resources than the Company does. With the introduction of new technologies and market entrants, the Company expects competition to continue to intensify in the future. If the Company fails to compete effectively, its business will be harmed. For these reasons, the Company may not be able to compete successfully against its current and future competitors.

Some of the Company's current and potential competitors have significantly greater resources and better competitive positions in certain markets than the Company does. These factors may allow the Company's competitors to respond more effectively than the Issuer to new or emerging technologies and changes in market requirements. The Company's competitors may develop products, features, or services that are similar to the Company or that achieve greater market acceptance, may undertake more far-reaching and successful product development efforts or marketing campaigns, or may adopt more aggressive pricing policies. Certain competitors could use strong or dominant positions in one or more markets to gain a competitive advantage against the Company. As a result, the Company's competitors may acquire and engage users at the expense of the growth or engagement of its user base, which may negatively affect the Company's business and financial results.

The Company believes that its ability to compete effectively depends upon many factors both within and beyond the Company's control, including:

- the usefulness, ease of use, performance, and reliability of the Company's products and services compared to its competitors;
- customer service and support efforts;
- marketing and selling efforts;
- the Company's financial condition and results of operations;
- changes mandated by legislation, regulatory authorities, or litigation, some of which may have a disproportionate effect on the Company;
- acquisitions or consolidation within the Company's industry, which may result in more formidable competitors;
- the Company's ability to attract, retain, and motivate talented employees and consultants;
- the Company's ability to cost-effectively manage and grow its operations; and

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- the Company's reputation and brand strength relative to that of its competitors.

### Risks Related to Management of Growth

The Company may in the future, experience rapid growth and development in a relatively short period of time by aggressively marketing its products and services. The Company may be subject to growth related risks including capacity constraints and pressure on its internal systems and controls. The ability of the Company 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 Company to deal with this growth may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

### Risks Related to Conflicts of Interest

The Company's directors and officers may serve as directors or officers, or may be associated with, other reporting companies, or have significant shareholdings in other public companies. To the extent that such other companies may participate in business or asset acquisitions, dispositions, or ventures in which the Company may participate, the directors and officers of the Company may have a conflict of interest in negotiating and concluding terms respecting a transaction. If a conflict of interest arises, the Company will follow the provisions of the Business Corporations Act (BC) ("Corporations Act") dealing with any conflict of interest. These provisions state that where a director has such a conflict, that director must, at a meeting of the Company's directors, disclose his or her interest and refrain from voting on the matter, unless otherwise permitted by the Corporations Act. In accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia, the directors and officers of the Company are required to act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Company.

### Going Concern Risks

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under which an entity is considered to be able to realize its assets and satisfy its liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The Company's future operations are dependent upon the identification and successful completion of equity or debt financing and the achievement of profitable operations at an indeterminate time in the future. There can be no assurances that the Company will be successful in completing an equity or debt financing or, in achieving profitability.

The Financial Statements do not give effect to any adjustments relating to the carrying values and classification of assets and liabilities that would be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

### Limited Operating History

NEXE was incorporated on April 27, 2015 and has limited operating history. The Company will be subject to all of the business risks and uncertainties associated with any new business enterprise, including the risk that it will not achieve its growth objectives. To the extent that such expenses do not result in revenue gains that are adequate to sustain and expand its business, the Company's long-term viability may be materially and adversely affected. To date, NEXE has not generated limited revenues.

### Negative Cash Flow from Operating Activities

NEXE has had negative cash flow from operating activities since inception. Significant capital investment will be required to achieve NEXE's existing plans. There is no assurance that the Company's business will generate earnings, operate profitably, or provide a return on investment in the near future. Accordingly, the Company may be required to obtain additional financing in order to meet its future cash commitments.

Further, NEXE has a history of operating losses and may not sustain profitability. The Company cannot guarantee

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investors that it will become profitable, and even if the Company achieves profitability, given the competitive and evolving nature of industry in it operates, the Company may not be able to sustain or increase profitability and its failure to do so could adversely affect its business, including its ability to raise any additional funds.

### **Commercialization of NEXE PODs**

NEXE has commercialized Nespresso Compatible pods with Original Line Brewers subsequent to year end. Also, through a subsidiary, Xoma SuperFoods, Nexe has proven its compostable plant based form factor for soluble capsules compatible with Keurig brewing systems. Further, NEXE will soon commercialize its proprietary long filter compostable coffee capsule in Keurig brewing systems that not only achieves the highest grammage in the space but also maintaining the compostable requirements.

