IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

AEROGROW INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Petitioner,

VS.

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR CLARK COUNTY, THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH GONZALEZ,

Respondents,

and

BRADLEY LOUIS RADOFF, FRED M. ADAMCYZK, THOMAS C. ALBANESE, WILLIAM A. ALMOND, III, MICHAEL S. BARISH, GEORGE C. BETKE, JR. 2019 TRUST, DIANA BOYD, ANNE CAROL DECKER, THOMAS H. DECKER, THE DEUTSCH FAMILY TRUST, JOHN C. FISCHER, ALFREDO GOMEZ, ALFREDO GOMEZ FMT CO CUST IRA ROLLOVER, LAWRENCE GREENBERG, PATRICIA GREENBERG, KAREN HARDING, H.L. SEVERANCE, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST, H.L. SEVERANCE, INC. PENSION PLAN & TRUST, DANIEL G. HOFSTEIN, KEVIN JOHNSON, CANDICE KAYE, LAURA J. KOBY, CAROLE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Nev. R. App. P. 25, I certify that I am an employee of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, and that on this 13th day of May, 2021, I electronically filed, served, and sent via United States Mail a true and correct copy of the above and forgoing that, in accordance therewith, I caused a copy of the **PETITIONERS' APPENDIX (VOLUME 3 of 12) FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS TO REVERSE DISTRICT COURT'S ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO COMPEL** to be hand delivered, in a sealed envelope, on the date and to the addressee(s) shown below:

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PROPOSED PLAINTIFF-INTERVENORS' MOTION TO INTERVENE ON AN ORDER **SHORTENING TIME**

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MACGREGOR CLARKE, an individual; DAVID B. KENT, an individual; CORY MILLER, an individual; PATRICIA M. ZIEGLER. individual: **JAMES** HAGEDORN, an individual; PETER SUPRON, an individual; AEROGROW INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Nevada Corporation; AGI ACQUISITION SUB, INC., a Nevada Corporation; SMG GROWING MEDIA, INC., an Ohio Corporation; THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY, an Ohio Corporation; DOES I through X, inclusive; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive.

Defendants.

Plaintiff,

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3 4 5 9:00 Opposition Briefs will be due: 8 Any Reply Briefs will be due: 9 DATED this 24th day of March, 2021. 11 12 13 Submitted by: 14 SIMONS HALL JOHNSTON PC 15 16 MITH (ÑSB #10992) NDRA-JEPSEN (NSB #14065) 6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Ste. F-46 18 Reno, Nevada 89509 Telephone: (775) 785-0088 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

ORDER SHORTENTING TIME

Upon the Declaration of J. Robert Smith and good cause appearing therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the time for hearing of the above-entitled matter will be shortened and will be heard on 12th day of April , 2021 a the a .m. in Department 13 of the Eighth Judicial District Court, located at the Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155. April 6, 2021. April 9, 2021.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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DECLARTION OF J. ROBERT SMITH IN SUPPORT OF ORDER SHORTENTING TIME

- I, J. Robert Smith, certify and declare as follows:
- 1. I am a partner with the law firm of Simons Hall Johnston PC, counsel for Plaintiff-Intervenors.
- 2. I am duly licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada and have personal knowledge of and I am competent to testify concerning the facts herein.
- 3. I represent the interests of Plaintiff-Intervenors who were the beneficial stockholders of slightly over 1,044,000 shares of AeroGrow International, Inc. common stock.
- 4. Beneficial stockholders are those who purchase shares through brokerages and other financial institutions, but whose legal title to the shares are registered in the name of Cede & Co., which is the nominee of the Depository Trust Company (DTC). As a result, Cede is the stockholder of record for Plaintiff-Intervenors, just as it is for the vast majority shareholders in publicly traded companies.
- 5. In November 2020, AeroGrow announced that it was going to be acquired by the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (SMG) who already owned 80.5% of the outstanding shares of AeroGrow, through a merger with one of SMG's affiliated entities, AGI Acquisition Sub, Inc.
- 6. In connection with this merger, AeroGrow announced to the public that it would offer the merger consideration of \$3.00 per share and that its stockholders could exercise dissenter's rights pursuant to NRS 92A.300, et seq. if they were dissatisfied with the amount of the merger consideration.
 - 7. AeroGrow set February 23, 2021 as the date to vote on the merger.
- 8. Pursuant to NRS 92A.420, any stockholder intending to dissent must first provide a written prerequisite Notice of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares prior to the vote on the merger.

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9. Pursuant to NRS 92A.420, I caused to be delivered to AeroGrow prior to the vote on the merger written prerequisite Notices of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares on behalf of a group of stockholders, including Plaintiff-Intervenors. See Exhibits A, B and C. Several other Plaintiff-Intervenors submitted their own Notices of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares. See Exhibit D.

- 10. On February 23, 2021, the merger was approved. AeroGrow set the effective date of the merger as February 26, 2021.
- 11. Pursuant to NRS 92A.430, within 10 days of the effective date of the merger, AeroGrow was required to send a Dissenter Notice packet with a Demand for Payment form to stockholders of record who delivered a Notice of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares, including to the nominees who are the stockholders of record (i.e. Cede) for those beneficial stockholders who delivered Notices of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares.
- 12. Within one business day of the merger's effective date, however, AeroGrow decided to repurchase all the shares stock held by the beneficial stockholders, including Plaintiff-Intervenors, who held their stock through brokerages and other financial institutions for the merger consideration of \$3.00 per share.
- 13. AeroGrow then failed to send the Dissenter Notice packets to any of the Plaintiff-Intervenors (or to DTC/Cede on their behalf) whose shares were unilaterally repurchased without their authorization.
- 14. Despite AeroGrow's failure to deliver the Dissenter Notice packets, I instructed the Plaintiff-Intervenors to contact their brokers and other institutions in which their shares were held to have them request a letter of consent to the dissent from the stockholder of record (DTC/Cede), which I would then deliver to AeroGrow.
- 15. Pursuant to NRS 92A.400(2), a beneficial stockholder is required to submit a letter of consent to the dissent from the stockholder of record "not later than the time the beneficial stockholder asserts dissenter's rights."
- 16. Almost immediately, I began getting telephone calls and emails from the Plaintiff-Intervenors stating that their brokers and financial institutions could not obtain the letter of consent because the shares no longer existed due to AeroGrow's repurchase. See Exhibit E (some of the

communications from brokers).

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- 17. I also spoke directly with representatives from Fidelity, TD Ameritrade, Vanguard and others who told me the same thing: that because the shares were immediately repurchased by AeroGrow, DTC/Cede could not provide the consent letter even if they requested it.
- 18. In effect, AeroGrow's repurchase of the beneficial stockholders' shares made it impossible to obtain the consent letters required by NRS 92A.400(2).
- 19. Plaintiff in this action is a similarly situated beneficial stockholder to that of Plaintiff-Intervenors.
- 20. Plaintiff also could not obtain the consent letter as result of AeroGrow repurchasing his shares.
- 21. On March 15, 2021, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint specifically alleging AeroGrow's violation of NRS 92A.300, et seq. and seeking declaratory relief to determine the rights and obligations of parties under NRS 92A.
- 22. On March 17, 2021, I received a letter from AeroGrow's counsel stating that it was AeroGrow's position that the Plaintiff-Intervenors, who were beneficial stockholders, no longer had dissenter's rights. Exhibit F.
 - 23. Plaintiff's counsel received a similar letter. Exhibit G.
- 24. In those letters, and despite the plain language of the statute, AeroGrow maintains that the letter of consent from the stockholder of record (i.e. DTC/Cede) had to be delivered to AeroGrow prior to the vote on the merger, rather than the date the beneficial stockholder actually asserts dissenter's rights. Id.
- 25. By AeroGrow taking this position, Plaintiff-Intervenors are effectively precluded from pursuing dissenter's rights and the valuation process that is provided to them by statute.
- 26. An Order Shortening Time is necessary because Plaintiff intends to file a Motion to Compel and/or Determine Compliance with NRS 92A, or alternatively, Injunctive Relief on an order shortening time. Plaintiff's Motion will seek to correct AeroGrow's failures and misapplication of the law, and to declare the rights and obligations of the parties as a result of AeroGrow's conduct that made it impossible for Plaintiff-Intervenors to now obtain the consent letters. Plaintiff-

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Intervenors intend to join and participate in Plaintiff's Motion to protect their rights. This can only occur if the Court allows Plaintiff-Intervenors to intervene on an Order Shortening Time.

- 27. Attached as Exhibits A, B and C are true and correct copies of letters from me to AeroGrow enclosing Notices of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares that I caused to be delivered to AeroGrow prior to the vote on the merger.
- 28. Attached as Exhibit D are true and correct copies of Notices of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares for others who sent them to AeroGrow directly.
- 29. Attached as Exhibit E is a true and correct copies of communications I received from several Plaintiff-Intervenors and their brokers regarding the inability to obtain consent letters.
- 30. Attached as Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of a letter to me from Maximillien D. Fetaz, counsel for AeroGrow, dated March 17, 2021.
- 31. Attached as Exhibit G is a true and correct copy of a letter to Terry Coffing, counsel for Plaintiff, from Maximillien D. Fetaz, counsel for AeroGrow, dated March 17, 2021.
- 32. Pursuant to NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 22nd day of March, 2021.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

Proposed Plaintiff-Intervenors are 52 stockholders of AeroGrow International, Inc. who are similarly situated to Plaintiff and whose rights under Nevada's Dissenter's Rights Statute (NRS 92A.300 et seq.) are in immediate jeopardy of being extinguished by AeroGrow's misconduct in failing to comply with the provisions of the Statute. Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint has asserted claims involving AeroGrow's violations of NRS 92A that will affect the rights and obligations of Plaintiff-Intervenors who have, like Plaintiff, submitted timely Notices of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares in accordance with the Statute. AeroGrow has not only failed to provide Dissenter Notices to Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors as required by NRS 92A but has recently taken the position that Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors do not have the right to dissent. Plaintiff-Intervenors, therefore, hereby respectfully submit their Motion to Intervene on an Order to Shorten Time to protect their rights under NRS Chapter 92A, including obtaining a ruling from this Court regarding the rights and obligations of the parties.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Nevada's Dissenter's Rights Statute, NRS 92A.300 et seq., allows stockholders to dissent from certain corporate actions, such as a merger, and seek the fair value of their shares. That statute sets forth an orderly process for initial notices, demand, payment, and ultimately fair value determination for the shares.

AeroGrow was, until recently, a publicly traded company with the ticker symbol AERO. On November 12, 2020, AeroGrow announced that it would seek to merge with AGI Acquisition Sub, Inc., an affiliate of Scotts Miracle-Grow Company (SMG). AeroGrow would be the surviving corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of SMG's parent company, SMG Growing Media, Inc. To effectuate that merger, the majority of shareholders had to vote in favor of the merger. The date set for the merger vote was February 23, 2021.

AeroGrow's proposed merger triggered certain obligations for both AeroGrow and any shareholder who was considering exercising dissenter's rights under NRS 92A. Pursuant to NRS 92A.420, a "stockholder" must deliver a prerequisite Notice of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares

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prior to the merger vote. NRS 92A sets forth two classes of stockholders: (1) "stockholders of record"; and (2) "beneficial stockholders." Stockholders of record are those in whose name shares are registered in the records of the corporation, while a beneficial stockholder are those whose shares are held in a voting trust or by a nominee as the stockholder of record. In general, stockholders of record hold stock certificates while beneficial stockholders purchased their shares through brokerages and other financial institutions, but whose legal title to the shares are registered in the name of Cede & Co., which is the nominee of the Depository Trust Company (DTC). The vast majority of stockholders in publicly traded corporations are beneficial stockholders, as they purchased the shares through brokerages. Plaintiff and the Plaintiff-Intervenors are all beneficial stockholders.

Significantly, NRS 92A.325 defines "stockholders" to include both stockholders of record and beneficial stockholders. Because a "stockholder" must deliver a prerequisite Notice of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares prior to the merger vote, both stockholders of record and beneficial stockholders had to deliver a written Notice of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares prior to merger vote on February 23, 2021. Each of the Plaintiff-Intervenors delivered a written Notice of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares prior to merger vote. Exhibits A, B, C and D.

On February 23, 2021, the majority of AeroGrow shareholders approved the merger. AeroGrow then set the effective date of the merger as February 26, 2021.¹

AeroGrow was then supposed to deliver Dissenter's Notices to the stockholders of record, including the nominees who are the stockholders of record for those beneficial stockholders who delivered Notices of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares. See NRS 92A.430. The stockholders

¹ Pursuant to NRS 92A.240 the effective date is the date and time of the filing of the articles of merger with the Secretary of State, or a later date which had to be within 90 days of filing the articles of incorporation. Notably, AeroGrow could have set the effective date much later, but chose to set it shortly after the merger vote.

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(including beneficial stockholders) then must decide whether to exercise dissenter's rights by making a Demand for Payment. NRS 92A.440. Notably, beneficial stockholders must provide a letter of consent to dissent from the stockholders of record, such as DTC/Cede, "not later than the time the beneficial stockholder asserts dissenter's rights." NRS 92A.400(2)(a) (emphasis added).

After receiving the Demand for Payment from the stockholders, AeroGrow is supposed to then pay the merger consideration, which it set at \$3.00 per share. NRS 92A.460. If a dissenting stockholder (one who submitted their Demand for Payment) is dissatisfied with the amount paid, the dissenter must then submit their own estimate of fair value of the shares. NRS 92A.480. If the parties cannot agree on the fair value, AeroGrow is required to file an action in the Nevada District Court to have the Court determine the fair value of the shares. NRS 92A.490.

That is how this process was supposed to work. Unfortunately, AeroGrow decided to disregard the Statute. On or about March 1, 2021, within one busines day of the effective date of the merger, AeroGrow issued a directive to repurchase all shares of beneficial stockholders who had not submitted a letter of consent prior to the vote on the merger. As a result, those beneficial stockholders' shares were re-purchased by AeroGrow without the beneficial stockholder's authorization. As a consequence, the beneficial stockholders, and the stockholders of record who held the shares on their behalf, no longer held any shares.

Not understanding the reason behind AeroGrow's premature payment of the merger consideration, counsel for Plaintiff-Intervenors instructed them to nevertheless contact their brokers to request the letter of consent from the stockholders of record (i.e. DTC/Cede). See Declaration of J. Robert Smith in Support of Order Shortening Time ("Smith Decl."), at $\P14$. The consent letters would then be submitted by the deadline to demand payment, which was to be identified in the Dissenter Notice packets that counsel expected to receive within 10 days of the effective date of the merger as required under NRS 92A.430(2). Id. Plaintiff-Intervenors then began contacting their brokers to obtain the consent letters. Smith Decl., at ¶16.

Unfortunately, despite numerous requests and demands by the Plaintiff-Intervenors to their brokers, and many hours on the phone by the undersigned counsel with brokers and DTC/Cede, all of the brokers and DTC/Cede, stated that they could not issue the consent letters because they no

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longer owned the shares due to the premature repurchase by AeroGrow. See Smith Decl., at ¶¶16-17. Simply put, AeroGrow's re-purchase of the beneficial stockholders' shares made it impossible to obtain the consent letters and comply with NRS 92A.400(2).

On or about March 5, 2021 AeroGrow sent out Dissenter's Notices to some of the stockholders who delivered Notices of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares, but failed to deliver Dissenter's Notices to Plaintiff and any of the Plaintiff-Intervenors. Smith Decl., at ¶13.

After not receiving a Dissenter's Notice within the statutory time period, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint ("FAC") asserting a claim for Declaratory Relief regarding the rights and obligations of the parties under NRS 92A. The FAC pointed out that:

The Defendants' failures and omissions include but are not limited to their: (1) failure to provide the information required to be submitted with payment of the merger consideration; (2) premature payment of the merger consideration before delivering the Dissenter's Notice under NRS 92A.430 and before a Demand for Payment under NRS 92A.440 was even due; and (3) failure to provide the Dissenter' Notice with all requisite information to parties such as the Plaintiff who had previously advised the Company of their intent to dissent and demand payment for shares.

FAC, at ¶198.

Plaintiff's FAC went on to state that:

Due to the Defendants' failures to comply with the statute, the Plaintiff's ability to comply with NRS 92A.400 are severely impacted and may well be impossible to comply with.

The Defendants have failed to substantially comply with the provisions of NRS 92A et seq.

The Plaintiff seeks declaratory relief from this Court determining: (1) the rights and obligations of the parties under NRS 92A; and (2) that AeroGrow has violated the statute and thereby triggered the remedies afforded under NRS 92A which include an award of attorney's fees, costs and interest.

FAC, at ¶¶199-201.

On March 17, 2021, AeroGrow's counsel sent a letter to Plaintiff's counsel and to Plaintiff-Intervenor's counsel stating that it was AeroGrow's position that letters of consent from the stockholders of record, such as DTC/Cede, had to be submitted before the vote on the merger was taken, rather than at the time dissenter's rights are asserted. See Exhibits F and G. According to

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AeroGrow, any beneficial stockholder who did not submit the letter of consent prior to February 23, 2021 lost their right to dissent. AeroGrow's position is in direct contradiction of the plain language of NRS 92A.400(2), the Model Business Act (upon which Nevada's Dissenter's Rights Statute is based), as well as fundamental principles of statutory interpretation. Moreover, AeroGrow's unlawful conduct, and misapplication of the law, has now prevented Plaintiff and Plaintiff Intervenors from complying with NRS 92A.400(2) and they are at risk of losing their dissenter's rights without Court intervention. Plaintiff-Intervenors, therefore, seek to intervene in the Declaratory Relief Claim of this action and join Plaintiff in a Motion to have the Court declare the rights and obligations of the parties under NRS 92A, including that AeroGrow's wrongful violation of the provisions of NRS 92A has made it impossible for Plaintiff-Intervenors to now comply with their obligations under the statute.

III. **ARGUMENT**

Plaintiff-Intervenors should be permitted to intervene as a matter of right under NRCP 24(a). That Rule states in pertinent part:

- (a) Intervention of Right. On timely motion, the court must permit anyone to intervene who:
 - (1) is given an unconditional right to intervene by a state or federal statute; or
 - (2) claims an interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action, and is so situated that disposing of the action may as a practical matter impair or impede the movant's ability to protect its interest, unless existing parties adequately represent that interest.