### **Future Performance is Highly Dependent upon the Sales of Keurig® and Nespresso® Beverage Systems**

Continued acceptance and adoption of Keurig® and Nespresso® beverage systems are significant factors in the Company's growth plans. Any substantial or sustained decline in the sale of Keurig® and Nespresso® hot system brewers, failure of consumers to adopt those beverage systems, would materially adversely affect the Company's business.

### **The Research and Development of the Single-Serve Beverage Pods has Required and will Continue to Require a Significant Investment and Commitment of Resources, is Subject to Numerous Risks and Uncertainties, and Ultimately may not Prove Successful**

NEXE has invested and expects to continue to invest in the research and development of its NEXE Pod technology. Such endeavour involves significant risks and uncertainties, including, insufficient revenues to offset liabilities and expenses associated with developing and launching the single-serve beverage pods, not accurately predicting consumer tastes and the market opportunity for a beverage platform, inability to respond in a timely manner to consumer desires and demands, and unidentified issues not discovered in NEXE due diligence and planning.

The Company cannot be certain that the Keurig® and Nespresso® hot system brewers will be widely accepted by consumers or that they will be willing to pay a higher price for these products. In addition, the Company may not be able to sufficiently scale or find other ways to reduce the costs of manufacturing the pods. Because the introduction of and investment in a new pod is inherently risky, no assurance can be given that the NEXE Pods will ultimately be successful or that it will not materially adversely affect the Company's reputation, financial condition, and operating results.

### **Continued Innovation and the Successful Development and Timely Launch of New Platforms, Products and Product Extensions are Critical to the Company's Financial Results and Achievement of its Growth Strategy**

The Company may not be successful in developing innovative new products or the new products may not be commercially successful. Additionally, new product introductions are often time sensitive, and thus failure to deliver innovations on schedule could be detrimental to the Company's ability to successfully launch such new products and retain partners, in addition to potentially harming the Company's reputation and customer loyalty.

The Company's financial results and its ability to maintain or improve its competitive position will depend on its ability to effectively gauge the direction of its key marketplaces and successfully identify, develop, manufacture, market and sell new or improved products in these changing marketplaces. As the Company and its industry evolve, the Company expects to face new challenges with respect to the introduction of innovative products and the changing competitive landscape within the single-serve category and the beverage industry. These challenges

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can occur at various stages, including design, supply chain and sales cycle.

### **Future Financial Results are Difficult to Predict, and Failure to Meet Market Expectations for the Company's Financial Performance or its Publicly Announced Guidance May Cause the Price of its Securities to Decline**

The Company's public forecasts regarding the expected performance of the business and future operating results are forward-looking statements subject to risks and uncertainties, including the risks and uncertainties described in other public statements, and necessarily reflect current assumptions and judgments that may prove incorrect. As a result, there can be no assurance that the Company's performance will be consistent with any public forecasts or that any variation from such forecasts will not be material and adverse.

### **Changes in the Beverage Environment and Retail Landscape could Impact the Company's Financial Results**

The beverage environment is rapidly evolving as a result of, among other things, changes in consumer preferences; shifting consumer tastes and needs; changes in consumer lifestyles; and competitive product and pricing pressures. In addition, the beverage retail landscape is dynamic and constantly evolving, not only in emerging and developing marketplaces, where modern trade is growing at a faster pace than traditional trade outlets, but also in developed marketplaces, where discounters and value stores, as well as the volume of transactions through e-commerce, are growing at a rapid pace. If the Company is unable to successfully adapt to the rapidly changing environment, its overall financial results could be negatively affected.

### **Failure to Maintain Strategic Relationships with Well-Recognized Brands/Brand Owners and Private Label Brands Could Adversely Impact the Company's Future Growth and Business**

Any of the Company's strategic partners may make their own business decisions which may not align with the Company's interests. If the Company is unable to provide an appropriate mix of incentives to its strategic partners through a combination of pricing and marketing and advertising support, or if its strategic partners are not satisfied with its brand innovation and technological or other development efforts, they may take actions, including entering into agreements with competing pod contract manufacturers or vertically integrating to manufacture their own pods. Increasing competition among pod manufacturers and the move to vertical integration may result in price compression, which could have an adverse effect on the Company's gross margins. The loss of strategic partners could also adversely impact the Company's future profitability and growth, its ability to attract additional branded or private label parties to do business with the Company or its ability to attract new customers.

In order to grow its business, the Company anticipates that it will continue to depend on its relationships with third parties, such as alliance partners, distributors, equipment suppliers, and manufacturers. Identifying partners, and negotiating and documenting relationships with them, requires significant time and resources. The Company's competitors may be effective in providing incentives to third parties to favour their products or services, or to prevent or reduce the Company's products and services. In addition, acquisitions of the Company's partners by its competitors could result in a decrease in the number of current and potential customers, as its partners may no longer facilitate the adoption of the Company's products and services by potential customers.

If the Company is unsuccessful in establishing or maintaining its relationships with third parties, its ability to compete in the marketplace or to grow its revenue could be impaired, and its operating results may suffer. Even if the Company is successful, the Company cannot assure investors that these relationships will result in increased customer usage of the Company's services or increased revenue and/or profitability. Furthermore, if the Company's partners fail to perform as expected, the Company's reputation may be harmed, and its business and operating results could be adversely affected.

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### **Product Safety and Quality Concerns could Negatively Affect the Company's Business**

The Company's success depends in part on its ability to maintain consumer confidence in the safety and quality of all of its products. Product safety or quality issues, or mislabeling, actual or perceived, or allegations of product contamination or quality or safety issues, even when false or unfounded, could subject the Company to product liability and consumer claims, negative publicity, a loss of consumer confidence and trust, may require the Company from time to time to conduct costly recalls from some or all of the channels in which the affected product was distributed, could damage the goodwill associated with its brands, and may cause consumers to choose other products. Such issues could result in the destruction of product inventory, lost sales due to the unavailability of product for a period of time, and higher than anticipated rates of warranty returns and other returns of goods, all of which could cause the Company's business to suffer and affect its results of operations.

### **The Company's Long Term Purchase Commitments for Certain Strategic Materials Critical for the Manufacture of Pods could Impair its Ability to be Flexible in its Business Without Penalty**

In order to ensure a continuous supply of high-quality materials, some of the Company's inventory purchase obligations may create long-term purchase commitments for certain strategic materials critical for the manufacture of pods. The timing of these may not always coincide with the period in which the Company needs the supplies to fulfill customer demand. This could lead to higher and more variable inventory levels and/or higher material costs.

### **Risk Related to Technological Obsolescence and Difficulty in Obtaining Equipment**

To remain competitive, the Company will continue to invest in equipment at its facilities required for maintaining the Company's activities. Should competitors introduce new technologies, the Company recognizes its equipment, and its underlying technology may become obsolete and require substantial capital to replace such equipment, which could adversely affect an investment in the Company.

### **Risks Related to Insurance of the Company's Operations**

The Company maintains insurance coverage including directors' and officers' insurance and commercial insurance covering the facility and the equipment within the facility. Nevertheless, given the novelty of development of biodegradable pods and associated businesses, such insurance may become unavailable, uneconomical for the Company, or the nature or level may be insufficient to provide adequate insurance cover. The occurrence of an event that is not covered or fully covered by insurance could have a material adverse effect on the Company. While the Company believes its insurance coverage will address all material risks to which it is exposed and could be adequate and customary in its current state of operations, such insurance will be subject to coverage limits and exclusions and may not be available for the risks and hazards to which the Company is exposed.

In addition, no assurance can be given that such insurance will be adequate to cover the Company's liabilities or will be generally available in the future or, if available, that premiums will be commercially justifiable. If the Company were to incur substantial liability and such damages were not covered by insurance or were in excess of policy limits, or if the Company were to incur such liability at a time when it is not able to obtain liability insurance, its business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

### **Risks Related to Product Development and Technology Change**

The Company's success could be seriously affected by a competitor's ability to develop and market technologies that compete with the Company's technologies. To remain competitive, the Company must continue to enhance and improve the responsiveness, functionality and features of its technology. The single-serve beverage industry

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is characterized by rapid technological change, changes in user and customer requirements and preferences, frequent new product and service introductions embodying new technologies and the emergence of new industry standards and practices that could render the Company's existing operations and proprietary technology and systems obsolete. There can be no assurance the Company will successfully implement new technologies and systems to meet industry standards and if unable to adapt in a timely matter, the business of the Company could be materially affected.