NRS 12.130 also addresses intervention as a matter of right. That statute states in relevant part:

Intervention: Right to intervention; procedure, determination and costs; exception.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:
 - (a) Before the trial, any person may intervene in an action or proceeding, who has an interest in the matter in litigation, in the success of either of the parties, or an interest against both.
 - (b) An intervention takes place when a third person is permitted to become a party to an action or proceeding between other persons, either by joining the plaintiff in

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claiming what is sought by the complaint, or by uniting with the defendant in resisting the claims of the plaintiff, or by demanding anything adversely to both the plaintiff and the defendant.

NRS 12.130(1)(a)-(b).

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In addition to intervention as a matter of right, a party may also seek to join in a case through permissive intervention pursuant to NRCP 24(b). That Rule states:

(b) Permissive Intervention.

- (1) **In General.** On timely motion, the court may permit anyone to intervene who:
 - (A) is given a conditional right to intervene by a state or federal statute; or
 - (B) has a claim or defense that shares with the main action a common question of law or fact.

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that "intervention is appropriate only during ongoing litigation [i.e. before trial], where the intervenor has an opportunity to protect or pursue an interest which will otherwise be infringed." Lopez v. Merit Ins. Co., 109 Nev. 553, 556, 853 P.2d 1266, 1267-68 (1993).

Moreover, intervention is mandatory under NRS 30.130. Declaratory relief under NRS 30.130, and incorporated into NRCP 57, provides that in an action for declaratory relief "all persons shall be made parties who have or claim any interest which would be affected by the declaration, and no declaration shall prejudice the rights of persons not parties to the proceeding." There cannot be any legitimate argument that an action seeking declaratory relief related to the interpretation of NRS 92A, and in turn the parties', including Plaintiff-Intervenors', rights and obligations under the Statute implicate "an interest that would be affected by such declaration." Thus, under NRS 30.130, Plaintiff-Intervenors must also be joined.

PLAINTIFF-INTERVENORS MUST BE PERMITTED TO INTERVENE AS A **MATTER OF RIGHT**

Plaintiff-Intervenors are entitled to intervene because they meet all the criteria under NRCP 24(a). First, Plaintiff-Intervenors' Motion is timely. Whether an application for intervention is timely under NRCP 24 "is a matter within the sound discretion of the trial court." Lawler v.

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Ginochio, 94 Nev. 623, 626, 584 P.2d 667,668 (1978). "The most important question to be resolved in the determination of timeliness of an application for intervention is not the length of the delay by the intervenor but the extent of prejudice to the rights of existing parties resulting from the delay." Id. at 626. Here, Plaintiff-Intervenors' Motion is timely as such intervention will not prejudice the existing parties. This litigation is in its infancy. Plaintiff has only recently filed his First Amended Complaint and Defendants have not yet even filed an Answer. Further, as NRS 12.130(1) states, intervention is appropriate if it is brought "[b]efore the trial." There is no trial date set in this case.

Second, Plaintiff-Intervenors' Motion should be granted because they have a significant protectable interest in obtaining the fair value of their AeroGrow shares under NRS Chapter 92A, which will be directly affected by any Court order pertaining to a shareholder's right to dissent under NRS Chapter 92A.

Third, intervention is proper because the First Amended Complaint seeks, among other things, declaratory relief regarding the interpretation and construction of NRS 92A, as well as AeroGrow's non-compliance with the statutory requirements of that Chapter. Plaintiff-Intervenors will insist that AeroGrow failed to follow the statutory provision of NRS 92A, and as a result of their improper actions has made it impossible for Plaintiff-Intervenors to comply with certain requirements under the statute, and are thus at risk of losing their dissenter's rights unless the Court declares the rights and obligations of the parties under NRS 92A.

Finally, Plaintiff-Intervenors' interests are not adequately protected by any other party to the litigation. Although Plaintiff is similarly situated to the Plaintiff-Intervenors because he was likewise prevented from obtaining a consent letter from the stockholder of record by AeroGrow's misconduct, each shareholder has been individually harmed and has an individual right to pursue dissenter's rights against AeroGrow for the fair value of their shares. Without such intervention, any Court order that applies solely to Plaintiff could leave Plaintiff-Intervenors without a remedy, and thus a loss of their statutory dissenter's rights.

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B. **INTERVENTION IS ALSO MANDATORY UNDER NRS 30.130**

As set forth above, NRS 30.130 mandates intervention because Plaintiff's claims include a declaratory relief claim under a statute. As NRS 30.130 states:

> When declaratory relief is sought, all persons shall be made parties who have or claim any interest which would be affected by the declaration . . . (*emphasis added*).

Because declaratory relief is sought regarding the rights and obligations of the parties under NRS 92A, which will affect Plaintiff-Intervenors' rights and obligations under that statute, Plaintiff-Intervenors must be allowed to intervene in this action.

C. ALTERNATIVELY, PERMISSIVE INTERVENTION IS APPROPRIATE

Alternatively, if the Court does not find that Plaintiff-Intervenors are entitled to intervene as a matter of right, permissive intervention is appropriate because Plaintiff-Intervenors' claims with respect to NRS 92A share facts and questions of law with this case. Plaintiff-Intervenors hold specific and enumerated rights pursuant to NRS 92A. Plaintiff-Intervenors' claims share the same factual and legal issues as those already presented in this litigation, including whether AeroGrow's interpretation of NRS 92A and its conduct in making it impossible for Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors to obtain letters of consent from the stockholders of record, was proper. As is more fully described above, permitting Plaintiff-Intervenors to intervene in this matter will not "unduly delay or prejudice the adjudication of rights of the original parties" to the case. Plaintiff-Intervenors, therefore, should be permitted to intervene pursuant to NRCP 24(a).

Intervention is also appropriate under principles of judicial economy. Although Plaintiff-Intervenors could file a separate action for declaratory and injunctive relief, then move to either consolidate that action with this action or pursue a separate action, such course would not promote judicial economy. Instead, it would increase the expense, time and resources of this Court and the parties. It is simply more efficient to have the beneficial stockholders intervene in this action so that the exact same issue and relief sought by Plaintiff can apply to Plaintiff-Intervenors.

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IV. **CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing, Plaintiff-Intervenors request that their Motion to Intervene be granted. AFFIRMATION: This document does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this 22nd day of March, 2021.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Kiley P. Rasmussen, declare:

I am employed in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada by the law offices of Simons Hall Johnston PC. My business address is 6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Ste. F-46, Reno, Nevada 89509. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action.

On March 22, 2021, I served the foregoing PROPOSED PLAINTIFF-INTERVENORS' MOTION TO INTERVENE ON AN ORDER SHORTENING TIME by causing the document to be served via electronic service through the Court's CM ECF electronic filing system, addressed as follows:

> Terry A. Coffing Alexander K. Calaway Marquis Aurbach Coffing 10001 Park Run Drive Las Vegas, NV 89145 (702) 942-2136

> M. Magali Mercera mmm@pisanellibice.com

James J. Pisanelli lit@pisanellibice.com

Cinda Towne cct@pisanellibice.com

DATED this 22nd day of March, 2021.

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EXHIBIT LIST

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EXHIBIT A

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February 18, 2021

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

As you are aware, AeroGrow International, Inc. has given notice of a special meeting of shareholders on February 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) to vote on a proposed Merger Agreement.

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), the following stockholders hereby give their written Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares if the proposed Merger Agreement is approved:

- 1. Almond, William A. III
- 2. Barish, Michael S.
- 3. Boyd, Diana
- 4. Boyd, Michal
- 5. Decker, Anne Carroll
- 6. Decker, Thomas H.
- 7. Fischer, John C.
- 8. Gomez, Alfredo
- 9. Gomez, Alfredo FMT CO CUST IRA Rollover, FBO Alredo Gomez
- 10. Greenberg, Lawrence
- 11. Greenberg, L. Wayne & Patricia, JT
- 12. Harding, Karen
- 13. Harding, Wayne
- 14. Harding, Wayne E. III
- 15. H.L. Severance, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust
- 16. H.L. Severance, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan and Trust
- 17. Hofstein, Daniel Garrett
- 18. Kaye, Candice

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- 19. Kaye, Stephen
- 20. Koby, Laura J.
- 21. March Trade & Finance, Inc.
- 22. Nidax Limited Partnership
- 23. Northern Trust Company of Delaware as Trustee and for the benefit of:
 - a) The Peierls By-Pass Trust
 - b) UD E F Peierls for B E Peierls
 - c) UD E F Peierls for E J Peierls
 - d) UDES Peierls for EF Peierls, et al
 - e) UD Ethel F. Peierls Charitble Lead Trust
 - f) UD J N Peierls for B E Peierls
 - g) UD J N Peierls for E J Peierls
 - h) UW E S Peierls for BEP Art VI-Accum
 - i) UW E S Peierls for EJP Art VI-Accum
 - j) UW JN Peierls for B E Peierls
 - k) UW J N Peierls for E J Peierls
- 24. Orme, Tom
- 25. Parmenter, Rebecca
- 26. Peierls, Brian E.
- 27. Perelberg, Alexander
- 28. Perelberg, Amy
- 29. Perelberg, Dana
- 30. Perelberg, Gary
- 31. Perelberg, Linda
- 32. The Richard Alan Rudy Revocable Living Trust
- 33. Richard Alan Rudy, Trustee FBO Richard Alan Rudy
- 34. Robson, Bryan
- 35. Severance, H. Leigh
- 36. Severance, Leigh and Sharon JT
- 37. Sicz, Wayne, IRA FBO Wayne Sicz
- 38. Sicz, Wayne, ROTH IRA FBO Wayne Allen Sicz
- 39. Smith, Thomas K.
- 40. Thunderfunding, LLC
- 41. Vasanth, Suraj
- 42. Walker, Jack J.
- 43. Walker, Marsha S.
- 44. Wang, Cathay C.
- 45. Wang, Cathay Chachy and Lisa Dawn
- 46. Wolman, Lewis & Eletise
- 47. Wolman, Lewis & Eletise, JT
- 48. The Natalie Wolman Living Trust
- 49. Zuckerman, Alan Budd



Executed written Notices of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares are enclosed for each of the above-identified stockholders.

Please note that starting March 1, 2021 I will be joining another law firm. Please send the Dissenter's Notices and direct all future correspondence and communications regarding the above stockholders to me at the following:

J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston 6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46 Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

J. Robert Smith

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Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

William A. Almond III 2000 Fir Street Glenview, IL 60025

almondwa@gmail.com

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

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Shares Owned:

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Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

William A. Almond III

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 174,000 shares.

Name:

Michael S. Barish

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

174,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely

Mighael S. Barish

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Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 2,000 shares.

Name:

Michael S. Barish

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

2,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely.

Michael S. Barish

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Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

Diana Boyd

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

5,730

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Diana Boyd

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

Michal Boyd

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

19,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Michal Boyd

February 17, 2021 Via UPS Overnight Delivery Via Hand Delivery AeroGrow International, Inc. AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. Boulder, CO 80301 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701 Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. Dear Board of Directors: Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. Anne Carol Decker Name: Address: c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston 6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46 Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088 Shares Owned: 12,000 Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above. Singerely, WARE CAROU Decker

February 17, 2021 Via UPS Overnight Delivery Via Hand Delivery AcroGrow International, Inc. AcroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road c/o United Registered Agents, 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 20 c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701 Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. Dear Board of Directors: Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. Name: Thomas H. Decker Address: c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston 6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46 Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088 Shares Owned: 33,100 Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth Sincerely, Thomas H. Decker 16205351_v1

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200

Boulder, CO 80301

Carson City, NV 89701

Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A,420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

John C. Fischer

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

19,716

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

John C. Fischer

16205215, vt

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Via Hand Delivery

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Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 13,586 shares.

Name:

Alfredo Gomez

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

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Shares Owned: 13.586

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely.

Alfredo Gomez

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Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S, Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 24,537 shares.

Name:

Alfredo Gomez

FMT CO CUST IRA Rollover, FEO Alfredo Genez

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned: 24,537

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely.

Alfredo Gomez

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Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

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Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 6,000 shares.

Name:

Lawrence Greenberg

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

6,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Greenhay

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder. CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), we hereby give written notice of our intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. We are the beneficial owners of 6,000 shares.

Name:

L. Wayne & Patricia Greenberg, JTWROS

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

6,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to our attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

L. Wayne Greenberg

Patricia Greenberg

Via Hand Delivery Via UPS Overnight Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 3,612 shares.

> Karen Harding Name:

Address: c/o J. Robert Smith

Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned: 3,612

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Harm Harding
Karen Harding

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

Wayne Harding

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

50

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely

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Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

Wayne E. Harding, III

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

2,500

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

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Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), H.L. Severance, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

H.L. Severance, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned: 857

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

H.L. Severance, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust

H. Leigh Severance

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Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), H.L. Severance, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan and Trust hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

H.L. Severance, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

56,919

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

H.L. Severance, Inc. Profit Sharing

Plan and Trust

H. Leigh Severance

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Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 5,000 shares.

Name:

Daniel Garrett Hofstein

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

5,000

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Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AcroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

Candice Kaye

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston 6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46 Reno, Nevada 89509

rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

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Shares Owned:

12,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

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Candice Kaye

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

Stephen Kaye

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston 6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509

rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

. Shares Owned:

53,300

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 1,000 shares.

Name:

Laura J. Koby

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

1,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Laura J. Koby

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Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), March Trade & Finance, Inc. hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

> Name: March Trade & Finance, Inc.

Address: c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned: 762

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the company's attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

March Trade & Finance, Inc.

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Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), Nidax Limited Partnership hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. Nidax Limited Partnership is the beneficial owner of 18,650 shares.

Name:

Nidax Limited Partnership

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

18,650

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Nidax Limited Partnership, an Arizona Limited Partnership

By: ND Management, Inc., General Panner

Lucia F. Howard, President

Accepted and Approved:

Lucia F. Howard

Personal Representative of the Estate of Wayne N. Howard

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of the record stockholder The Peierls By-Pass Trust, hereby gives written notice of their intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Stockholder: The Peierls By-Pass Trust

Address: c/o J. Robert Smith

Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned: 4,500

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of The Peierls By-

Pass Trust

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Joshua W. Fishman Officer

(Print Name)

The Northern Trust Company of Delaware

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of the record stockholder U D E F Peierls for B E Peierls, hereby gives written notice of their intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the abovereferenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Stockholder:

UDEF Peierls for BE Peierls

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

6,500

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of U D E F Peierls

for B E Peierls

(Print Name)

Joshua W. Fishman

Officer The Northern Trust Company of Delaware

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of the record stockholder U D E F Peierls for E J Peierls, hereby gives written notice of their intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the abovereferenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

> U D E F Peierls for E J Peierls Stockholder:

c/o J. Robert Smith Address:

Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

6,500 Shares Owned:

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of U D E F Peierls

for E J Peierls

(Print Name) Joshua W. Fishman

Officer

The Northern Trust Company of Délaware

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of the record stockholder U D E S Peierls for E F Peierls, et al., hereby gives written notice of their intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the abovereferenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Stockholder:

U D B S Peierls for E F Peierls, et al.

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

4,250

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of U D E S Peierls

for E F Peierls, et al.

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Joshua W. Fishman Officer

(Print Name)

The Northern Trust Company of Delaware

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of the record stockholder UD Ethel F. Peierls Charitable Lead Trust, hereby gives written notice of their intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the abovereferenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Stockholder:

UD Ethel F. Pelerls Charitable Lead Trust

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

22,500

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Sincerely,

Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of UD Ethel F.

Peierls Charitable Lead Trust

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Jóshua W. Fishman Officer

(Print Name)

The Northern Trust Company of Delaware

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of the record stockholder UD J N Peierls for B E Peierls, hereby gives written notice of their intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Stockholder:

UD J N Peierls for B E Peierls

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

8,250

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Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of UD J N Peierls for B E Peierls

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(Print Name)

Joshua W. Fishman Officer

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Stockholder:

UD JN Peierls for E J Peierls

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

8,250

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Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of U D J N Peierls for E J Peierls

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(Print Name)

Joshua W. Fishman Officer

The Northern Trust Company of Delaware

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of the record stockholder UW E S Peierls for BEP ART VI-ACCUM, hereby gives written notice of their intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the abovereferenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Stockholder:

UW E S Peierls for BEP ART VI-ACCUM

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

5,500

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Sincerely,

Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of UW ES Peierls

for BEP ART VI-ACCUM

(Print Name)

Joshua W. Fishman Officer

The Northern Trust Company of Delaware

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Dear Board of Directors:

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Stockholder: UW E S Peierls for EJP ART VI-ACCUM

Address: c/o J. Robert Smith

Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned: 3,750

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Sincerely,

Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of UW E S Peierls

for EJP ART VI-ACCUM

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set forth above.

Joshua W. Fishman Officer

(Print Name)

The Northern Trust Company of Delaware

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Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

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Stockholder: UW JN Peierls for B E Peierls

Address: c/o J. Robert Smith

Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Bivd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned: 8,000

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Sincerely,

Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of UW J N Peierls

for B E Peierls

(Print Name)

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Joshua W. Fishman Officer

The Northern Trust Company of Delaware

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Stockholder:

UW JN Peierls for E J Peierls

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

8,000

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Sincerely,

Northern Trust Company of Delaware, as Trustee for and on behalf of UW J N Peierls for E J Peierls

By:

(Print Name)

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Joshua W. Fishman Officer

The Northern Trust Company of Delawaro



The Northern Trust Company of Deleware 1318 N. Markot Street, Sulte 5300 Wilmington, DE 19801

CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY

The undersigned, Assistant Secretary of The Northern Trust Company of Delaware, a limited purpose trust company under Delaware law (herehafter "NTDE"), hereby certifies as follows:

1. That the undersigned is the duty elected, qualified and acting Assistant Secretary of NTDE and is charged with maintaining the records, minutes and seal of NTDE. 2. That pursuant to NTDE's By-Laws, the following named persons were designated and appointed to the offices indicated below, and that said regions do contiguo to hold such offices of this timo, and the eigenfures set forth opposite the names are genuine signatures. Bobbi Lynn Kent, Senior Vice President David A. Diamond, President The Northern Trust Company of Delaware The Northern Trust Company of Dolaware DENE Gregory J. Wood, Senior Vice President Rebecca S. Beste, Senior Vice President The Northern Trust Company of Delaware The Northern Trust Company of Delaware Hilliam K. Williams, Senior Vice President Nat-te J. Walson, Senior Vice President The Northern Trust Company of Delaware The Northern Trust Company of Delaware Vice President John J. Sulfrian, Alexis L. Borrelli, Vice President The Northern Trust Company of Delaware The Northern Trust Company of Delaware Mikal L. Povné, Vice President The Northern Prist Company of Deliture David J. Henninger, Vice, President The Northern Trust Company-of Delaware Jerenic S, Heisey, Officer Fire Northern Trust Company of Delaware Joshu: W. Fishman, Officer The Nouliern Trust Company of Delaware Lynn Romell K. Ronell, Officer Elaine Walters, Officer The Northern Trust Company of Delaware The Northern Trust Company of Delaware Marisa M. Maller, Officer 1 Trule Hope Lemon, Officer The Northern Trust Company of Delawere The Northpy'n Trust Company of Dolaware Kyle Luke, Officer Onbrielle Wright, Officer The Northern Trust Company of Delaware The Northern Trust Company of Delaware That pursuant to NTDE's By-1.aws, as amended, the undersigned has the power and authority to execute this certificate on behalf of NTDE and that the undersigned has so executed this certificate and set the seal of NTDE this ______ day of __DLUMBLE 20_20. Jillian K. Williams, Assistant Secretary

The Northern Trust Company of Delaware

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Via Hand Delivery

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Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares
Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 79,000 shares.

Name: Tom Orme

Address: c/o J. Robert Smith

Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned: 79,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely

Tom Orme

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

Rebecca Parmenter

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith

Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

5,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Parmenter

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Brian Eliot Peierls 3017 McCurdy St. Austin, TX 78723-2902

February 12, 2021

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 Via Hand Delivery
AeroGrow international, Inc.
100 United Registered Agents, Inc.
200 United Registered Agents, Inc.
201 S. Carson Street, Suite 200, Carson City, NV 89761

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I, as the beneficial owner of 32,500 shares of Aerogrow International, Inc.(AERO/00768M202), hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for my shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. My shares are currently held on my behalf at DTC/Cede by DTC participant Hilltop Securities, Inc. in nominee name. I have requested that these shares be withdrawn from DTC and placed in my name.

Stockholder:

Brian Eliot Peierls

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned: 32,500

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Brian Eliot Peierls

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

Alexander Perelberg

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

95,466

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Alexander Perelberg

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Via Hand Delivery

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Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 2,500 shares.

Name:

Alexander Perelberg

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

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Shares Owned:

2,500

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Alexander Perelberg

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Name:

Amy Perelberg

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

13,500

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Amy Perelberg

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Name:

Dana Perelberg

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith

Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46 Reno, Nevada 89509

rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

41.085

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Name:

Gary Perelberg

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

17,417

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Gary Perelberg

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Name:

Gary Perelberg

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

60,436

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Sincerely,

Gary Perelberg

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Name:

Linda Perelberg

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

15,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely

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Pursuant to NRS 92A 42th Lat. The Richard Alan Rody Revocable Living Trust hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for observe if the proposed merger transaction is appeared at the above-transaction of Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Names

The Richard Alan Rudy Revocable Living Trust

Address:

cto J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston 6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F. 46. Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmithu shinevada com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

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Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the Trust's attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely.

The Richard Alan Rudy Revocable Living

Trust

Richard Alan Rudy, Trustee

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R. Alan Rudy FRO R. Alan Rudy

Address

clo J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston 6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46 Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shipevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

13,000

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 45,197 shares.

Name:

Bryan Robson

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

45,197

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Drian Mahaan

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Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name: H. Leigh Severance

Address: c/o J. Robert Smith

Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned: 35,515

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely

H. Leigh Severance

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Via Hand Delivery

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Name:

Leigh and Sharon Severance, JT

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

14,289

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to our attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Leigh Severance

Sharon Severance

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Via Hand Delivery

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Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 7,500 shares.

Name:

IRA FBO Wayne Sicz

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

7,500

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Sincerely

Wayne Sicz

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Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

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Name:

ROTH IRA FBO Wayne Sicz

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

1,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely.

Wayne Sicz

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Name:

AKA(T. K. Smith) THOMAS K. SMITH

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

2,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Thomas K. Smith

16171825 vl

Via UPS Overnight Delivery Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), Thunderfunding, LLC hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name: Thunderfunding, LLC

Address: c/o J. Robert Smith

Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned: 83,334

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the company's attorney at the address set forth above.

Thunderfunding, LLC, an Arizona Limited Liability Company

By: NH Profit Investments II, LLC, its Managing

Member

Lucia F. Howard, as Manager of NH Profit

Investments II, LLC

Accepted and Approved:

NH Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

Lucia F. Howard, Trustee

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Via Hand Delivery

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Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

Suraj tasanth Vasanth

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Surai remain Vasanth

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

33,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Via First Class U.S. Mail. Certified U.S. Mail. Return Receipt

Via Hand Delivery

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Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a). I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Stockholder's Name: Jack J. Walker

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

252,871

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

Marsha S. Walker

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

50,031

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely

Marsha S. Walker

16171638 vl

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200

Carson City, NV 89701

Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 45,598 shares.

Name:

Cathay C. Wang

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith

Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shinevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

45,598

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Cathay C. Wang

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), we hereby give written notice of our intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. We are the beneficial owners of 65,204 shares.

Name:

Cathay Chachy Wang & Lisa Dawn Wang

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

65,204

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to our attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Cathau Chachy Wang

Lisa Dawn Wang

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Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

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Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), we hereby give written notice of our intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. We are the beneficial owners of 35,001 shares.

Name:

Lewis & Eletise Wolman

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

35,001

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to our attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Lewis Wolman

Eletise Wolman

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc.

5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), we hereby give written notice of our intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

Lewis & Eletise Wolman, JT

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

45,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to our attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Lewis Wolman

Eletise Wolman

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

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Carson City, NV 89701

Re:

Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), The Natalie Wolman Living Trust, dated December 8, 2010 hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. The Trust is the beneficial owners of 17,500 shares.

Name:

The Natalie Wolman Living Trust, dated December 8,

2010

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

17,500

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the Trust's attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Natalie Walman, Trustee

David W. Fulker, Trustee

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), The Natalie Wolman Living Trust, dated December 8, 2010 hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. The Trust is the beneficial owners of 8,300 shares.

Name:

The Natalie Wolman Living Trust, dated December 8,

2010

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

8,300

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the Trust's attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely

David W. Fulker, Trustee

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Via Hand Delivery

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Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 14,000 shares.

Name:

Alan Budd Zuckerman

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

14,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely.

Alan Budd Zuckerman

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Via Hand Delivery

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Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares
Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 25,000 shares.

Name:

Alan Budd Zuckerman

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

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Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

25,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely

Alan Budd Zackerman

EXHIBIT B

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J. Robert Smith Phone (775) 327-3000 irsmith@hollandhart.com

February 19, 2021

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

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Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

As you are aware, AeroGrow International, Inc. has given notice of a special meeting of shareholders on February 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) to vote on a proposed Merger Agreement.

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), the following stockholders hereby give their written Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares if the proposed Merger Agreement is approved:

- 1. Fred M. Adamczyk
- 2. William Duncan
- 3. Kevin Johnson

Executed written Notices of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares are enclosed for each of the above-identified stockholders.

Please note that starting March 1, 2021 I will be joining another law firm. Please send the Dissenter's Notices and direct all future correspondence and communications regarding the above stockholders to me at the following:

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

. Robert Smith

Of Holland & Hart LLP

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Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

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Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

Fred M. Adamczyk

Address:

e/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shinevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

9,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely

Fred M. Adamozyk

Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a). I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Name:

William Duncan

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

9,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely

William Duncan

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Via UPS Overnight Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 15,447 shares.

Name:

Kevin Johnson

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shinevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

15,447

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

kevin johnson Kevin Johnson

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 3,000 shares.

Name:

Kevin Johnson

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

3,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

kevin johnson Kevin Johnson

EXHIBIT C

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J. Robert Smith Phone (775) 327-3000 jrsmith@hollandhart.com

February 22, 2021

Via Hand Delivery

Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re:

Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

As you are aware, AeroGrow International, Inc. has given notice of a special meeting of shareholders on February 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) to vote on a proposed Merger Agreement.

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), the following stockholders hereby give their written Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares if the proposed Merger Agreement is approved:

- 1. Albanese, Thomas Coleton
- 2. The Deutsch Family Trust TRUA
- 3. Carole L. McLaughlin IRA Rollover FBO Carole L. McLaughlin
- 4. Really Cool Group
- 5. The Carole W. Smith Revocable Trust TRUA
- 6. Weissenborn, Darcy
- 7. The Margaret S. Weissenborn Revocable Trust TRUA.
- 8. Stanton F. Weissenborn IRA FBO Stanton F. Weissenborn
- 9. The Stanton F. Weissenborn Revocable Trust dated October 2, 2010
- 10. The Stanton F. Weissenborn Irrevocable Trust

Executed written Notices of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares are enclosed for each of the above-identified stockholders.

Please note that starting March 1, 2021 I will be joining another law firm. Please send the Dissenter's Notices and direct all future correspondence and communications regarding the above stockholders to me at the following:

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J. Robert Smith
Simons Hall & Johnston
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Reno, Nevada 89509
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(775) 785-0088

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

J. Robert Smith
Of Holland & Hart LLP

Encls. JRS/cr

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Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders, I am the beneficial owner of 1,000 shares.

Stockholder:

Thomas Coleton Albanese

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

1,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely.

Thomas Coleton Albanese

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Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), The Deutsch Family Trust TRUA hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. The Trust is the beneficial owner of 1,000 shares.

Stockholder:

The Deutsch Family Trust TRUA

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

1,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the Trust's attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

The Deutsch Family Trust TRUA

lter H. Doute (Print Name)

(Signature)

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Trustee

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

> Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Stockholder:

Carole L. McLaughlin MD

7537 York Drive

Saint Louis, Missouri 63105

Shares Owned: 7,880

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to me at the address set forth above.

Carole L McLaughlin (Print Name) IRA Rollader FBO Carole L Midaughli

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February 19, 2021 Yla Hand Delivery AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. Dear Board of Directors: Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. Stockholder: Shares Owned: Please direct all future correspondence and notices to me at the address set forthabove. 16216876_v1

February 22nd, 2021

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Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

and

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise of my intent to exercise of the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Stockholder's Name: _ REALLY COOL GROUP c/o J. Robert Smith

Simons Hall & Johnston 6490 S. McCarren Blvd., Ste F-46

Number of Shares Owned: 530

Reno, NV 89509 (775) 785-0088

Sincerely,

For Really Cool Group

Jonathan Segal -Director

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), The Carol W. Smith Revocable Trust TRUA hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the abovereferenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. The Trust is the beneficial owner of 2,500 shares.

Stockholder:

The Carol W. Smith Revocable Trust TRUA

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

2,500

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the Trust's attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

The Carol W. Smith Revocable Trust TRUA

Carol W. Smith, Trustee

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Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

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Dear Board of Directors;

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 1,000 shares.

Stockholder:

Darcy J. Weissenborn

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

1.000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

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Darcy J. Weissenborn

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Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 2.000 shares.

Stockholder:

Darcy J. Weissenborn

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

2,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

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AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), The Margaret S. Weissenborn Revocable Trust TRUA hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. The Trust is the beneficial owner of 2,500 shares.

Stockholder:

The Margaret S. Weissenborn Revocable Trust TRUA

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

2,500

Margaret S. Weissenborn Revocable Trust

The Margaret S. Weissenborn Revocable Trust

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(Print Name)

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), Stanton F. Weissenborn IRA FBO Stanton F. Weissenborn hereby gives written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 2,500 shares.

Stockholder:

Stanton F. Weissenborn IRA FBO Stanton F.

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Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

2,500

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to my attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

Stanton F. Weissenborn IRA FBO Stanton F.

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Stanton F. Weissenborn

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), The Stanton F. Weissenborn Revocable Trust dated October 2, 2010 hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. The Trust is the beneficial owner of 10,000 shares.

Stockholder:

The Stanton F. Weissenborn Revocable Trust dated

October 2, 2010

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com (775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

10,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the Trust's attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

The Stanton F. Weissenborn Revocable Trust

dated Øgtgber 2, 2010

Stanton F. Weissenborn, Trustee

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301 Via Hand Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. c/o United Registered Agents, Inc. 701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), The Stauton F. Weissenborn Irrevocable Trust hereby gives written notice of its intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. The Trust is the beneficial owner of 1,000 shares.

Stockholder:

The Stanton F. Weissenborn Irrevocable Trust

Address:

c/o J. Robert Smith Simons Hall & Johnston

6490 S. McCarran Blvd., Suite F-46

Reno, Nevada 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

(775) 785-0088

Shares Owned:

1.000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the Trust's attorney at the address set forth above.

Sincerely

The Stanton F. Weissenborn Irrevocable Trust

(Signature)

DANTEN /

(Print Name)

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Via USPS Certified Overnight Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I exercise these rights on behalf of the **Patricia D Rickman Irrevocable Trust**, beneficial owner of 10,000 shares of AeroGrow International, Inc. held by Fidelity Brokerage Services.

Name: Patricia D Rickman Irrevocable Trust

Address: James D Rickman Jr, Trustee

5209 Medallion DR E Westerville OH 43082

614 205-2730 Mobile

Jamesrickmanirtagmail.com

Shares Owned: 10,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to me at the address set forth above.

Sincerely, James D Carelsman

Trustee of the Patricia D Rickman Irrevocable Trust

James D Rickman Jr

Via USPS Certified Overnight Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I am the beneficial owner of 35,000 shares of AeroGrow International, Inc. held for me by Fidelity Brokerage Services.

Name:

James D Rickman JR

Address:

5209 Medallion DR E Westerville OH 43082

614 205-2730 Mobile

Jamesriekmanir@gmail.com

Shares Owned:

35,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to me at the address set forth above.

Sincerely.

James D Rickman Jr

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Via USPS Certified Overnight Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

> Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I exercise these rights on behalf of the **Marlon Dean Alessandra Trust**, beneficial owner of 5,000 shares of AeroGrow International, Inc. held by Fidelity Brokerage Services.

Name: Marlon Dean Alessandra Trust

Address: James D Rickman Jr, Trustee

5209 Medallion DR E Westerville OH 43082

614 205-2730 Mobile

Jamesrickmanir algmail.com

Shares Owned: 5,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to me at the address set forth above.

James D Rickman Jr

Trustee of the Marlon Dean Alessandra Trust

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AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I exercise these rights on behalf of the Scott Joseph Rickman Irrevocable Trust, beneficial owner of 5,000 shares of AeroGrow International, Inc. held by Fidelity Brokerage Services.

Name:

Scott Joseph Rickman Irrevocable Trust

Address:

James D Rickman Jr, Trustec

5209 Mcdallion DR E Westerville OH 43082

614 205-2730 Mobile

Jamesrickmanira email.com

Shares Owned:

5,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to me at the address set forth above.

Sincerely

James D Rickman Jr

Trustee of the Scott Joseph Rickman Irrevocable Trust

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Via USPS Certified Overnight Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I exercise these rights on behalf of the **James Dean Rickman JR Irrevocable Trust**, beneficial owner of 35,000 shares of AcroGrow International, Inc. held by Fidelity Brokerage Services.

Name: James Dean Rickman JR Irrevocable Trust

Address: James D Rickman Jr, Trustee

5209 Medaliion DR E Westerville OH 43082

614 205-2730 Mobile

Jamesrickmanjræsmail.com

Shares Owned: 35,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to me at the address set forth above.

James D Rickman Jr

Trustee of the James Dean Rickman JR Irrevocable Trust

Via USPS Certified Overnight Delivery

AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, CO 80301

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares

Special Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), I hereby give written notice of my intent to exercise dissenter's rights and to demand payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders. I exercise these rights on behalf of the **Andrew Reese Rickman Trust**, beneficial owner of 5,000 shares of AeroGrow International, Inc. held by Fidelity Brokerage Services.

Name: Andrew Reese Rickman Trust

Address: James D Rickman Jr, Trustee

5209 Medallion DR E Westerville OH 43082

614 205-2730 Mobile

Jumesrickmaning.email.com

Shares Owned: 5,000

Please direct all future correspondence and notices to me at the address set forth above.

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James D Rickman Jr

Trustee of the Andrew Reese Rickman Trust



March 17, 2021

Dear James Rickman:

The following is in response to your request for proof of delivery on your item with the tracking number: **EJ62 7403 150U S**.

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Sincerely,

James D Rickman Jr Trustee of the Andrew Reese Rickman Trust

Newcastle, Maine 04553-0295 February 18, 2021

Mr. Grey Gibbs Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration AeroGrow International, Inc. 5405 Spine Road Boulder, Colorado 80301

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

I have unsuccessfully attempted to contact you by telephone and followed up with e-mail requests on February 11 and 17 to be considered a dissident to the merger proposal described in materials for the virtual special meeting of AeroGrow International stockholders to be held on February 23, 2021. Since It is unclear from that exhaustive document that e-mail transmission qualifies as "written expression," I forward this letter to overcome any such technicality. Please provide appropriate forms for submission to the court of jurisdiction. I understand that they are to be forwarded within 10 days after action to be taken at the referenced stockholders meeting. My e-mail address is betke@tidewater.net.

l am a Chartered Financial Analyst, a former professional securities researcher, and an institutional and corporate portfolio manager who personally owns 10,000 shares acquired prior to January 8, 2021 and held in my account with Janney Montgomery Scott. That purchase was prompted by a television advertisement of your intriguing household product and subsequent investment investigation back in December 2019. I nonetheless was compelled to vote against the contemplated action (electronically through Janney) and am sympathetic with the position advanced by other dissidents as described on page 8 of the meeting documentation.

It is particularly disturbing that anyone acquiring shares subsequent to the January 8 record date and before receipt of detailed materials mailed on January 22 is disadvantaged by lack of information, including exclusion of pertinent unaudited December-quarter data generally known to management by the time of issuance. Moreover, everyone purchasing shares since January 8 appears to have been deliberately and unfairly excluded from participation with the "dissenter" class.

Yours truly,

George C. Betke, Jr.

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From:

David Conner < David.Conner@lplfinancial.com>

Sent:

Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:33 PM

To:

Robert Smith

Cc:

Kim Sicz; Christine Stawinsky

Subject:

RE: AeroGrow Dissenters Rights Cusip 00768M202

Hello Wayne/Robert,

DTC will not sign or confirm anything that involves the words dissenters rights or Wayne Sizz.

I just submitted a form to have DTC confirm 1,000 and 7,500 shares and then we will go from there.

Thank you for your partnership,

David Conner LPL Financial Associate Analyst | Service, Trading & Operations Corporate Actions

Toll-free: 800-877-7210 | ext 186564 Direct: 858-450-9606 | ext 186564 Email: <u>David.Conner@LPLFinancial.com</u>

One team on one mission

We take care of our advisors so they can take care of their clients.

From: David Conner

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:23 PM

To: 'rsmith@shjnevada.com' <rsmith@shjnevada.com>

Cc: 'Kim Sicz' <kim.sicz@gmail.com>; Christine Stawinsky <Christine.Stawinsky@lplfinancial.com>

Subject: FW: AeroGrow Dissenters Rights Cusip 00768M202

Hello – please see what DTC said. Rose at DTC has been extremely helpful in responding to email today. A lot of the fixes are super easy however the line in blue???