### **Risks Related to Slow Acceptance of Products**

The marketplace may be slow to accept or understand the significance of the Company's technology due to its unique nature and the competitive landscape. If the Company is unable to promote, market and sell its products and secure relationships with partners and purchasers, the Company's business and financial condition will be adversely affected, which could adversely affect an investment in the Company.

### **Company has an Evolving Business Model and thus its Services and Products could Change**

To stay current with the industry, the Company's business model may need to evolve as well. From time to time, it may modify aspects of the Company's business model relating to Company's product mix and service offerings. The Company cannot offer any assurance that these or any other modifications will be successful or will not result in harm to the business. The Company may not be able to manage growth effectively, which could damage the Company's reputation, limit the Company's growth, and negatively affect its operating results.

### **If the Company's Revenue is Primarily Derived from a Limited Number of Customers, the Loss of such Customer could have an Adverse Impact on the Company**

Although the Company intends to seek a broad base of customers, if the Company's revenue is concentrated in one or a few larger customers, and such customers become dissatisfied with the Company's products and services, or the Company's pricing, or ceases to do business with the Company for any other reason, the operating results of the Company would be negatively and substantially impacted.

### **Interruptions or Delays in Service from the Company's Facilities could Impair the Delivery of the Company's Services and Harm its Business**

The facilities may be vulnerable to damage or interruption due to floods, fires, power loss, telecommunications failures, and similar events. The facilities may also be subject to destruction, break-ins, sabotage, intentional acts of vandalism and similar misconduct. Any damage to, or failure of, the Company's systems generally could result in stoppage interruptions in its service. Interruptions in its service may reduce its revenue, cause the Company to issue credits, or pay penalties, cause customers to terminate their contracts and adversely affect the Company's renewal rate and its ability to attract new customers.

The Company's business will also be harmed if its customers and potential customers believe the Company's service and product is unreliable. Despite precautions taken such as disaster recovery plans at these facilities, the occurrence of a natural disaster, an act of terrorism, a decision to close the facilities without adequate notice or other unanticipated problems at these facilities could result in lengthy interruptions in the Company's services. Even with the disaster recovery arrangements and precautions taken at its facilities, the Company's services could be interrupted. Further, as the Company continues to grow and scale its business to meet the needs of its customers, additional burdens may be placed on its facilities. These interruptions, stoppages and burdens could adversely affect an investment in the Company.

### **The Company Depends on Highly Skilled Personnel to Grow and Operate its Business, and if the Company is**

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### **Unable to Hire, Retain and Motivate its Personnel, the Company may not be able to Grow Effectively**

The Company's future success will depend upon its continued ability to identify, hire, develop, motivate, and retain highly skilled personnel, including senior management, engineers, designers, product managers, sales representatives, and customer support representatives. The Company's ability to execute efficiently is dependent upon contributions from its employees, including its senior management team. In addition, there may occasionally be changes in the Company's senior management team that may be disruptive to its business. If the Company's senior management team, including any new hires that the Company may make, fails to work together effectively and to execute on its plans and strategies on a timely basis, its business could be harmed.

The Company's growth strategy also depends on its ability to expand its organization with highly skilled personnel. Identifying, recruiting, training, and integrating qualified individuals will require significant time, expense, and attention. In addition to hiring new employees, the Company must continue to focus on retaining its best employees. The Company may need to invest significant additional amounts of cash and equity to attract and retain new employees, and the Company may never realize returns on these investments. If the Company is not able to effectively add and retain employees, its ability to achieve its strategic objectives could be adversely impacted, and its business could be harmed.

### **If the Company is Unable to Maintain and Promote its Brand, its Business and Operating Results may be Harmed**

The Company believes that maintaining and promoting its brand is critical to expanding its customer base. Maintaining and promoting its brand will depend largely on its ability to continue to provide useful, reliable, and innovative services, which the Company may not do successfully. The Company may introduce new features, products, services, or terms of service that its customers do not like, which may negatively affect its brand and reputation. Maintaining and enhancing the Company's brand may require it to make substantial investments, and these investments may not achieve the desired goals. If the Company fails to successfully promote and maintain its brand or if the Company incurs excessive expenses in this effort, its business and operating results could be adversely affected.