Not surprised by the cannot state Consent to Dissent and removing Wayne's name seems counterproductive overall for your benefit. Please advise how you would like me to go forward.

Also if you have any success stories of client receiving what's needed AFTER 2/23/21 that would also help us.

Thank you for your partnership,

David Conner LPL Financial Associate Analyst | Service, Trading & Operations Corporate Actions

Toll-free: 800-877-7210 | ext 186564 Direct: 858-450-9606 | ext 186564 Email: David.Conner@LPLFinancial.com Alfred M. Vanghn ir Operations Generalist Mandatony Reorg Announcements DTCC Tampa

RE: AeroGrow Dissenters Rights Cusip 00768M202
To Bowd Corner: Demand and Dissent/DTCC

From: Alan Rudy <tillydad@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 7:38 PM
To: COGDELLBRADSHAW.TEAM

Subject: Re: AeroGrow

I never accepted the offer, nor did I authorize you to accept on my behalf.

Sent from my iPad

- > On Mar 15, 2021, at 1:58 PM, COGDELLBRADSHAW.TEAM < CogdellBradshaw.team@fmr.com> wrote: >
- > Mr. Rudy,

> I wanted to reach out in follow up regarding your email.

> I have been in contact with our reorganization team and was informed that unfortunately we cannot provide the letter on your behalf for the following reasons:

- > 1. While Fidelity holds (held) the shares in your account, ultimately you or the trust was the owner of the shares. Fidelity was holding your shares in street name for benefit of you (the trust)
- > 2. Dissenters Rights need to be exercised prior to the merger taking place
- > Unfortunately we will not be able to sign the letter you prepared.
- >
- > Warmest Regards,

> Erica L Soares

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From:

John Fischer <fischjc@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, March 22, 2021 7:18 AM

To:

Robert Smith; Jack Walker

Subject:

Re: AeroGrow - Status Update

Dear Robert Smith,

Today I made my 5th call (all on recorded lines) to Vanguard requesting a consent letter from the record holder to pursue dissenter's rights.

My prior requests were denied by the Mutual Fund Trade Department, Investment Department, and Corporate Actions Department. Last Friday, according to a broker Ciccozzi, the Corporate Action Department stated that the consent letter could not be requested because the "merger is complete",

I also sent an email to Vanguard for the same request on 3/15 and no one has responded.

Today I spoke to Asa Mclaurin and Earl Dixon requesting an email from Vanguard stating their reason in writing for not requesting the consent letter. Dixon reached out to Corporate Actions with my request to put the reason for denial in writing. Their response was "not able to accommodate my request."

Sincerely, John Fischer

From:

Diana B < dianalbboyd@gmail.com> Thursday, March 18, 2021 10:35 AM

Sent: To:

Robert Smith; Diana Boyd

Subject:

reply from Vanguard about consent letter for AERO

Response from Vanguard:

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Thank you for taking the time to contact us.

If you wanted to dissent from the merger, you would have had to do so PRIOR to the merger being approved.

At this point you are no longer able to dissent, and we are no longer able to provide a Letter on Consent.

Ultimately, you were mailed notification of a special meeting on January 28, 2021. The special meeting date was February 23, 2021, which is when the vote on the merger proposal was to occur. That notification also informed you of your right to dissent. You received the notification via email and actually voted against the merger. However, the proxy statement shows on page 6 of 219 that clients wishing to exercise their dissent must do so BEFORE the vote on the merger agreement proposal which is to take place at the Special Meeting. Thus, there is no option for you as your right to dissent must have been exercised before the Special Meeting on February 23, 2021.

To answer your questions:

- 1. The name of the entity that holds held your shares. we custody shares at the Depository Trust Company Corporation (DTCC)
- 2. Whether the broker received any information from DTC about the merger I would be surprised if they did not we received notification of a special meeting from the company, Aerogrow International, which was forwarded along to clients on 01/28/2021. This was sent to you via email informing you of a special meeting and the opportunity to vote on the merger.
- 3. Whether your broker has requested the consent letter, and Page 6 that Special Meeting notification explained clients have the right to dissent on the merger but that dissent had to be done prior to the special meeting.

If you have additional questions, we can be reached at:

https://support.vanguard.com/

Sincerely,

Brian Cristall
Registered Representative
Vanguard Retail Investor Group

From: Tanya Truscott <TTruscott@Cambiar.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 2:17 PM
To: McNiese, Marques P; Robert Smith

Cc: Mike Barish

Subject: RE: AeroGraw Dissenters

Attachments: 9000 dissent letter,docx; 9002 dissent letter,docx

Thanks Marques - it sounds like there is a misunderstanding of what we are asking for.

Rob – could you explain the AeroGrow situation to Marques? He is our relationship manager at US Bank – where the shares were held for Mr. Barish.

Thanks

Tanya Truscott - Vice President, Settlements Cambiar Investors, LLC www.cambiar.com

200 Columbine Street Suite 800, Denver, CO 80206 tel 303.302.9040 toll 888.673.9950 fax 303.302.9050

From: McNiese, Marques P < marques.mcniese@usbank.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 2:55 PM
To: Tanya Truscott <TTruscott@Cambiar.com>
Cc: Mike Barish <MBarish@Cambiar.com>

Subject: RE; AeroGrow Dissenters

Tanya -

This has been interesting. At this point, DTC is unwilling to assist, however there may be a small glimmer of hope. Do you happen to have evidence that written notice was sent AeroGrow with intent to demand payment before the vote on the merger agreement proposal? At this point, that may be the only think that will work for us. If this isn't the case and her still require a CEDE letter your legal counsel and DTC will have to work through the details.

The below is a response we received from DTC:

DTC cannot "facilitate dissenters action after the fact" as mentioned in the below chain.

Within the cash merger event announced on the CA Web, the comments state "Any stockholder who does not vote in favor of the Merger Agreement Proposal will have the right to dissent from the Merger and, in lieu of receiving the consideration prescribed under the Merger Agreement, obtain payment of the fair value of the stockholder's shares, but only if (1) the stockholder delivers to the Company, before the vote on the Merger Agreement

Proposal is taken at the Special Meeting written notice of the stockholder's intent to demand payment for the stockholder's shares if the Merger is effectuated..."

Since dissent requests had to be delivered to the company prior to the meeting date of 2/23/21, any requests submitted to DTC at this time cannot be facilitated since it is past the deadline and we have no shares remaining in our inventory. If a shareholder wishes to make a different type of shareholder demand, templates are available on our external site.

Sincerely,

Marques McNiese

Assistant Vice President | Relationship Manager | Investment Advisor Services p. 513.632.4147 | f. 866.977.1024 | marques.mcniese@usbank.com

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Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

March 17, 2021

Maximilien D. Fetaz Attorney at Law 702.464.7083 tel 702.383.8135 fax mfetaz@bhfs.com

VIA E-MAIL

J. Robert Smith, Esq. Simons Hall Johnston 6490 S. McCarran Boulevard, Suite F-46 Reno, NV 89509 rsmith@shjnevada.com

Re: AeroGrow International, Inc. / Dissenter's Rights

Dear Mr. Smith:

My firm represents AeroGrow International, Inc. ("AeroGrow"). On March 11, 2021, AeroGrow received your letter dated March 4, 2021 (your "Letter"). We understand that you represent certain former stockholders of AeroGrow identified in your Letter and in connection with the Merger.¹

On March 5, 2021, in accordance with NRS 92A.430, AeroGrow mailed Dissenter's Notices to you, as counsel for certain former stockholders whom you represent. Certain other of the stockholders you represent did not receive a Dissenter's Notice because they did not comply with Nevada law in submitting their notices of intent to demand payment for their shares.

The following is a list of your clients, as numbered in your Letter, to whom AeroGrow sent Dissenter's Notices:

- 7. Boyd, Michal, Dr.
- 11. Duncan, William
- 18. Harding, Wayne
- 19. Harding, Wayne E. III
- 24. Kaye, Stephen
- 26. March Trade & Finance, Inc.
- 28. Nidax Limited Partnership
- 29. Orme, Tom

100 North City Parkway, Suite 1600 Las Vegas, NV 89106-4614 main 702.382.2101

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Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP

¹ All terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in AeroGrow's definitive proxy dated January 22, 2021.

J. Robert Smith, Esq. March 17, 2021 Page 2

- 30. Parmenter, Rebecca
- 31. The Peierls By-Pass Trust/ Jeff Peierls
- 32. U D E S Peierls for E F Peierls, et. al./ Northern Trust Company of Delaware, Trustee
- 33. U D E F Peierls for BE Peierls / Northern Trust Company of Delaware, Trustee
- 34. U D E F Peierls for E J Peierls / Northern Trust Company of Delaware, Trustee
- 35. UD Ethel F. Peierls Charitable Lead Trust/ Northern Trust Company of Delaware, Trustee
- 36. U D J N Peierls for B E Peierls / Northern Trust Company of Delaware, Trustee
- 37. U D J N Peierls for E J Peierls / Northern Trust Company of Delaware, Trustee
- 38. U W E S Peierls for BEP Art VI-Accum /Northern Trust Company of Delaware, Trustee
- 39. U W E S Peierls for EJP Art VI-Accum / Northern Trust Company of Delaware, Trustee
- 40. U W J N Peierls for B E Peierls / Northern Trust Company of Delaware, Trustee
- 41. U W J N Peierls for E J Peierls / Northern Trust Company of Delaware, Trustee
- 53. Richard Alan Rudy, Trustee FBO of R. Alan Rudy
- 56. Severance, H. Leigh
- 58. Severance, Leigh and Sharon JT
- 63. Thunderfunding, LLC
- 65. Walker, Jack J.
- 66. Walker, Marsha S.
- 75. Wolman, Lewis & Eletise
- 76. Wolman, Lewis & Eletise, JT
- 79. Zuckerman, Alan Budd

As you know, NRS 92A.400 imposes the following limitation on beneficial stockholders' right of dissent:

- "2. A beneficial stockholder may assert dissenter's rights as to shares held on his or her behalf *only if* the beneficial stockholder:
 - (a) Submits to the subject corporation the written consent of the stockholder of record to the dissent not later than the time the beneficial stockholder asserts dissenter's rights; and
 - (b) Does so with respect to all shares of which he or she is the beneficial stockholder or over which he or she has power to direct the vote." (emphasis added).

The following beneficial stockholders, as numbered in your Letter, did not submit the statutorily required "written consent of the stockholder of record" with their purported notices of intent to demand payment for their shares:

- 1. Adamczyk, Fred M.
- 2. Albanese, Thomas C.
- 3. Almond, William A. III
- 4. Barish, Michael S. (174,000)
- 5. Barish, Michael S. (2,000)
- 6. Boyd, Diana
- 8. Decker, Anne Carrol
- 9. Decker, Thomas H.
- 10. The Deutsch Family Trust
- 12. Fischer, John C.
- 13. Gomez, Alfredo
- 14. Gomez, Alfredo FMT CO CUST IRA Rollover, FBO Alfredo Gomez
- 15. Greenberg, Lawrence
- 16. Greenberg, L. Wayne & Patricia, JT
- 17. Harding, Karen
- 20. Hoffstein, Daniel G.
- 21. Johnson, Kevin (15,447)
- 22. Johnson, Kevin (3,000)
- 23. Kaye, Candice
- 25. Koby, Laura J.
- 27. McLaughlin, Carole L., M.D.
- 42. Peierls, Brian E.
- 43. Peter, Joseph E.
- 44. Perelberg, Alexander (95,466)
- 45. Perelberg, Alexander (2,500)
- 46. Perelberg, Amy
- 47. Perelberg, Dana
- 48. Perelberg, Gary (17,417)
- 49. Perelberg, Gary (60,436)
- 50. Perelberg, Linda
- 51. The Really Cool Group
- 52. The Richard Alan Rudy Revocable Living Trust
- 54. Robson, Bryan
- 55. H.L. Severance, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan & Trust
- 57. H.L. Severance, Inc. Pension Plan & Trust
- 59. Sicz, Wayne IRA FBO Wayne Sicz
- 60. Sicz, Wayne ROTH IRA FBO Wayne Sicz
- 61. The Carol W. Smith Revocable Trust, TRUA
- 62. Smith, Thomas K.
- 64. Vasanth, Suraj
- 67. Wang, Cathay C.

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- 68. Wang, Chathay Chachy and Wang, Lisa Dawn
- 69. Weissenborn, Darcy J. (1,000)
- 70. Weissenborn, Darcy J. (2,000)
- 71. The Margaret S. Weissenborn Revocable Trust TRUA
- 72. The Stanton F. Weissenborn IRA FBO Stanton F. Weissenborn
- 73. The Stanton F. Weissenborn Revocable Trust dated October 2, 2010
- 74. The Stanton F. Weissenborn Irrevocable Trust
- 77. The Natalie Wolman Living Trust, Dated 12/8/2010 / Natalie Wolman and David W. Fulker, Trustee
- 78. The Natalie Wolman Living Trust, Dated 12/8/2010 / Natalie Wolman and David W. Fulker, Trustee
- 80. Zuckerman, Alan Budd² (paid for shares held as beneficial owner only).

These above-listed beneficial stockholders ("Non-Compliant Stockholders") failed to obtain and submit the "written consent of the stockholder of record to the dissent" before the vote on the Merger, and therefore failed to comply with NRS 92A.400 and 92A.420. As you know, NRS 92A.420 (a statutory provision cited in your correspondence accompanying the purported notices of intent to dissent) provides that "[a] stockholder who does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 1 or 2 and NRS 92A.400 *is not entitled to payment for his or her shares under this chapter* [NRS Chapter 92A]." *See* NRS 92A.420(3) (emphasis added). Accordingly, AeroGrow had (and has) no obligation to provide them (or you on their behalf) with a Dissenter's Notice under NRS 92A.430.

These Non-Compliant Stockholders failed to comply with the clear, statutory prerequisites for demanding payment of fair value under NRS Chapter 92A and therefore AeroGrow properly paid them the Merger Consideration of \$3.00 per share. Your Letter erroneously asserts that the Non-Compliant Stockholders were "paid the \$3.00 per share that AeroGrow estimates to be the fair value of their shares." But AeroGrow's payment of the Merger Consideration to the Non-Compliant Stockholders was *not* a payment of "fair value" (as defined in NRS 92A.320) pursuant to NRS 92A.460 or otherwise. As you know, the Merger Consideration is distinct from the statutory "fair value" as defined in NRS 92A.320.

Simply put, those of your clients who complied with the requirements of Nevada law received a Dissenter's Notice, and those of your clients who failed to do so received the Merger Consideration to which they were entitled.

² "Zuckerman, Alan Budd" is listed in your Letter twice (numbered as stockholder client 79 and 80). AeroGrow paid the Merger Consideration to Mr. Zuckerman for the shares he held beneficially for the reasons articulated herein. AeroGrow did not pay the Merger Consideration to Mr. Zuckerman for the 14,000 shares he held in his own name—*i.e.*, as stockholder of record—and as to those shares. AeroGrow sent him a Dissenter's Notice.

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AeroGrow has complied with all applicable provisions of NRS Chapter 92A and will continue to do so. AeroGrow reserves all of its rights, defenses, and remedies under applicable law, including, without limitation, NRS 92A.500.

If necessary, I am happy to set up a time to discuss the above matters.

Sincerely,

Maximilien D. Fetaz, Esq.

CC via e-mail:

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VIA E-MAIL

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Re: Overbrook Capital LLC v. AeroGrow International, Inc., et al., Lead Case No. A-21-827665-B (Radoff v. Hagedorn, et al., Case No. A-21-829854-B)

Dear Terry:

My firm represents AeroGrow International, Inc. ("AeroGrow"), AGI Acquisition Sub, Inc., SMG Growing Media, Inc., The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, Chris Hagedorn, Cory Miller, Patricia M. Ziegler, James Hagedorn, and Peter Supron in connection with the above captioned actions. I am writing concerning the First Amended Complaint filed on March 15, 2021 in *Radoff* and in response to your email of March 16, 2021.

L AeroGrow Has Complied with NRS Chapter 92A

On behalf of Mr. Radoff, you sent a letter dated February 19, 2021 to the AeroGrow Board of Directors with the subject line, "Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Pursuant to NRS 92A.420; Special Meeting Dated February 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m." ("February 19 Letter"). Your client did not provide any documentation to substantiate his stated ownership and, because your client does not appear on AeroGrow's record stockholder lists, it appears your client purported to assert dissenter's rights as a beneficial stockholder.

As you know, NRS 92A.400 imposes the following limitation on beneficial stockholders' right of dissent:

- "2. A beneficial stockholder may assert dissenter's rights as to shares held on his or her behalf *only if* the beneficial stockholder:
 - (a) Submits to the subject corporation the written consent of the stockholder of record to the dissent not later than the time the beneficial stockholder asserts dissenter's rights; and

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(b) Does so with respect to all shares of which he or she is the beneficial stockholder or over which he or she has power to direct the vote." (emphasis added).

AeroGrow has not received the statutorily required "written consent of the stockholder of record" to accompany Mr. Radoff's purported notice of intent to demand payment for his shares. To comply with Nevada law, AeroGrow should have received that consent prior to the vote on the Merger, which occurred on February 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. MT, as your February 19 Letter noted.

Because Mr. Radoff, an apparent beneficial stockholder, failed to obtain and submit the "written consent of the stockholder of record to the dissent," he failed to comply with NRS 92A.400 and 92A.420. As you know, NRS 92A.420 (a statutory provision cited in your correspondence accompanying the purported notice of intent to dissent) provides that "[a] stockholder who does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 1 or 2 and NRS 92A.400 *is not entitled to payment for his or her shares under this chapter* [NRS Chapter 92A]." *See* NRS 92A.420(3) (emphasis added). Accordingly, AeroGrow had (and has) no obligation to provide Mr. Radoff (or you on his behalf) with a Dissenter's Notice under NRS 92A.430.

Mr. Radoff failed to comply with the clear, statutory prerequisites for demanding payment of fair value under NRS Chapter 92A, and therefore AeroGrow properly paid him the Merger Consideration of \$3.00 per share. Your First Amended Complaint erroneously asserts that Mr. Radoff was paid the Merger Consideration pursuant to NRS 92A.460. But AeroGrow's payment of the Merger Consideration to Mr. Radoff was *not* a payment of "fair value" (as defined in NRS 92A.320) pursuant to NRS 92A.460 or otherwise. As you know, the Merger Consideration is distinct from the statutory "fair value" as defined in NRS 92A.320 and required by NRS 92A.460. For these reasons, the allegations in the First Amended Complaint that AeroGrow did not comply with NRS 92A.460 (*e.g.*, par. 172) are inaccurate and also premature insofar as the dissenters' rights process is continuing.

Simply put, your client failed to comply with Nevada law, so he did not receive a Dissenter's Notice. He received the Merger Consideration to which he was entitled.

AeroGrow has complied with all applicable provisions of NRS Chapter 92A and will continue to do so. AeroGrow reserves all of its rights, defenses, and remedies under applicable law, including, without limitation, NRS 92A.500.

For the above reasons, AeroGrow requests that your client voluntarily dismiss or otherwise withdraw the First Amended Complaint's fourth claim for relief seeking declaratory relief immediately. I also note that Nevada courts have the power to assess fee and expenses where a

¹ All terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in AeroGrow's definitive proxy dated January 22, 2021.

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party acts "arbitrarily, vexatiously or not in good faith with respect to the rights provided by NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive." NRS 92A.500.

II. Appraisal Is the Exclusive Remedy to Challenge the Merger Consideration

Under Nevada law, appraisal is the exclusive remedy for stockholders who seek to challenge the purchase price of a transaction. NRS 92A.380(2). For that reason, Mr. Radoff's first, second, and third claims for relief are precluded from proceeding. To avoid the unnecessary expenditure of the Court's and the parties' resources, my clients request that your client voluntarily dismiss the *Radoff* action immediately.

All rights, remedies, and defenses under Nevada law, including, without limitation, NRS 92A.500, and other applicable law are hereby reserved; nothing in this letter should be construed as a waiver of such rights, remedies, and defenses or admission of any kind.

As we discussed, please let me know if you would like to set up a time to meet and confer on the above matters.

Sincerely,

Maximilien D. Fetaz, Esq.

CC via e-mail:

Marjorie P. Duffy, Esq. Ashley F. Heintz, Esq. Kirk B. Lenhard, Esq. Travis F. Chance, Esq. Brian Kerr, Esq.

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15	DAVID B. KENT, an individual; CORY		
16	MILLER, an individual; PATRICIA M.		
16	ZIEGLER, individual; JAMES HAGEDORN, an individual; PETER		
17	SUPRON, an individual; AEROGROW	<u>HEARING REQUESTED</u>	
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18	Corporation; AGI ACQUISITION SUB, INC., a Nevada Corporation; SMG		
19	GROWING MEDIA, INC., an Ohio		
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Plaintiff Bradley Louis Radoff ("Plaintiff"), by and through his attorneys, Marquis Aurbach Coffing, and Plaintiff-Intervenors, by and through their attorneys Simons Hall & Johnston, hereby submit their Joint Motion to Compel/Determine Compliance with NRS 92A, or Alternatively, Injunctive Relief on an Order Shortening Time. This Motion is made and based upon the pleadings and papers on file herein, the Memorandum of Points & Authorities attached hereto, and any oral argument allowed by counsel at the time of hearing.

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¹ Plaintiff-Intervenors are 52 stockholders of AeroGrow International, Inc. who are similarly situated to Plaintiff and who recently filed a Motion to Intervene in this action in light of claims and issues herein that will affect their rights and obligations. The names of the Plaintiff-Intervenors are set forth in the Motion to Intervene.

1	ORDER SHORTENING TIME		
2	Upon the Declaration of Terry A. Coffing, Esq., and good cause appearing therefore,		
3	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the time for hearing of the		
4	April above-entitled matter will be shortened and will be heard on the <u>15th</u> day of March , 2021 at the		
5	hour of 9:00 a .m. in Department 13 of the Eighth Judicial District Court, located at		
6	the Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.		
7	Opposition Briefs will be due: April 7, 2021.		
8	Any Reply Briefs will be due: April 13, 2021.		
9 10	DATED this 24th day of March, 2021.		
11	DISTRICT COURT JUDGE		
12	Submitted by:		
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DECLARATION OF TERRY A. COFFING, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF ORDER SHORTENING TIME

Terry A. Coffing, Esq. declares as follows:

- 1. I am a shareholder with the law firm of Marquis Aurbach Coffing, counsel for Plaintiff in the above-stated action.
- 2. I am duly licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada and have personal knowledge of and I am competent to testify concerning the facts herein.
- 3. Pursuant to NRS § 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.
- 4. Along with my co-counsel, I represent Plaintiff who was the owner of 559,299 shares of AeroGrow International, Inc. ("AeroGrow") common stock. In November of 2020, AeroGrow announced that it was going to be acquired by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company ("SMG") who already owned 80.5% of the outstanding shares of AeroGrow.
- 5. As part and parcel of this merger, AeroGrow provided notice to the public that there are dissenter's rights pursuant to NRS 92A *et seq*.
- 6. Pursuant to this notice, the undersigned provided a Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares (attached hereto as **Exhibit A**) on February 19th, well in advance of the proposed merger date of February 23rd.
- 7. Pursuant to NRS 92A.430, AeroGrow was required to send a Dissenter's Notice package. *AeroGrow failed to do so*. Upon information and belief, AeroGrow may have provided notice to *some* dissenters, an example is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- 8. On March 15, 2021, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint ("FAC") specifically alleging AeroGrow's violation of the statute and seeking declaratory relief that any deadlines imposed upon Plaintiff would be tolled or otherwise reset until the Court could resolve the issue.
- 9. Subsequently on March 17, 2021, I received the attached correspondence (attached hereto as **Exhibit C**), from counsel on behalf of AeroGrow indicating that they did not believe that my client maintained any dissenter's rights by virtue of the fact that there was no consent from the transfer agent attached to the Notice of Intent to Dissent.

- 10. In taking this erroneous position, my client is effectively precluded from proceeding forward with the appraisal/valuation process that is specifically provided for by statute.
- 11. An order shortening time is necessary for this court to correct AeroGrow's misinterpretation of the statute and reset any deadlines until proper notice is provided. Alternatively, Plaintiff further requests injunctive relief to prevent the Defendants from further denying Plaintiff its rights.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2021.

*Is/ Terry A. Coffing*Terry A. Coffing, Esq.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES

I. NATURE OF THE ACTION

AeroGrow entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger ("Merger Agreement") with SMG, its wholly owned subsidiary, SMG Growing Media, Inc. ("SMG Growing Media"), and AGI Acquisition Sub, Inc. ("Merger Sub"), a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of SMG Growing Media (collectively "Scotts"), for the grossly inadequate consideration of \$3.00 per share.

At the time, SMG owned approximately 80.5% of AeroGrow's common stock through SMG Growing Media. As controlling stockholder, Scotts owes fiduciary duties to minority stockholders. However, as described in in the FAC, Scotts violated its duties by forcing a Merger that was fundamentally flawed and unfair to minority shareholders (including Plaintiff). Among other things, Scotts engaged in manipulative conduct in order to acquire AeroGrow at a substantial discount to its true value.

Separate and apart from Plaintiff's breach of fiduciary duty claims, Plaintiff has also asserted that AeroGrow violated Nevada's Dissenter's Rights Statute, NRS 92A.300, *et seq.* Nevada's Dissenter's Rights Statute (hereinafter the "Statute") allows stockholders to dissent from certain corporate actions, such as a merger, and seek the fair value of their shares. That statute sets forth an orderly process for initial notices, demand, payment, and ultimately fair value determination for the shares. Because AeroGrow was merging with another corporation, it was

required to notify its stockholders about a shareholder's meeting to vote on the merger, and to state whether its stockholders would have dissenter's rights.

On or about January 22, 2021, AeroGrow provided public notice of the meeting to vote on the merger by filing a Schedule 14A with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Proxy"). *See* **Exhibit F**, attached hereto. In that Proxy, AeroGrow announced the shareholder's meeting to vote on the merger would be February 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. *Id.* at pg. 9. AeroGrow also confirmed that its stockholders are entitled to assert dissenters' rights under NRS 92A. *Id.* at pgs. 9, 80, 91, Annex C-1. The vote was a *fait accompli* as Defendants failed to structure it in any way that would have protected the rights of minority stockholders – which is entirely consistent with what they are doing now.

Under Nevada's Dissenter's Rights Statute, before a stockholder can actually exercise dissenter's rights, a stockholder must first notify the corporation (in this case AeroGrow) in writing of the stockholder's "intent" to demand payment for shares "before the [merger] vote is taken." NRS 92A.420(1)(a) (emphasis added). This is merely a "prerequisite" notice to allow the corporation to, among other things, ascertain the universe of possible dissenting stockholders and to estimate how much of a cash payment may be required. As NRS 92A.420 states in pertinent part:

- 1. If a proposed corporate action creating dissenter's rights is submitted to a vote at a stockholders' meeting, a stockholder who wishes to assert dissenter's rights with respect to any class or series of shares:
- (a) Must deliver to the subject corporation, before the vote is taken, written notice of the stockholder's <u>intent</u> to demand payment for his or her shares if the proposed action is effectuated. (emphasis added).

Importantly, this is not the deadline to actually assert dissenter's rights, but is merely a perquisite notice of *intent* that a stockholder may assert dissenter's rights at a later date.

Nevada's Dissenter's Rights Statute also distinguishes between "stockholders of record" and "beneficial stockholders." NRS 92A.305 and 92A.330. Stockholders of record are those in whose name shares are registered in the records of the corporation, while beneficial stockholders are those whose shares are held in a voting trust or by a nominee as the stockholder of record. *Id.*

² C.f. Model Business Corporation Act, Section 13.21, official comments, attached hereto as **Exhibit E.**

In general, stockholders of record hold stock certificates while beneficial stockholders purchased their shares through brokerages and other financial institutions, but whose legal title to the shares are registered in the name of Cede & Co., which is the nominee of the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") (hereinafter "DTC/Cede"). The vast majority of stockholders in publicly traded corporations are beneficial stockholders, as they purchased the shares through brokerages. Plaintiff and the Plaintiff-Intervenors are all beneficial stockholders. All stockholders (which is defined as both stockholders of record and beneficial stockholders in NRS 92A.325) must deliver a written intent to demand payment prior to the merger vote. *See* NRS 92A.420.

After receiving the prerequisite notices of intent to demand payment of shares from its stockholders, AeroGrow was required to send Dissenter Notice packets to those who delivered the notices of intent. NRS 92A.430. The stockholders (including beneficial owners) then must decide whether to exercise dissenter's rights by making a Demand for Payment. NRS 92A.440. Unlike stockholders of record, beneficial stockholders, however, have an additional obligation. They must also provide a letter of consent from the stockholders of record, such as DTC/Cede, "not later than the time the beneficial stockholder *asserts dissenter's rights.*" NRS 92A.400(2)(a)(emphasis added).³

After receiving the Demand for Payment, and a consent letter from the beneficial stockholders, AeroGrow is supposed to then pay the merger consideration. NRS 92A.460. If a dissenting stockholder is dissatisfied with the amount paid, the dissenter must then submit their own estimate of fair value of the shares. NRS 92A.480. If the parties cannot agree on the fair value, then AeroGrow is required to file an action in the Nevada District Court. NRS 92A.490.

That is how this process was supposed to work. AeroGrow, however, has ignored the Statute and failed to follow this process.

³ NRS 92A.400(2)(a) provides:

^{2.} A beneficial stockholder may assert dissenter's rights as to shares held on his or her behalf only if the beneficial stockholder:

⁽a) Submits to the subject corporation the written consent of the stockholder of record to the dissent *not later than the time the beneficial stockholder asserts dissenter's rights.* (emphasis added).

Remarkably, AeroGrow, is taking the position that it was not obligated to send Dissenter Notices to beneficial stockholders or the stockholders of record who held shares on the stockholder's behalf, if the beneficial stockholder did not submit a letter of consent from the stockholder of record <u>before</u> to the vote on the merger, rather than when they "assert dissenter's rights." See Exhibit C.

Specifically, despite Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors providing timely Notices of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares, AeroGrow has disregarded those Notices and the plain language of the Statute, and unilaterally and prematurely paid the merger consideration of \$3.00 per share to the brokers in which Plaintiff's and Plaintiff-Intervenors' shares were held. By prematurely paying Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors within a day or two of the effective date of the merger, AeroGrow has prevented Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors from obtaining the letters of consent from the stockholders of record. Both DTC/Cede and brokers have stated that they cannot provide consent letters because they no longer hold the shares as a result of AeroGrow's improper and premature repurchase of the shares. *See* Exhibit D.

Moreover, based on AeroGrow's erroneous position, AeroGrow failed to send Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors the Dissenter's Notice as required by NRS 92A.430, preventing Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors from making a Demand for Payment under NRS 92.440.

In sum, AeroGrow's misconduct has adversely and substantially prejudiced the rights of Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors, who are now at risk of losing their dissenter's rights unless the Court corrects AeroGrow's unlawful actions. Therefore, given AeroGrows' misconduct, this Court's immediate intervention is needed in order to preserve Plaintiff's rights pursuant to Nevada law.

II. SUMMARY OF FACTS.

1. Subsequent to the public announcement of the Merger in November in 2020, the Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors believed that the Merger consideration of \$3.00 per share was woefully inadequate largely due to the manipulations and failings of the Defendants. Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors, therefore, retained counsel and began preparation to protect their rights as dissenters under NRS 92A.

- 2. On February 13, 2021, Plaintiff, through counsel, notified AeroGrow of his beneficial ownership, his number of shares and his intent to demand payment for shares as required by NRS 92A.420. **Exhibit A**, attached hereto. Plaintiff-Intervenors did the same.⁴ As expected in light of Defendants' failure to institute the appropriate protections for minority shareholders, on February 23, 2021,⁵ the Merger was a *fait accompli* and approved by approximately 85% of the votes of eligible shareholders.
- 3. Almost immediately thereafter, and prematurely, AeroGrow tendered the \$3.00 per share price that they determined to be the Fair Value of the shares to Plaintiff's and Plaintiff-Intervenors' brokers thereby eliminating their status as shareholders.
- 4. AeroGrow also failed to provide Plaintiff and Plaintiff Intervenors with the required Dissenter's Notice package and demand for payment form as required by NRS 92A.430. Upon information and belief, AeroGrow did provide shareholders who held *certificated* shares a dissenter's notice, an example of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B.** The Dissenter's Notice is important because it triggers timelines for the Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors to act in order to preserve their right to contest AeroGrow's value of the shares under NRS 92A.
- 5. On March 17, 2021, AeroGrow's counsel sent a letter to Plaintiff's and Plaintiff-Intervenor's counsel. **Exhibit C**.⁶ In those letters, AeroGrow has taken the erroneous position that Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors, despite providing their notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares, are not entitled to assert their rights under NRS 92A because they did not provide a Consent Letter from the stockholder of record, which is Cede & Company, Inc., the nominee of DTC, at the time of submitting his notice. This interpretation of the statute is completely erroneous, candidly makes no sense, and is now impossible.
- 6. As the plain language of the makes clear, and explained more thoroughly below, the Consent Letter is not due until the Plaintiff actually "asserts" his right to dissent, which is when the Demand for Payment is due, not before the vote on the merger when the Notice of <u>Intent</u> to Demand Payment of Shares was due. NRS 92A.440. Indeed, providing this Consent Letter now is

⁴ See Exhibits A-D, attached to Plaintiff-Intervenors' Motion to Intervene, on file herein.

⁵ The effective date was February 26, 2021.

⁶ See also Exhibit F to Plaintiff-Intervenors' Motion to Intervene, on file herein.

impossible as AeroGrow has unilaterally and prematurely paid the Plaintiff's broker their estimation of fair value and repurchased the shares.

- 7. Consequently, the shares are no longer owned by the Plaintiff or the stockholder of record, DTC/Cede. As a result, DTC/Cede has refused to (and indeed cannot) provide a letter of consent as evidenced by the email from the Plaintiff's broker attached hereto as **Exhibit D.** Similar communications were sent to Plaintiff-Intervenors. Thus, not only has AeroGrow failed to comply with their requirements under the NRS 92A, they have precluded the Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors from being able to assert their rights under the Statute and will likely take the position that the failure to assert any other further rights is untimely.
- 8. Based upon the foregoing, the Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors seek an order from this Court: (1) declaring AeroGrow in violation of the provisions of NRS 92A; (2) waiving the obligation of beneficial stockholders to obtain the consent letters which is has now become impossible due to AeroGrow's unlawful conduct; and (3) compelling the Defendants' performance with the statute and providing the requisite Dissenter's Notice so that there can be an orderly resolution and determination of fair value.

III. <u>LEGAL ARGUMENT.</u>

AeroGrow's position that the letters of consent were due before the merger vote was taken is patently wrong. AeroGrow is attempting to blur the deadline to deliver the prerequisite Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares under NRS 92A.420(1)(a), with the deadline to actually "assert dissenter's rights," which is the date the Demand for Payment is due under NRS 92A.440. As explained above, AeroGrow is taking the nonsensical position that notwithstanding the clear language of the Statute, letters of consent were due before the merger vote was taken, as opposed to the when the beneficial stockholder asserts dissenter's rights. AeroGrow's position and conduct

⁷ See Exhibit E to Plaintiff-Intervenors' Motion to Intervene, no file herein.

⁸ In fact, as can be seen by **Exhibit C**, AeroGrow clearly (but wrongly) believes they have no further obligations to the Plaintiff under any theory of recovery based upon their breaches of fiduciary duty as well.

⁹ This is AeroGrow's stated position as set forth in correspondence attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

based thereon are not only contrary to the plain language of the Statute, other principles of statutory construction, and the Model Business Corporation Act upon which Nevada's Dissenter's Statute is based, but AeroGrow's conduct can only be considered a willful violation of the Statute. The Court should not allow such egregious behavior that has disrupted the dissenter's rights process and forced Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel to incur substantial time and expense to protect their rights.

- A. THE DEADLINE TO DELIVER A LETTER OF CONSENT FROM THE STOCKHOLDER OF RECORD IS THE DATE THE DEMAND FOR PAYMENT IS DUE, NOT THE DATE OF THE VOTE ON THE MERGER.
- 1. <u>The Plain Language of the Statute Makes it Clear that the Deadline to Submit the Consent Letter is When the Demand for Payment is Due.</u>

AeroGrow is attempting to equate the language "before the vote is taken" in NRS 92A.420(1)(a), with the language "not later than the time the beneficial stockholder asserts dissenter's rights" in NRS 92A.400(2). These deadlines, however, are two separate time periods.