### **Risks Associated with Acquisitions**

If appropriate opportunities present themselves, the Company intends to acquire businesses, technologies, services, or products that the Company believes are strategic. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to identify, negotiate or finance future acquisitions successfully, or to integrate such acquisitions with its current business. The process of integrating an acquired business, technology, service, or product into the Company may result in unforeseen operating difficulties and expenditures and may absorb significant management attention that would otherwise be available for ongoing development of the Company's business. Future acquisitions could result in potentially dilutive issuances of equity securities, the incurrence of debt, contingent liabilities and/or amortization expenses related to goodwill and other intangible assets, which could materially adversely affect the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition. Any such future acquisitions of other businesses, technologies, services, or products might require the Company to obtain additional equity or debt financing, which might not be available on terms favourable to the Company, or at all, and such financing, if available, might be dilutive.

The Company in the future may invest, in new business strategies, acquisitions and/or joint ventures. New ventures are inherently risky and may not be successful. In evaluating such endeavours, the Company is required to make difficult judgments regarding the value of business strategies, opportunities, technologies and other assets, and the risks and cost of potential liabilities. Furthermore, acquisitions and investments involve certain other risks and uncertainties, including the risks involved with entering new competitive categories or regions,

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the difficulty in integrating newly-acquired businesses, the challenges in achieving strategic objectives and other benefits expected from acquisitions, investments or joint ventures, the diversion of the Company's attention and resources from its operations and other initiatives, the potential impairment of acquired assets and liabilities, the performance of underlying products, capabilities or technologies and the potential loss of key employees and customers of the acquired businesses.

### **The Expansion or Development of the Business, including through Acquisitions, Increased Product Offerings or Other Strategic Growth Opportunities, may cause Disruptions in the Company's Business, which may have an Adverse Effect on the Company's Business, Operations, or Financial Results**

The Company may seek to expand and develop its business, including through acquisitions, increased product offerings, or other strategic growth opportunities. In the ordinary course of business, the Company may review, analyze, and evaluate various potential transactions or other activities in which it may engage. Such transactions or activities could cause disruptions in, increase risk, or otherwise negatively impact its business. Among other things, such transactions and activities may:

- disrupt the Company's business relationships with its customers, depending on the nature of or counterparty to such transactions and activities;
- direct the time or attention of management away from other business operations;
- fail to achieve revenue or margin targets, operational synergies, or other benefits contemplated;
- increase operational risk or volatility in the Company's business; and/or
- result in current or prospective employees experiencing uncertainty about their future roles with the Company, which might adversely affect the Company's ability to retain or attract key managers or other employees.

### **The Company may be Vulnerable to Security Breaches that could Adversely Affect its Operations, Business, Operations, and Reputation**

The Company's infrastructure may be vulnerable to damage, disruptions, or shutdowns due to unauthorized access, computer viruses, cyber-attacks, and other security breaches. An attack attempt or security breach could potentially result in interruption or cessation of certain of the Company's services to its customers or the Company's inability to meet expected levels of service. The Company cannot guarantee that its security measures will not be circumvented, resulting in production interruptions and have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, or operational results.

The Company may be required to expend significant resources to protect against or recover from such threats. If an actual or perceived breach of its security occurs, the market perception of the effectiveness of its security measures could be harmed, and the Company could lose customers. Furthermore, the perpetrators of cyber-attacks are not restricted to particular groups or persons. These attacks may be committed by the Company's employees, contractors or external individuals or organizations operating from any geography. Any such events could result in legal claims or penalties, disruption in operations, misappropriation of sensitive data, damage to the Company's reputation, negative market perception, or costly response measures, which could adversely affect its business.

### **Additional Financing Requirements and Access to Capital**

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The Company may require additional funds for further research and development, sales and marketing, operations, working capital, and general corporate purposes. The Company may attempt to raise additional funds for these purposes through public or private equity or debt financing, collaborations with other companies, government grants and/or from other sources. There can be no assurance that additional funding or partnership will be available on terms acceptable to the Company. If additional funds are raised through further issuances of equity or convertible debt securities, existing shareholders could suffer significant dilution, and any new equity securities issued could have rights, preferences, and privileges superior to those of holders of Company shares.

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 Company to obtain additional capital or to pursue business opportunities, including potential acquisitions. If adequate funds are not obtained, the Company may be required to reduce, curtail, or discontinue operations.