"The goal of statutory interpretation is to give effect to the Legislature's intent." Figueroa-Beltran v. United States, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 45, 467 P.3d 615, 621 (2020) (quoting Williams v. State, Dep't of Corr., 133 Nev. 594, 596, 402 P.3d 1260, 1262 (2017)) (internal quotations omitted). "To ascertain the Legislature's intent, [courts] look to the statute's plain language." Id. "[W]hen a statute's language is clear and unambiguous, the apparent intent must be given effect, as there is no room for construction." Edgington v. Edgington, 119 Nev. 577, 582–83, 80 P.3d 1282, 1286 (2003). Williams v. State Dep't of Corr., 133 Nev. 594, 596, 402 P.3d 1260, 1262 (2017). "[Courts] avoid statutory interpretation that renders language meaningless or superfluous." Figueroa-Beltran, 467 P.3d at 621 (quoting Hobbs v. State, 127 Nev. 234, 237, 251 P.3d 177, 179 (2011)). "If the statute's language is clear and unambiguous, [courts] will enforce the statute as written." Id.

The plain language of NRS 92A.400 shows that the prerequisite notice was merely a notice of "*intent*" to demand payment in the event the merger was approved, as opposed to actually *asserting* dissenter's rights, which is the language used in NRS 92A.400.

First, it is axiomatic that an "intent" is not an "assertion." Second, because NRS 92A.420(1)(a) uses the language "if the proposed action is effectuated," it is contemplated that there may not even be a merger. In such instance, it would be nonsensical for a stockholder to actually exercise dissenter's rights prior to a failed vote, and thus no merger. Simply stated, a stockholder cannot exercise dissenter's rights when there is no merger. As a result, the plain language in the statutes make it clear that the deadline to deliver the prerequisite *notice of intent* to demand payment of shares could not be the same deadline to actually *assert* dissenter's rights. Therefore, based on the plain language in the statute the Court should declare the deadline to deliver the consent letter to be the deadline to submit the Demand for Payment form.

2. Even if Ambiguous, Other Principles of Statutory Interpretation Show the Deadline to Deliver the Consent Letter is When the Demand for Payment is Due, Not the Date of the Merger Vote.

Even if the Court believed the different deadline language in NRS 92A.400(2) and NRS 92A.420(1)(a) to be ambiguous, principles of statutory construction still mandate the conclusion that the deadlines are different. "Only when the statute is ambiguous, meaning that it is subject to more than one reasonable interpretation, do [courts] look beyond the language [of the statute] to consider its meaning in light of its spirit, subject matter, and public policy." *Figueroa-Beltran*, 467 P.3d at 621 (alteration in original) (internal quotations omitted); *see e.g. State v. Lucero*, 127 Nev. 92, 95, 249 P.3d 1226, 1228 (2011) (explaining that when a statute is ambiguous, this court may then look to legislative history and construe the statute in a manner consistent with reason and public policy). "Likewise, [a] court will interpret a rule or statute in harmony with other rules

and statutes." *Id.* quoting *Clay v. Eighth Judicial Dish Court*, 129 Nev. 445, 451, 305 P.3d 898, 902 (2013) (internal quotations omitted).

The use of different terminology in a statute "evinces the legislature's intent that different meanings apply to the two terms" *Labastida v. State*, 115 Nev. 298, 302–03, 986 P.2d 443, 446 (1999); *see also Garnett v. ADT LLC*, 74 F. Supp. 3d 1332, 1335 (E.D. Cal. 2015) ("It is a 'well-established canon of statutory interpretation' that the use of different words or terms within a statute demonstrates an intent to convey a different meaning for those words.")

Here, the Nevada Legislature chose to use the language "before the vote is taken" with respect to the Notice of Intent (NRS 92A.420(2)), while using the language "not later than the time the beneficial stockholder asserts dissenter's rights" (NRS 92A.400(2)) with respect to the consent letters. The legislature's use of different language makes it clear that these two (2) times periods are different. In fact, if the Legislature intended the deadlines to be the same, it could have easily used the same language of "before the vote is taken" with respect to the deadline for the consent letters in NRS 92.400(2). But the fact that different language was used is dispositive.

Moreover, it is telling that NRS 92A refers to those holding shares in the corporation as "stockholders" prior to the time of submitting the Demand for Payment under NRS 92.440, then switches to identifying them as "dissenters" after they deliver the Demand for Payment. Such change in terminology further reflects the Nevada Legislature's intent that the actual assertion of dissenter's rights occurs when the Demand for Payment is made, not when the Intent to Demand Payment for Shares is submitted.

In addition, NRS 92A.440(3) explains that once a stockholder "makes a demand for payment, that stockholder loses all rights as a stockholder, unless the stockholder withdraws pursuant to subsection 4." Thus, this section further demonstrates that it is when the demand for payment is made that the stockholder is electing to exercise dissenter's rights, and is no longer a stockholder.

Finally, this interpretation naturally makes sense and is consistent with public policy. Most beneficial stockholders who purchase their shares through brokerages, are unaware that their shares are actually in the name of DTC/Cede. It takes time for a beneficial stockholder to contact a broker to request the consent letter, who must then prepare its own letter to DTC/Cede to request the consent letter. DTC/Cede must then prepare the actual consent letter to submit to the corporation. Often, beneficial owners do not become aware that they may have the right to dissent until shortly before the merger vote. Some never even received proxy materials.

In such instances it would be impossible for them to obtain a consent letter prior to the vote on the merger. By making the deadline to deliver the consent letter as the date the beneficial stockholder delivers the demand for payment form, and thus actually exercises dissenter's rights, the legislature provided time for the beneficial stockholders to not only decide whether to exercise dissenter's rights, but time to obtain the consent letters from the stockholders of record, such as DTC/Cede.

3. The Model Corporation Business Act, Upon Which Nevada's Dissenter's Rights Statute is Based, Makes Clear that the Deadline to Submit the Consent Letter is when the Demand for Payment is Due.

Perhaps most telling of when the consent letter is due comes from the Model Corporation Business Act. The provisions of NRS 92A.300–92A.500 "are patterned after, or are identical to, the provisions of the 1984 Model Business Corporation Act ("Model Act")." *Cohen v. Mirage Resorts, Inc.*, 119 Nev. 1, 10, 62 P.3d 720, 726 (2003). Chapter 13 of the Model Act sets forth "Appraisal Rights." *See* Exhibit E.

Just like NRS 92A.440, Section 13.21 of the Model Act requires a shareholder to submit, "before the vote is taken, written notice of the shareholder's intent to demand payment if the proposed action is effectuated." (emphasis added). Likewise, Section 13.03 of the Model Act is virtually identical to NRS 92A.400(b). That section of the Model Act states:

- (b) A beneficial shareholder and a voting trust beneficial owner may assert appraisal rights as to shares of any class or series held on behalf of the shareholder only if such shareholder:
- (1) submits to the corporation the record shareholder's written consent to the assertion of such rights *not later than date referred to in Section 13.22(b)(2)(ii)*; ... (Emphasis added).

Section 13.22 of the Model Act is virtually equivalent to NRS 92A.420, which requires the corporation to send an "appraisal notice" – which is equivalent to a Dissenter's Notice under NRS 92A.420 – to the stockholders along with a form containing instructions on where and where to deliver the form. Significantly, Section 13.22(b)(2)(ii) states that the appraisal notice must provide: "a date by which the corporation shall receive the form, which date may not be fewer than 40 nor more than 60 days after the date the subsection (a) appraisal notice is sent . . ."

Therefore, the deadline to submit the consent letter under Section 13.03 is the deadline to submit the form under Section 13.22(b)(2) – which is the date set by the corporation after the appraisal notice is sent (aka the deadline to submit the Demand for Payment Form), and well after, and completely different from, the deadline to submit the Notice of Intent to Demand Payment (aka. the merger vote date).

Therefore, given that Nevada's Dissenter's Rights Statute is based on, and virtually identical to, the Model Act, there can be no question that the deadline to submit the consent letter under NRS 92A.400(2) is the date set by AeroGrow in its Dissenter's Notice packet to submit the Demand for Payment Form under NRS 92A.440. Consequently, AeroGrow's erroneous interpretation of the deadline in NRS 92A.400(2) is completely inconsistent with the plain language of the statute, other principles of statutory construction, and the Model Act upon which Nevada's law is based. Any attempt by AeroGrow to now argue that Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors had to submit a consent letter before the merger vote can only be considered completely disingenuous and in bad faith – yet not entirely surprising given the level of disdain that Defendants have shown to minority stockholders during this entire merger process.

In light of the foregoing, and consistent with the language of the statute, the Model Act and the Nevada Legislature's intent, the Court should declare that the deadline for beneficial owners to submit a letter of consent from the stockholder of record under NRS 92A.400(2) is the time the Demand for Payment forms are due, and not at the time the vote on the merger is taken.

B. AEROGROW'S IMPROPER INTERPRETATION OF THE STATUTE AND CONDUCT HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR BENEFICIAL STOCKHOLDERS TO COMPLY WI TH NRS 92A.400

As explained above, and below, not only has AeroGrow never sent a Dissenter's Notice packet to Plaintiff or Plaintiff-Intervenors that would trigger certain deadlines, but its conduct in misapplying the law has made it impossible for Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors to obtain the consent letters. Because AeroGrow unilaterally decided to repurchase the stock of beneficial stockholders without their authorization, the shares no longer exist. Despite numerous requests by beneficial owners to their brokers to obtain the consent letters, and many hours by counsel communicating with brokers and DTC to obtain the consent letters, the response was the same: neither the brokers nor DTC/Cede could provide the consent letters because the shares were sold.

Therefore, because AeroGrow unlawfully repurchased the shares in violation of NRS 92A, the beneficial stockholders are unable to obtain the consent letters under NRS 92A.400(2). In fact, it is now impossible to obtain the consent letters as a consequence of AeroGrow's wrongful violation of the provisions of NRS 92A. The Court should therefore recognize this impossibility (as well as Defendants' role in creating it) and waive the requirement for Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors to submit a consent letter.

C. THE COURT SHOULD ISSUE AN ORDER: (1) DECLARING AEROGROW IN VIOLATION OF NRS 92A; (2) WAIVING THE OBLIGATION TO OBTAIN THE CONSENT LETTERS; AND (3) COMPELLING AEROGROW TO PROVIDE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH DISSENTERS NOTICES WITH NEW DEADLINES

Because AeroGrow not only prematurely sold Plaintiff's and Plaintiff-Intervenors' shares making it impossible for them to obtain the consent letters prior to the deadline to "assert" dissenter's rights (aka the deadline to deliver the Demand for Payment Form), AeroGrow failed to send them Dissenter's Notices as required by NRS 92A.430.

AeroGrow is represented by sophisticated counsel, and one of the largest law firms in the United States (Jones Day). AeroGrow cannot argue that it simply did not understand the statute,

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or that it merely made a mistake. In fact, the Proxy that it filed with the SEC repeatedly stated that stockholders must follow, comply with, and strictly adhere to, the Dissenter's Rights Statutes or they will lose their rights, and that due to the complexity of the Statutes they should consult legal counsel. As their proxy stated:

A copy of the full text of the Dissenter's Rights Statutes is included as Annex C to this proxy statement. Failure to follow the procedures set forth in the Dissenters' Rights Statutes will result in forfeiture of dissenter's rights. You are encouraged to read these provisions carefully and in their entirety. Moreover, due to the complexity of the procedures for exercising dissenter's rights, stockholders who are considering exercising such rights are encouraged to seek the advice of legal counsel.

Exhibit F, at 9 (emphasis added).

Stockholders intending to exercise dissenter's rights should carefully review Annex C to this proxy statement and *strictly adhere* to the Dissenter's Rights Statutes. Failure to follow any of the statutory procedures precisely may result in termination or waiver of these rights.

Id. at 81 (emphasis added). Similarly, and in all capitals and bold, AeroGrow stated:

ANY HOLDER WHO WISHES TO BE DEEMED A DISSENTING STOCKHOLDER AND BE ENTITLED TO EXERCISE DISSENTER'S RIGHTS, OR WHO WISHES TO PRESERVE SUCH HOLDER'S RIGHT TO DO SO, SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE FOREGOING SUMMARY AND ANNEX C BECAUSE FAILURE TO TIMELY AND PROPERLY COMPLY WITH THE PROCEDURES SPECIFIED THEREIN WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF DISSENTER'S RIGHTS. **BECAUSE** OF THE COMPLEXITY MOREOVER, OF PROCEDURES FOR EXERCISING THE RIGHT TO SEEK APPRAISAL OF SHARES, THE COMPANY BELIEVES THAT, IF A STOCKHOLDER CONSIDERS EXERCISING SUCH RIGHTS, SUCH STOCKHOLDER SHOULD SEEK THE ADVICE OF SUCH STOCKHOLDER'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

Id. at 82 (emphasis in original).

Remarkably, despite AeroGrow's admonitions, it is AeroGrow that failed to follow, comply with and strictly adhere to the Dissenter's Rights Statutes. AeroGrow and its counsel cannot argue that they did not understand the Statutes. AeroGrow and its counsel knew what was required by the Dissenter's Rights Statutes. They simply and intentionally chose not to comply with them. Consequently, this Court should issue an order declaring AeroGrow in violation of the provision of NRS 92A. Otherwise, they will continue to flaunt the requirements of the Statutes.

In addition, given AeroGrow's failure to comply with the provision of NRS 92A, and their unlawful conduct that made it impossible for beneficial stockholders to obtain consent letters from the stockholders of record, the Court should issue an order waiving the requirement that beneficial owners submit a letter of consent from the stockholders of record. Such letters cannot be obtained as result of AeroGrow's premature and unlawful repurchase of their shares. At minimum, and to the extent AeroGrow has become the stockholder of record of those shares, the Court should compel AeroGrow to issue consent letters on behalf of the beneficial owners.

Finally, because AeroGrow has failed to provide Dissenter's Notices to the beneficial owners who filed a Notice of Intent to Demand Payment of Shares as required by NRS 92A.430, the Court should compel AeroGrow to send Dissenter's Notices to them. In addition, the new Dissenter's Notices must identify new deadlines by which the Demand for Payment forms must be submitted. This is the only process to get the dissenter's rights action back on track so that Plaintiff's and Plaintiff-Intervenor's rights are protected and the fair value of AeroGrow's shares can eventually be determined.

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IV. **CONCLUSION**

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In light of the foregoing, the Court should grant Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenors' Joint Motion to Compel/Determine Compliance with NRS 92A, Or Alternatively, Injunctive Relief on an Order Shortening Time.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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AeroGrow International, Inc.
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701 S. Carson Street, Suite 200
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Pursuant to NRS 92A.420; Special Meeting Dated February 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Board of Directors:

Please be advised that the law firm of Marquis Aurbach Coffing represents Mr. Bradley Louis Radoff ("Radoff") who is a stockholder of AeroGrow International, Inc. (the "Company") Reference is made to the February 23, 2021 Special Meeting of the Shareholders and Merger Agreement further described in the Company's January 22, 2021 definitive proxy statement.

Pursuant to NRS 92A.420(1)(a), Bradley Louis Radoff, the stockholder of record of 559,299 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of AeroGrow International, Inc. (collectively the "Shares"), does hereby (a) give written notice of his intent to exercise dissenter's rights and (b) demands payment for shares if the proposed merger transaction is approved at the above-referenced Special Meeting of the Shareholders.

Stockholder:

Bradley Louis Radoff

Address:

c/o Terry A. Coffing, Esq. Alexander K. Calaway, Esq. Marquis Aurbach Coffing Las Vegas, NV 89145 tcoffing@maclaw.com acalaway@maclaw.com

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Please direct all future correspondence and notices to the undersigned address set forth above.

Sincerely,

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Exhibit B

AEROGROW INTERNATIONAL, INC.

DISSENTER'S NOTICE

March 5, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") 92A.430, that effective on February 26, 2021, AeroGrow International, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the "Corporation") effectuated the Merger (as defined below) contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 11, 2020 (as amended to date, the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Corporation, SMG Growing Media, Inc., an Ohio corporation ("Parent"), AGI Acquisition Sub, Inc., a Nevada corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent ("Merger Sub"), and, solely for the purposes stated in Section 6.4 of the Merger Agreement, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, an Ohio corporation ("Scotts Miracle-Gro"). Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub merged with and into the Corporation (the "Merger"), with the Corporation continuing as the surviving corporation in the Merger as a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Scotts Miracle-Gro.

In accordance with NRS Chapter 92A, the Merger Agreement was adopted and approved by the respective boards of directors of the Corporation and Merger Sub, and approved (i) by the vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the outstanding common stock of the Corporation at a special meeting held on February 23, 2021, and (ii) by the written consent of the Corporation, in its capacity as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub prior to the effective time of the Merger (the "Effective Time").

In the Merger, each Eligible Share (as defined below) has been converted into the right to receive \$3.00 in cash, without interest thereon and subject to any required withholding of taxes (the "Per Share Merger Consideration"), and has ceased to be outstanding, has been cancelled and has ceased to exist. An "Eligible Share" is a share of common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time other than (i) shares then held by Parent and any shares then held by the Corporation (such shares, the "Excluded Shares") and (ii) shares then held by stockholders ("Dissenting Stockholders") who have properly asserted dissenter's rights under NRS 92A.300 through 92A.500, inclusive (the "Dissenter's Rights Statutes"), and who have not withdrawn or otherwise waived or lost such dissenter's rights (such shares, the "Dissenting Shares"). Each Excluded Share has ceased to be outstanding, has been cancelled without payment of any consideration therefor and has ceased to exist. Each share of common stock of Merger Sub, issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time has been automatically converted into one share of the common stock of the Corporation, as the surviving corporation in the Merger. From and after the Effective Time, there shall be no transfers on the stock transfer books or ledger of the Corporation of any Eligible Shares or Dissenting Shares.

At the Effective Time, the Dissenting Shares outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time and held immediately prior to the Effective Time by a Dissenting Stockholder, have been cancelled without payment of any consideration and have ceased to exist. No Dissenting Stockholder is entitled to receive the Per Share Merger Consideration with respect to the Dissenting Shares formerly owned by such Dissenting Stockholder. Each Dissenting Stockholder is entitled to receive only the payment of the fair value (as defined in NRS 92A.320) of the Dissenting Shares formerly owned by such Dissenting Stockholder in accordance with the Dissenter's Rights Statutes, solely to the extent such Dissenting Stockholder has properly asserted and not withdrawn or otherwise lost, and is otherwise entitled to, dissenter's rights in accordance with the Dissenter's Rights Statutes.

IN ORDER TO DEMAND PAYMENT UNDER THE DISSENTER'S RIGHTS STATUTES, A DISSENTING STOCKHOLDER MUST COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISSENTER'S RIGHTS STATUTES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, MAKING A WRITTEN DEMAND FOR PAYMENT USING THE ATTACHED FORM AND OTHERWISE COMPLYING WITH THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS OF NRS 92A.440. However, if any Dissenting Stockholder withdraws its assertion of dissenter's rights or demand for payment, or otherwise waives or loses its dissenter's rights, under the Dissenter's Rights Statutes with respect to such Dissenting Stockholder's Dissenting Shares, all such Dissenting Shares will be deemed to have been Eligible

Shares and thereupon be converted into the right to receive, without any interest thereon, the Per Share Merger Consideration with respect to such Eligible Shares pursuant to the Merger Agreement.

IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE DISSENTER'S RIGHTS STATUTES, EACH DISSENTING STOCKHOLDER SHOULD CONSULT HIS, HER OR ITS LEGAL COUNSEL AND OTHER RELEVANT ADVISERS PRIOR TO COMPLETING AND RETURNING THE ATTACHED DEMAND FOR PAYMENT FORM.

Pursuant to NRS 92A.430 and 92A.440, a Dissenting Stockholder must take the following steps:

- The Dissenting Stockholder must complete the Demand for Payment Form attached to this Notice as Exhibit A.
- 2. The Demand for Payment Form (along with all certificates, if any, formerly evidencing the shares of the common stock of the Corporation formerly held by the Dissenting Stockholder) must be received by the Corporation no later than <u>April 12, 2021</u>, at the following address:

AeroGrow International, Inc. Attn: Bernard K. Asirifi 14111 Scottslawn Road Marysville, Ohio 43041

The Dissenting Stockholder shall be deemed to have waived the right to demand payment with respect to all shares of the common stock of the Corporation formerly held by the Dissenting Stockholder unless the completed and signed Demand for Payment Form is received by the Corporation by the date specified above.

3. The Dissenting Stockholder must indicate, on the Demand for Payment Form, whether such Dissenting Stockholder was the beneficial owner his, her or its shares of the common stock of the Corporation as of November 12, 2020, which was the date on which the terms of the Merger were first announced to the news media or to the Corporation's stockholders generally.

A copy of the Dissenter's Rights Statutes is attached to this Notice as Exhibit B. A Dissenting Stockholder with questions regarding the requirements of and the procedures set forth in the Dissenter's Rights Statutes should consult his, her or its legal counsel and other relevant advisers. FAILURE TO STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS NOTICE AND THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE NRS CAN RESULT IN THE LOSS OF DISSENTER'S RIGHTS.

Dated as of the date first written above.

AEROGROW INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Bernard K. Hsirifi

Name: Bernard K. Asirifi Title: Assistant Secretary

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EXHIBIT A

DEMAND FOR PAYMENT FORM

THIS FORM IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE OF THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED UPON DISSENTING STOCKHOLDERS UNDER NEVADA LAW. IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE DISSENTER'S RIGHTS STATUTES (AS DEFINED BELOW), EACH DISSENTING STOCKHOLDER SHOULD CONSULT HIS, HER OR ITS LEGAL COUNSEL AND OTHER RELEVANT ADVISERS PRIOR TO COMPLETING AND RETURNING THIS DEMAND FOR PAYMENT FORM.

Effective on February 26, 2021, AeroGrow International, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the "Corporation") effectuated the Merger (as defined below) contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 11, 2020 (as amended to date, the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Corporation, SMG Growing Media, Inc., an Ohio corporation ("Parent"), AGI Acquisition Sub, Inc., a Nevada corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent ("Merger Sub"), and, solely for the purposes stated in Section 6.4 of the Merger Agreement, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, an Ohio corporation ("Scotts Miracle-Gro"). Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub merged with and into the Corporation (the "Merger"), with the Corporation continuing as the surviving corporation in the Merger as a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Scotts Miracle-Gro.

The undersigned, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive (the "Dissenter's Rights Statutes"), hereby demands payment for all shares of common stock of the Corporation that (i) were owned by the undersigned immediately prior to the effective time of the Merger and (ii) as to which the undersigned has dissenter's rights as of the date hereof. Announcement of the terms of the Merger was first made to the news media or the Corporation's stockholders generally on November 12, 2020 (the "Announcement Date"). Pursuant to NRS 92A.440, the undersigned former holder of common stock of the Corporation hereby certifies that the undersigned acquired beneficial ownership of all such shares (please check only one box):

prior to the Announcement Date	on or after the Announcement Date
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Demand for Payment h	nas been signed on, 2021.
(Print	or type full name of stockholder)
(Signa	ature)
(Title	, if applicable)

THIS DEMAND FOR PAYMENT FORM, PROPERLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED, MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION, ALONG WITH ANY AND ALL CERTIFICATES FORMERLY EVIDENCING THE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF THE CORPORATION YOU FORMERLY OWNED, BY NO LATER THAN <u>APRIL 12, 2021</u>. YOU SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE WAIVED THE RIGHT TO DEMAND PAYMENT WITH RESPECT TO ALL SHARES OF THE COMMON STOCK OF THE CORPORATION YOU FORMERLY OWNED UNLESS THE PROPERLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM IS RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION BY SUCH DATE.

EXHIBIT B

DISSENTER'S RIGHTS STATUTES (NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 92A.300 TO 92A.500)

[attached]

RIGHTS OF DISSENTING OWNERS

NRS 92A.300 Definitions. As used in NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 92A.305 to 92A.335, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2086)

NRS 92A.305 "Beneficial stockholder" defined. "Beneficial stockholder" means a person who is a beneficial owner of shares held in a voting trust or by a nominee as the stockholder of record. (Added to NRS by 1995, 2087)

NRS 92A.310 "Corporate action" defined. "Corporate action" means the action of a domestic corporation. (Added to NRS by 1995, 2087)

NRS 92A.315 "Dissenter" defined. "Dissenter" means a stockholder who is entitled to dissent from a domestic corporation's action under NRS 92A.380 and who exercises that right when and in the manner required by <u>NRS 92A.400</u> to <u>92A.480</u>, inclusive. (Added to NRS by <u>1995, 2087</u>; A <u>1999, 1631</u>)

NRS 92A.320 "Fair value" defined. "Fair value," with respect to a dissenter's shares, means the value of the shares determined:

1. Immediately before the effectuation of the corporate action to which the dissenter objects, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of the corporate action unless exclusion would be inequitable;

2. Using customary and current valuation concepts and techniques generally employed for similar businesses in the context of the transaction requiring appraisal; and

3. Without discounting for lack of marketability or minority status. (Added to NRS by 1995, 2087; A 2009, 1720)

NRS 92A.325 "Stockholder" defined. "Stockholder" means a stockholder of record or a beneficial stockholder of a domestic corporation. (Added to NRS by 1995, 2087)

NRS 92A.330 "Stockholder of record" defined. "Stockholder of record" means the person in whose name shares are registered in the records of a domestic corporation or the beneficial owner of shares to the extent of the rights granted by a nominee's certificate on file with the domestic corporation. (Added to NRS by 1995, 2087)

NRS 92A.335 "Subject corporation" defined. "Subject corporation" means the domestic corporation which is the issuer of the shares held by a dissenter before the corporate action creating the dissenter's rights becomes effective or the surviving or acquiring entity of that issuer after the corporate action becomes effective, (Added to NRS by 1995, 2087)

NRS 92A.340 Computation of interest. Interest payable pursuant to NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive, must be computed from the effective date of the action until the date of payment, at the rate of interest most recently established pursuant to NRS 99.040.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2087; A 2009, 1721)

NRS 92A.350 Rights of dissenting partner of domestic limited partnership. A partnership agreement of a domestic limited partnership or, unless otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, an agreement of merger or exchange, may provide that contractual rights with respect to the partnership interest of a dissenting general or limited partner of a domestic limited partnership are available for any class or group of partnership interests in connection with any merger or exchange in which the domestic limited partnership is a constituent entity. (Added to NRS by <u>1995, 2088</u>)

NRS 92A.360 Rights of dissenting member of domestic limited-liability company. The articles of organization or operating agreement of a domestic limited-liability company or, unless otherwise provided in the articles of organization or operating agreement, an agreement of merger or exchange, may provide that contractual rights with respect to the interest of a dissenting member are available in connection with any merger or exchange in which the domestic limited-liability company is a constituent entity.

(Added to NRS by <u>1995, 2088</u>)

NRS 92A.370 Rights of dissenting member of domestic nonprofit corporation.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, and unless otherwise provided in the articles or bylaws, any member of any constituent domestic nonprofit corporation who voted against the merger may, without prior notice, but within 30 days after the effective date of the merger, resign from membership and is thereby excused from all contractual obligations to the constituent or surviving corporations which did not occur before the member's resignation and is thereby entitled to those rights, if any, which would have existed if there had been no merger and the

membership had been terminated or the member had been expelled.

Unless otherwise provided in its articles of incorporation or bylaws, no member of a domestic nonprofit corporation, including, but not limited to, a cooperative corporation, which supplies services described in chapter 704 of NRS to its members only, and no person who is a member of a domestic nonprofit corporation as a condition of or by reason of the ownership of an interest in real property, may resign and dissent pursuant to subsection 1.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2088)

NRS 92A.380 Right of stockholder to dissent from certain corporate actions and to obtain payment for shares.

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 92A.370 and 92A.390 and subject to the limitation in paragraph (f), any stockholder is entitled to dissent from, and obtain payment of the fair value of the stockholder's shares in the event of any of the following corporate actions:

(a) Consummation of a plan of merger to which the domestic corporation is a constituent entity:

(1) If approval by the stockholders is required for the merger by NRS 92A.120 to 92A.160, inclusive, or the articles of incorporation, regardless of whether the stockholder is entitled to vote on the plan of merger

(2) If the domestic corporation is a subsidiary and is merged with its parent pursuant to NRS 92A.180; or

(3) If the domestic corporation is a constituent entity in a merger pursuant to NRS 92A.133.
(b) Consumunation of a plan of conversion to which the domestic corporation is a constituent entity as the corporation whose subject owner's interests will be converted.

(c) Consummation of a plan of exchange to which the domestic corporation is a constituent entity as the corporation whose subject owner's interests will be acquired, if the stockholder's shares are to be acquired in the plan

(d) Any corporate action taken pursuant to a vote of the stockholders to the extent that the articles of incorporation, bylaws or a resolution of the board of directors provides that voting or nonvoting stockholders are entitled to dissent and obtain payment for their shares.

(e) Accordance of full voting rights to control shares, as defined in NRS 78.3784, only to the extent provided for

pursuant to NRS 78.3793

(f) Any corporate action not described in this subsection pursuant to which the stockholder would be obligated, as a result of the corporate action, to accept money or scrip rather than receive a fraction of a share in exchange for the cancellation of all the stockholder's outstanding shares, except where the stockholder would not be entitled to receive such payment pursuant to NRS 78.205, 78.2055 or 78.207. A dissent pursuant to this paragraph applies only to the fraction of a share, and the stockholder is entitled only to obtain payment of the fair value of the fraction of a share.

2. A stockholder who is entitled to dissent and obtain payment pursuant to NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive, must not challenge the corporate action creating the entitlement unless the action is unlawful or constitutes or is the

result of actual fraud against the stockholder or the domestic corporation.

3. Subject to the limitations in this subsection, from and after the effective date of any corporate action described in subsection 1, no stockholder who has exercised the right to dissent pursuant to NRS 92A 300 to 92A 500, inclusive, is entitled to vote his or her shares for any purpose or to receive payment of dividends or any other distributions on shares. This subsection does not apply to dividends or other distributions payable to stockholders on a date before the effective date of any corporate action from which the stockholder has dissented. If a stockholder exercises the right to dissent with respect to a corporate action described in paragraph (f) of subsection 1, the restrictions of this subsection apply only to the shares to be converted into a fraction of a share and the dividends and distributions to those shares.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2087; A 2001, 1414, 3199; 2003, 3189; 2005, 2204; 2007, 2438; 2009, 1721; 2011,

2814;2019, 109)

NRS 92A.390 Limitations on right of dissent: Stockholders of certain classes or series; action of stockholders not required for plan of merger; shares of stock not issued and outstanding on date of first announcement of proposed action.

1. There is no right of dissent pursuant to paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (f) of subsection 1 of NRS 92A.380 in favor of

stockholders of any class or series which is:

(a) A covered security under section 18(b)(1)(A) or (B) of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. § 77r(b)(1)(A) or

(B), as amended;

- (b) Traded in an organized market and has at least 2,000 stockholders and a market value of at least \$20,000,000, exclusive of the value of such shares held by the corporation's subsidiaries, senior executives, directors and beneficial stockholders owning more than 10 percent of such shares; or
- (c) Issued by an open end management investment company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. §§ 80a-1 et seq., as amended, and which may be redeemed at the option of the holder at net asset value,

unless the articles of incorporation of the corporation issuing the class or series or the resolution of the board of directors approving the plan of merger, conversion or exchange expressly provide otherwise.

The applicability of subsection 1 must be determined as of:

(a) The record date fixed to determine the stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the meeting of stockholders to act upon the corporate action requiring dissenter's rights; or

(b) The day before the effective date of such corporate action if there is no meeting of stockholders.
3. Subsection 1 is not applicable and dissenter's rights are available pursuant to NRS 92A 380 for the holders of any class or series of shares who are required by the terms of the corporate action to accept for such shares anything other than:

(a) Cash:

(b) Any security or other proprietary interest of any other entity, including, without limitation, shares, equity interests or contingent value rights, that satisfies the standards set forth in subsection 1 at the time the corporate action becomes effective; or

(c) Any combination of paragraphs (a) and (b).
4. There is no right of dissent for any holders of stock of the surviving domestic corporation if the plan of merger does not require action of the stockholders of the surviving domestic corporation under NRS 92A.130

5. There is no right of dissent for any holders of stock of the parent domestic corporation if the plan of merger

does not require action of the stockholders of the parent domestic corporation under NRS 92A.180.

6. There is no right of dissent with respect to any share of stock that was not issued and outstanding on the date of the first announcement to the news media or to the stockholders of the terms of the proposed action requiring dissenter's rights.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2088; A 2009, 1722; 2013, 1285; 2019, 110, 2495)

NRS 92A.400 Limitations on right of dissent: Assertion as to portions only to shares registered to stockholder; assertion by beneficial stockholder.

- 1. A stockholder of record may assert dissenter's rights as to fewer than all of the shares registered in his or her name only if the stockholder of record dissents with respect to all shares of the class or series beneficially owned by any one person and notifies the subject corporation in writing of the name and address of each person on whose behalf the stockholder of record asserts dissenter's rights. The rights of a partial dissenter under this subsection are determined as if the shares as to which the partial dissenter dissents and his or her other shares were registered in the names of different stockholders.
- 2. A beneficial stockholder may assert dissenter's rights as to shares held on his or her behalf only if the beneficial stockholder:
- (a) Submits to the subject corporation the written consent of the stockholder of record to the dissent not later than the time the beneficial stockholder asserts dissenter's rights; and
- (b) Does so with respect to all shares of which he or she is the beneficial stockholder or over which he or she has power to direct the vote.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2089; A 2009, 1723)

NRS 92A.410 Notification of stockholders regarding right of dissent.

- 1. If a proposed corporate action creating dissenter's rights is submitted to a vote at a stockholders' meeting, the notice of the meeting must state that stockholders are, are not or may be entitled to assert dissenter's rights under NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive. If the domestic corporation concludes that dissenter's rights are or may be available, a copy of NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive, must accompany the meeting notice sent to those stockholders of record entitled to exercise dissenter's rights.
- 2. If the corporate action creating dissenter's rights is taken by written consent of the stockholders or without a vote of the stockholders, the domestic corporation shall notify in writing all stockholders of record entitled to assert dissenter's rights that the action was taken and send them the dissenter's notice described in NRS 92A.430.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2089; A 1997, 730; 2009, 1723; 2013, 1286; 2019, 111)

NRS 92A.420 Prerequisites to demand for payment for shares.

1. If a proposed corporate action creating dissenter's rights is submitted to a vote at a stockholders' meeting, a stockholder who wishes to assert dissenter's rights with respect to any class or series of shares:

(a) Must deliver to the subject corporation, before the vote is taken, written notice of the stockholder's intent to

demand payment for his or her shares if the proposed action is effectuated; and

- (b) Must not vote, or cause or permit to be voted, any of his or her shares of such class or series in favor of the proposed action.
- 2. If a proposed corporate action creating dissenter's rights is taken by written consent of the stockholders, a stockholder who wishes to assert dissenter's rights with respect to any class or series of shares must not consent to or approve the proposed corporate action with respect to such class or series.

3. A stockholder who does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 1 or 2 and NRS 92A.400 is not entitled to payment for his or her shares under this chapter.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2089; A 1999, 1631; 2005, 2204; 2009, 1723; 2013, 1286)

NRS 92A.430 Dissenter's notice: Delivery to stockholders entitled to assert rights; contents.

1. The subject corporation shall deliver a written dissenter's notice to all stockholders of record entitled to assert dissenter's rights in whole or in part, and any beneficial stockholder who has previously asserted dissenter's rights pursuant to NRS 92A.400.

2. The dissenter's notice must be sent no later than 10 days after the effective date of the corporate action

specified in NRS 92A.380, and must:

(a) State where the demand for payment must be sent and where and when certificates, if any, for shares must be deposited;

(b) Inform the holders of shares not represented by certificates to what extent the transfer of the shares will be restricted after the demand for payment is received;

(c) Supply a form for demanding payment that includes the date of the first announcement to the news media or to the stockholders of the terms of the proposed action and requires that the person asserting dissenter's rights certify whether or not the person acquired beneficial ownership of the shares before that date;

(d) Set a date by which the subject corporation must receive the demand for payment, which may not be less than 30 nor more than 60 days after the date the notice is delivered and state that the stockholder shall be deemed to have waived the right to demand payment with respect to the shares unless the form is received by the subject corporation by such specified date; and

(e) Be accompanied by a copy of NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive. (Added to NRS by 1995, 2089; A 2005, 2205; 2009, 1724; 2013, 1286)

NRS 92A.440 Demand for payment and deposit of certificates; loss of rights of stockholder; withdrawal from appraisal process.

1. A stockholder who receives a dissenter's notice pursuant to <u>NRS 92A.430</u> and who wishes to exercise dissenter's rights must:

(a) Demand payment;

(b) Certify whether the stockholder or the beneficial owner on whose behalf he or she is dissenting, as the case may be, acquired beneficial ownership of the shares before the date required to be set forth in the dissenter's notice for this certification; and

(c) Deposit the stockholder's certificates, if any, in accordance with the terms of the notice.