### **Product Recalls and/or Product Liability may Adversely Impact the Company**

The Company will be subject to regulation by a variety of regulatory authorities. In the event that the Company, does not adhere to product safety requirements or its quality control standards, it might not identify a deficiency before its ships its products to customers. The failure to produce products that adhere to the Company's quality control standards could damage its reputation and brands and lead to customer litigation against the Company and the Company may be required to remove or recall those products at a substantial cost. The Company may be unable to recover costs related to product recalls.

### **The Company's Business will be Highly Dependent on Sales of Coffee, and if Demand for Coffee Decreases, its Business would Suffer**

Because the Company is highly dependent on consumer demand for coffee, a shift in consumer preferences away from coffee or its product offerings would harm the business more than if it had more diversified product offerings. If customer demand for coffee decreases, its sales would decrease, and the Company would be materially adversely affected.

Future revenues are dependent on demand for coffee. Demand for coffee and demand for single cup brewing systems is affected by many factors, including:

- Changes in consumer tastes and preferences;
- Changes in consumer lifestyles;
- National, regional, and local economic conditions;
- Perceptions or concerns about the environmental impact of the products;
- Demographic trends; and
- Perceived or actual health benefits or risks.

### **Risks Related to Volatility of Share Price, Absence of Dividends and Fluctuation of Operating Results**

Market prices for the securities of technology companies have historically been highly volatile. Factors such as fluctuation of the Company's operating results, announcements of technological innovations, patents or new commercial products by the Company or competitors, and other factors could have a significant effect on the share price or trading volumes for the Company shares. The Company has not paid dividends to date and the Company does not expect to pay dividends in the foreseeable future.

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### **Risks Related to No Assurance of an Active Trading Market**

There can be no assurances that an active trading market in the Company shares on the Exchange will be sustained.

### **Risks Related to Equity Dilution to Shareholders**

The issuance of any equity securities could, and the issuance of any additional shares will, cause the Company's existing shareholders to experience dilution of their ownership interests.

Any additional issuance of shares or a decision to acquire other businesses through the sale of equity securities may dilute investors' interests, and investors may suffer dilution in their net book value per share depending on the price at which such securities are sold. Such issuance may cause a reduction in the proportionate ownership and voting power of all other shareholders. The dilution may result in a decline in the price of the Company's shares.

### **Risks Related to Value of Securities**

The value of the Company's shares may be reduced for a number of reasons, many of which are outside the control of the Company, including:

- general economic and political conditions in Canada, the United States and globally;
- governmental regulation of the beverage industry including coffee pods;
- failure to achieve desired outcomes by the Company;
- failure to obtain industry partner and other third-party consents and approvals, when required;
- stock market volatility and market conditions;
- competition for, among other things, capital, and skilled personnel;
- the need to obtain required approvals from regulatory authorities;
- revenue and operating results failing to meet expectations in any particular period;
- investor perception of the beverage, coffee, and single-serve coffee industries;
- limited trading volume of the Company's shares;
- announcements relating to the Company's business or the businesses of the Company's competitors; and
- the Company's ability or inability to raise additional funds.

### **Risks Related to Use of Proceeds**

Although the Company has set out its intended use of proceeds in this MD&A, these intended uses are estimates only and subject to change. While management does not contemplate any material variation, management does retain broad discretion in the application of such proceeds. The failure by the Company to apply these funds effectively could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business, including the Company's ability to achieve its stated business objectives.

### **Risks Related to Global Economic and Financial Deterioration Impeding Access to Capital or Increasing the Cost of Capital**

Market events and conditions, including disruption in the Canadian, U.S. and international financial markets and other financial systems and the deterioration of Canadian, U.S. and global economic and financial market

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conditions, could, among other things, impact currency trading and impede access to capital or increase the cost of capital, which would have an adverse effect on the Company's ability to fund its working capital and other capital requirements. Current and future conditions in the domestic and global economies remain uncertain. As a result, it is difficult to estimate the level of growth or contraction for the economy as a whole. It is even more difficult to estimate growth or contraction in various parts, sectors, and regions of the economy, including the market area in which the Company will participate.

### **Risks Related to Litigation**

The Company and/or its directors and officers may be subject to a variety of civil or other legal proceedings, with or without merit. From time to time in the ordinary course of its business, the Company may become involved in various legal proceedings, including commercial, employment and other litigation and claims, as well as governmental and other regulatory investigations and proceedings. Such matters can be time-consuming, divert management's attention and resources and cause the Company to incur significant expenses. Furthermore, because litigation is inherently unpredictable, the results of any such actions may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operating results, or financial condition.

### **Risks Related to Reporting Issuer Status**

As a reporting issuer, the Company will be subject to reporting requirements under applicable securities law and stock exchange policies. Compliance with these requirements will increase legal and financial compliance costs, make some activities more difficult, time consuming or costly, and increase demand on existing systems and resources. Among other things, the Company will be required to file annual, quarterly, and current reports with respect to its business and results of operations and maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting. In order to maintain and, if required, improve disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting to meet this standard, significant resources and management oversight may be required. As a result, management's attention may be diverted from other business concerns, which could harm the Company's business and results of operations. The Company may need to hire additional employees to comply with these requirements in the future, which would increase its costs and expenses.

Management of the Company expects that being a reporting issuer will make it more expensive to maintain director and officer liability insurance. This factor could also make it more difficult for the Company to retain qualified directors and executive officers.

### **Economic Environment and Global Economic Risk**

The Company's operations could be affected by the economic context should the unemployment level, interest rates or inflation reach levels that influence consumer trends and consequently, impact the Company's sales and profitability.

Any economic slowdown and downturn of global capital markets could make the raising of capital by equity or debt financing more difficult. Access to financing has been negatively impacted by the ongoing global economic risks. These factors may impact the Company's ability to raise equity or obtain loans and other credit facilities in the future and on terms favourable to the Company. If uncertain market conditions persist, the Company's ability to raise capital could be jeopardized, which could have an adverse impact on the Company's operations and the trading price of the Company's shares on the stock exchange.

### **Climate Change may have a Long-Term Adverse Impact on the Company's Business and Results of Operations**

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There is increasing concern that a gradual increase in global average temperatures due to increased concentration of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere will cause significant changes in weather patterns around the globe and an increase in the frequency and severity of natural disasters. Decreased agricultural productivity in certain regions of the world as a result of changing weather patterns may limit availability or increase the cost of key agricultural commodities, such as coffee, which are important sources of ingredients for the Company's business and products and could impact the food security of communities around the world. Increased frequency or duration of extreme weather conditions could also impair production capabilities, disrupt the Company's supply chain, or impact demand for its products. As a result, the effects of climate change could have a long-term adverse impact on the business and results of operations.

### **Business Interruptions Resulting from the COVID-19 Outbreak or Similar Public Health Crises Could Cause a Disruption to the Development and Distribution of Products and Adversely Impact Business**

Public health crises such as pandemics or similar outbreaks could adversely impact the Company's business. In December 2019, a novel strain of a virus named SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2), or coronavirus, surfaced in Wuhan, China and has reached multiple other regions and countries, including Surrey, British Columbia, Canada where NEXE's primary office and facility is located. The coronavirus pandemic is evolving, and to date has led to the implementation of various responses, including government-imposed quarantines, travel restrictions and other public health safety measures. The extent to which the coronavirus impacts the demand for the Company's products and the Company's operations or those of third-party partners, will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted with confidence, including the duration of the outbreak, new information that will emerge concerning the severity of the coronavirus and the actions to contain the coronavirus or treat its impact, among others.

The continued spread of COVID-19 globally could adversely impact the Company's product distribution, business relationships and sales, both locally and internationally. COVID-19 may also affect the Company's management personnel and employees as well as employees of third parties located in affected geographies that it relies upon.

### **Currency Risk Exposures**

The Company may have financial risk exposure to varying degrees relating to the currency risk and volatility of each of the countries where it operates.

### **CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements and information about the Company which reflect management's expectations regarding the Company's future growth, results of operations, operational and financial performance and business prospects and opportunities. In addition, the Company may make or approve certain statements or information in future filings with Canadian securities regulatory authorities, in news releases, or in oral or written presentations by representatives of the Company that are not statements of historical fact and may also constitute forward-looking statements or forward-looking information.

All statements and information, other than statements or information of historical fact, made by the Company that address activities, events or developments that the Company expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements and information, including, but not limited to statements and information preceded by, followed by, or that include words such as "may", "would", "could", "will", "likely", "expect", "anticipate", "believe", "intends", "plan", "forecast", "budget", "schedule", "project", "estimate", "outlook", or the negative of those words or other similar or comparable words.

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Forward looking statements and information involve significant risks, assumptions, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause actual future performance, achievement, or other realities to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements or information and, accordingly, should not be read as guarantees of future performance, achievement, or realities. Although the forward-looking statements and information contained in the MD&A reflect management's current beliefs based upon information currently available to management and based upon what management believes to be reasonable assumptions, the Company cannot be certain that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements and information. A number of risks and factors could cause actual results, performance, or achievements to differ materially from the results expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements and information. Such risks and factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- the Company may continue to operate at a net loss and a going concern;
- the Company has a limited operating history;
- the Company may require additional liquidity;
- the Company will continue as a going concern;
- ability to commercialize the NEXE Pod;
- the Company's future is highly dependent upon the sales of Keurig and Nespresso beverage systems;
- the Company may be subject to litigation;
- the Company being able to secure and maintain its manufacturing equipment and facilities;
- the Company may need to take active steps to protect its intellectual property;
- research and development requires significant investment and commitment of resources;
- the Company's development and launch of new platforms and productions is critical to the Company's financial results and growth strategy;
- ability to meet market expectations for financial performance;
- any changes in the beverage environment and retail landscape;
- if the Company is reliant on a limited number of customers, the loss of such customers could have an adverse impact on its business;
- expansion of the business and increased product offerings may cause disruption of the Company's business;
- the Company's ability to maintain strategic relations with well recognized brands;
- product safety and quality concerns;
- the Company's ability to negotiate flexible long-term purchase contracts;
- risks associated with acquisitions;
- the Company's products and services may become obsolete without innovation;
- the Company maintaining adequate insurance;
- the Company's risks related to product development and technology change;
- the Company will be profitable;
- the Company's products will be accepted by the market;
- the Company has an evolving business model and thus its services and products could change;
- the Company will be dependent on the experience and skill of its management and key personnel;
- ability to promote its brand;
- the Company's growth depends in part on strategic relationships;

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- the Company's ability to expand and grow its operations and scale production of its products;
- the Company may be vulnerable to security breaches;
- government regulation of the Company's products and services;
- the Company not infringing a third party's intellectual property rights;
- the Company faces competition from larger businesses;
- the Company may require additional financing;
- product recalls may have an adverse impact on the Company;
- the Company's business is dependent on demand for coffee;
- the directors and officers may engage in business that is in conflict with the Company;
- the common shares of the Company are speculative and may experience high volatility on the TSX-V;
- global economic conditions may adversely affect the Company's business;
- foreign exchange rates; and
- market perception of smaller companies.

Although the Company has attempted to identify important risks and factors that could cause actual actions, events, or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements or information, there may be other factors and risks that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. Further, any forward-looking statements and information contained herein are made as of the date of this MD&A and, other than as required by applicable securities laws, the Company assumes no obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances.

New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for management to predict all of such factors and to assess in advance the impact of each such factor on the Company's business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual realities to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement or information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward looking statements and information contained in this MD&A. All forward-looking statements and information disclosed in this MD&A, are qualified by this cautionary statement.

### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company's board of directors and its committees adhere to recommended corporate governance guidelines for public companies listed on the TSXV to ensure transparency and accountability to shareholders. The current board of directors is comprised of five individuals, three of whom are independent of management as they are neither executive officers nor employees of the Company. The audit committee is currently comprised of three directors, who are independent of management and have strong financial backgrounds.

The audit committee's role is to ensure the integrity of the Company's reported financial results through its review of the interim and audited annual Financial Statements prior to their submission to the board of directors for approval. The audit committee meets with management, at least, quarterly to review the consolidated Financial Statements, as well as the management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), and to discuss financial, operational, and other important matters.

### **DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

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### **Common Shares**

As at September 29, 2021, the Company had 96,737,974 common shares issued and outstanding.

### **Share Purchase Warrants**

As at September 29, 2021, the Company had 18,565,976 share purchase warrants outstanding.

### **Options**

As at September 29, 2021, the Company had 4,475,319 stock options outstanding.

### **Fully Diluted**

As at September 29, 2021, on a fully diluted basis, the share capital outstanding was 119,779,269.

### **APPROVAL**

The Board of Directors of the Company have approved the audited Financial Statements and the disclosure contained in this MD&A.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company can be found on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on the Company's website at [www.NEXE.ca](http://www.NEXE.ca).