2. If a stockholder fails to make the certification required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the subject corporation may elect to treat the stockholder's shares as after-acquired shares under NRS 92A,470.

- 3. Once a stockholder deposits that stockholder's certificates or, in the case of uncertified shares makes demand for payment, that stockholder loses all rights as a stockholder, unless the stockholder withdraws pursuant to subsection
- 4. A stockholder who has complied with subsection 1 may nevertheless decline to exercise dissenter's rights and withdraw from the appraisal process by so notifying the subject corporation in writing by the date set forth in the dissenter's notice pursuant to NRS 92A.430. A stockholder who fails to so withdraw from the appraisal process may not thereafter withdraw without the subject corporation's written consent.

5. The stockholder who does not demand payment or deposit his or her certificates where required, each by the

date set forth in the dissenter's notice, is not entitled to payment for his or her shares under this chapter. (Added to NRS by 1995, 2090; A 1997, 730; 2003, 3189; 2009, 1724)

NRS 92A.450 Uncertificated shares: Authority to restrict transfer after demand for payment. The subject corporation may restrict the transfer of shares not represented by a certificate from the date the demand for their payment is received.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2090; A 2009, 1725)

NRS 92A.460 Payment for shares: General requirements.

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 92A.470, within 30 days after receipt of a demand for payment pursuant to NRS 92A.440, the subject corporation shall pay in cash to each dissenter who complied with NRS 92A.440 the amount the subject corporation estimates to be the fair value of the dissenter's shares, plus accrued interest. The obligation of the subject corporation under this subsection may be enforced by the district court:

(a) Of the county where the subject corporation's principal office is located;

- (b) If the subject corporation's principal office is not located in this State, in the county in which the corporation's registered office is located; or
- (c) At the election of any dissenter residing or having its principal or registered office in this State, of the county where the dissenter resides or has its principal or registered office.

The court shall dispose of the complaint promptly.

The payment must be accompanied by:

(a) The subject corporation's balance sheet as of the end of a fiscal year ending not more than 16 months before the date of payment, a statement of income for that year, a statement of changes in the stockholders' equity for that year or, where such financial statements are not reasonably available, then such reasonably equivalent financial information and the latest available quarterly financial statements, if any;

(b) A statement of the subject corporation's estimate of the fair value of the shares; and

(c) A statement of the dissenter's rights to demand payment under NRS 92A 480 and that if any such stockholder does not do so within the period specified, such stockholder shall be deemed to have accepted such payment in full satisfaction of the corporation's obligations under this chapter.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2090; A 2007, 2704; 2009, 1725; 2013, 1287)

NRS 92A.470 Withholding payment for shares acquired on or after date of dissenter's notice: General requirements.

1. A subject corporation may elect to withhold payment from a dissenter unless the dissenter was the beneficial owner of the shares before the date set forth in the dissenter's notice as the first date of any announcement to the news media or to the stockholders of the terms of the proposed action.

2. To the extent the subject corporation elects to withhold payment, within 30 days after receipt of a demand for payment pursuant to NRS 92A.440, the subject corporation shall notify the dissenters described in subsection 1:

(a) Of the information required by paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 92A.460;
(b) Of the subject corporation's estimate of fair value pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 92A.460;
(c) That they may accept the subject corporation's estimate of fair value, plus interest, in full satisfaction of their demands or demand appraisal under NRS 92A.480;

(d) That those stockholders who wish to accept such an offer must so notify the subject corporation of their acceptance of the offer within 30 days after receipt of such offer; and

(e) That those stockholders who do not satisfy the requirements for demanding appraisal under NRS 92A.480 shall

be deemed to have accepted the subject corporation's offer.

3. Within 10 days after receiving the stockholder's acceptance pursuant to subsection 2, the subject corporation shall pay in cash the amount offered under paragraph (b) of subsection 2 to each stockholder who agreed to accept the subject corporation's offer in full satisfaction of the stockholder's demand.

4. Within 40 days after sending the notice described in subsection 2, the subject corporation shall pay in cash the amount offered under paragraph (b) of subsection 2 to each stockholder described in paragraph (e) of subsection 2. (Added to NRS by 1995, 2091; A 2009, 1725; 2013, 1287)

NRS 92A.480 Dissenter's estimate of fair value: Notification of subject corporation; demand for payment of estimate.

1. A dissenter paid pursuant to NRS 92A.460 who is dissatisfied with the amount of the payment may notify the subject corporation in writing of the dissenter's own estimate of the fair value of his or her shares and the amount of interest due, and demand payment of such estimate, less any payment pursuant to NRS 92A.460. A dissenter offered payment pursuant to NRS 92A.470 who is dissatisfied with the offer may reject the offer pursuant to NRS 92A.470 and demand payment of the fair value of his or her shares and interest due.

2. A dissenter waives the right to demand payment pursuant to this section unless the dissenter notifies the subject corporation of his or her demand to be paid the dissenter's stated estimate of fair value plus interest under subsection 1 in writing within 30 days after receiving the subject corporation's payment or offer of payment under NRS 92A.460 or 92A.470 and is entitled only to the payment made or offered.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2091; A 2009, 1726)

NRS 92A.490 Legal proceeding to determine fair value: Duties of subject corporation; powers of court;

rights of dissenter.

1. If a demand for payment pursuant to NRS 92A.480 remains unsettled, the subject corporation shall commence a proceeding within 60 days after receiving the demand and petition the court to determine the fair value of the shares and accrued interest. If the subject corporation does not commence the proceeding within the 60-day period, it shall pay each dissenter whose demand remains unsettled the amount demanded by each dissenter pursuant to NRS

92A.480 plus interest.

- A subject corporation shall commence the proceeding in the district court of the county where its principal office is located in this State. If the principal office of the subject corporation is not located in this State, the right to dissent arose from a merger, conversion or exchange and the principal office of the surviving entity, resulting entity or the entity whose shares were acquired, whichever is applicable, is located in this State, it shall commence the proceeding in the county where the principal office of the surviving entity, resulting entity or the entity whose shares were acquired is located. In all other cases, if the principal office of the subject corporation is not located in this State, the subject corporation shall commence the proceeding in the district court in the county in which the corporation's registered office is located.
- 3. The subject corporation shall make all dissenters, whether or not residents of Nevada, whose demands remain unsettled, parties to the proceeding as in an action against their shares. All parties must be served with a copy of the petition. Nonresidents may be served by registered or certified mail or by publication as provided by law.
- 4. The jurisdiction of the court in which the proceeding is commenced under subsection 2 is plenary and exclusive. The court may appoint one or more persons as appraisers to receive evidence and recommend a decision on the question of fair value. The appraisers have the powers described in the order appointing them, or any amendment thereto. The dissenters are entitled to the same discovery rights as parties in other civil proceedings.

Each dissenter who is made a party to the proceeding is entitled to a judgment:

(a) For the amount, if any, by which the court finds the fair value of the dissenter's shares, plus interest, exceeds the amount paid by the subject corporation; or

(b) For the fair value, plus accrued interest, of the dissenter's after-acquired shares for which the subject corporation elected to withhold payment pursuant to NRS 92A.470.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2091; A 2007, 2705; 2009, 1727; 2011, 2815; 2013, 1288)

NRS 92A.500 Assessment of costs and fees in certain legal proceedings.

1. The court in a proceeding to determine fair value shall determine all of the costs of the proceeding, including the reasonable compensation and expenses of any appraisers appointed by the court. The court shall assess the costs against the subject corporation, except that the court may assess costs against all or some of the dissenters, in amounts the court finds equitable, to the extent the court finds the dissenters acted arbitrarily, vexatiously or not in good faith in demanding payment.

2. The court may also assess the fees and expenses of the counsel and experts for the respective parties, in

amounts the court finds equitable:

(a) Against the subject corporation and in favor of all dissenters if the court finds the subject corporation did not substantially comply with the requirements of NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive; or

(b) Against either the subject corporation or a dissenter in favor of any other party, if the court finds that the party against whom the fees and expenses are assessed acted arbitrarily, vexatiously or not in good faith with respect to the rights provided by NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive.

If the court finds that the services of counsel for any dissenter were of substantial benefit to other dissenters similarly situated, and that the fees for those services should not be assessed against the subject corporation, the court may award to those counsel reasonable fees to be paid out of the amounts awarded to the dissenters who were benefited.

4. In a proceeding commenced pursuant to NRS 92A.460, the court may assess the costs against the subject corporation, except that the court may assess costs against all or some of the dissenters who are parties to the proceeding, in amounts the court finds equitable, to the extent the court finds that such parties did not act in good faith

proceeding, in amounts the court finds equitable, to the extent the court finds that such parties did not act in good faith in instituting the proceeding.

5. To the extent the subject corporation fails to make a required payment pursuant to NRS 92A.460, 92A.470 or 92A.480, the dissenter may bring a cause of action directly for the amount owed and, to the extent the dissenter prevails, is entitled to recover all expenses of the suit.

6. This section does not preclude any party in a proceeding commenced pursuant to NRS 92A.460 or 92A.490 from applying the provisions of NRS 17.117 or N.R.C.P. 68.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2092; A 2009, 1727; 2015, 2566; 2019, 276)

Exhibit C

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Overbrook Capital LLC v. AeroGrow International, Inc., et al., Lead Case No. A-21-827665-B (Radoff v. Hagedorn, et al., Case No. A-21-829854-B)

Dear Terry:

My firm represents AeroGrow International, Inc. ("AeroGrow"), AGI Acquisition Sub, Inc., SMG Growing Media, Inc., The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, Chris Hagedorn, Cory Miller, Patricia M. Ziegler, James Hagedorn, and Peter Supron in connection with the above captioned actions. I am writing concerning the First Amended Complaint filed on March 15, 2021 in *Radoff* and in response to your email of March 16, 2021.

I. AeroGrow Has Complied with NRS Chapter 92A

On behalf of Mr. Radoff, you sent a letter dated February 19, 2021 to the AeroGrow Board of Directors with the subject line, "Notice of Intent to Demand Payment for Shares Pursuant to NRS 92A.420; Special Meeting Dated February 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m." ("February 19 Letter"). Your client did not provide any documentation to substantiate his stated ownership and, because your client does not appear on AeroGrow's record stockholder lists, it appears your client purported to assert dissenter's rights as a beneficial stockholder.

As you know, NRS 92A.400 imposes the following limitation on beneficial stockholders' right of dissent:

- "2. A beneficial stockholder may assert dissenter's rights as to shares held on his or her behalf *only if* the beneficial stockholder:
 - (a) Submits to the subject corporation the written consent of the stockholder of record to the dissent not later than the time the beneficial stockholder asserts dissenter's rights; and

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(b) Does so with respect to all shares of which he or she is the beneficial stockholder or over which he or she has power to direct the vote." (emphasis added).

AeroGrow has not received the statutorily required "written consent of the stockholder of record" to accompany Mr. Radoff's purported notice of intent to demand payment for his shares. To comply with Nevada law, AeroGrow should have received that consent prior to the vote on the Merger, which occurred on February 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. MT, as your February 19 Letter noted.

Because Mr. Radoff, an apparent beneficial stockholder, failed to obtain and submit the "written consent of the stockholder of record to the dissent," he failed to comply with NRS 92A.400 and 92A.420. As you know, NRS 92A.420 (a statutory provision cited in your correspondence accompanying the purported notice of intent to dissent) provides that "[a] stockholder who does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 1 or 2 and NRS 92A.400 is not entitled to payment for his or her shares under this chapter [NRS Chapter 92A]." See NRS 92A.420(3) (emphasis added). Accordingly, AeroGrow had (and has) no obligation to provide Mr. Radoff (or you on his behalf) with a Dissenter's Notice under NRS 92A.430.

Mr. Radoff failed to comply with the clear, statutory prerequisites for demanding payment of fair value under NRS Chapter 92A, and therefore AeroGrow properly paid him the Merger Consideration of \$3.00 per share. Your First Amended Complaint erroneously asserts that Mr. Radoff was paid the Merger Consideration pursuant to NRS 92A.460. But AeroGrow's payment of the Merger Consideration to Mr. Radoff was **not** a payment of "fair value" (as defined in NRS 92A.320) pursuant to NRS 92A.460 or otherwise. As you know, the Merger Consideration is distinct from the statutory "fair value" as defined in NRS 92A.320 and required by NRS 92A.460. For these reasons, the allegations in the First Amended Complaint that AeroGrow did not comply with NRS 92A.460 (e.g., par. 172) are inaccurate and also premature insofar as the dissenters' rights process is continuing.

Simply put, your client failed to comply with Nevada law, so he did not receive a Dissenter's Notice. He received the Merger Consideration to which he was entitled.

AeroGrow has complied with all applicable provisions of NRS Chapter 92A and will continue to do so. AeroGrow reserves all of its rights, defenses, and remedies under applicable law, including, without limitation, NRS 92A.500.

For the above reasons, AeroGrow requests that your client voluntarily dismiss or otherwise withdraw the First Amended Complaint's fourth claim for relief seeking declaratory relief immediately. I also note that Nevada courts have the power to assess fee and expenses where a

¹ All terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in AeroGrow's definitive proxy dated January 22, 2021.

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party acts "arbitrarily, vexatiously or not in good faith with respect to the rights provided by NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive." NRS 92A.500.

II. Appraisal Is the Exclusive Remedy to Challenge the Merger Consideration

Under Nevada law, appraisal is the exclusive remedy for stockholders who seek to challenge the purchase price of a transaction. NRS 92A.380(2). For that reason, Mr. Radoff's first, second, and third claims for relief are precluded from proceeding. To avoid the unnecessary expenditure of the Court's and the parties' resources, my clients request that your client voluntarily dismiss the *Radoff* action immediately.

All rights, remedies, and defenses under Nevada law, including, without limitation, NRS 92A.500, and other applicable law are hereby reserved; nothing in this letter should be construed as a waiver of such rights, remedies, and defenses or admission of any kind.

As we discussed, please let me know if you would like to set up a time to meet and confer on the above matters.

Sincerely,

Maximilien D. Fetaz, Esq.

CC via e-mail:

Marjorie P. Duffy, Esq. Ashley F. Heintz, Esq. Kirk B. Lenhard, Esq. Travis F. Chance, Esq. Brian Kerr, Esq.

Exhibit D

From: Mainiero, Ronald <rmainiero@btig.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 7:26 AM

To: Greg Lempel; Brad Radoff **Subject:** RE: AERO-Dissenters Notices

Hi Greg,

As discussed, due to the fact the merger consideration has been paid, the AERO shares are no longer held at Cede & Co. Goldman is unable to retro actively provide these letters. As stated below, the merger payment would have to be returned to the company and Goldman would need something from the company stating the shares would also be returned to the client.

Goldman replied: It's generally not possible to exercise dissent after the merger has already paid in the market and there is usually a dissenters deadline before a merger completes. Did your client get approval from company or agent to do so? Essentially, are they looking to return the merger payment? Any additional info here would be helpful.

Regards,

Ron Mainiero

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From: Greg Lempel <greg@fondrenlp.com> Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 5:02 PM To: Mainiero, Ronald <rmainiero@btig.com>

Cc: Brad Radoff <brad@fondrenlp.com>; Pontecorvo, Nicholas <npontecorvo@btig.com>

Subject: [ext] RE: AERO-Dissenters Notices

Ron, Can Goldman provide letters for Brad and Radoff Family Foundation similar to attached? We have been advised merger consideration was received for Wolman shares similar to Brad and Radoff Family Foundation.

Please advise what is necessary to have Goldman send these letters on our behalf.

Thank you, Greg

Greg Lempel Fondren Management LP greg@fondrenlp.com 713 482 2196 (o) 713 480 5519 (m)

From: Mainiero, Ronald <<u>rmainiero@btig.com</u>>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 4:15 PM
To: Greg Lempel <greg@fondrenlp.com>

Cc: Brad Radoff < brad@fondrenlp.com >; Pontecorvo, Nicholas < npontecorvo@btig.com >

Subject: RE: AERO-Dissenters Notices

Hi Greg,

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From: Greg Lempel <greg@fondrenlp.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 3:56 PM
To: Mainiero, Ronald <rmainiero@btig.com>

Cc: Brad Radoff < brad@fondrenlp.com >; Pontecorvo, Nicholas < npontecorvo@btig.com >

Subject: [ext] RE: AERO-Dissenters Notices

Ron, Please have goldman instruct DTC for AERO shares previously held in Bradley L. Radoff and Radoff Family Foundation account. Thank you, Greg

Greg Lempel Fondren Management LP greg@fondrenlp.com 713 482 2196 (o) 713 480 5519 (m) From: Mainiero, Ronald <<u>rmainiero@btig.com</u>>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Greg Lempel <<u>greg@fondrenlp.com</u>>

Cc: Brad Radoff < brad@fondrenlp.com >; Pontecorvo, Nicholas < npontecorvo@btig.com >

Subject: RE: AERO-Dissenters Notices

Hi Greg,

Goldman replied: Template is attached. First letter is GS instruction to DTC, and second letter is the one DTC/CEDE & Co will return back to us.

Regards,

Ron Mainiero

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From: Greg Lempel <greg@fondrenlp.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Mainiero, Ronald <rmainiero@btig.com>

Cc: Brad Radoff <brad@fondrenlp.com>; Pontecorvo, Nicholas <npontecorvo@btig.com>

Subject: [ext] RE: AERO-Dissenters Notices

Ron, I contacted DTC and they referred us back to broker (BTIG/Goldman) to access forms referenced in note below. We need forms to exercise Dissenters/Appraisal rights:

PARTICIPANTS WISHING TO EXERCISE DISSENTERS/APPRAISAL RIGHTS THROUGH THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (DTC) SHOULD ACCESS DTC S WEBSITE AT www.dtcc.com CLICK ON THE ASSET SERVICES CATEGORY, THEN CLICK ON THE USER DOCUMENTATION FILE TO RETRIEVE THE REQUIRED FORMS UNDER PROXY SERVICE LETTERS. THE EXECUTED FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO DTC S PROXY DEPARTMENT. 01/25/21: PARTICIPANTS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SCHEDULE 14A BY VISITING DTC S WEBSITE AT: www.dtcc.com/lens - LG20210125-077

Please reply with these forms. Thank you, Greg

Greg Lempel Fondren Management LP greg@fondrenlp.com 713 482 2196 (o) 713 480 5519 (m)

From: Mainiero, Ronald < mainiero@btig.com Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:18 AM

To: Greg Lempel <greg@fondrenlp.com>

Cc: Brad Radoff < brad@fondrenlp.com >; Pontecorvo, Nicholas < npontecorvo@btig.com >

Subject: RE: AERO-Dissenters Notices

Hi Greg,

Goldman replied:

We show the below event has paid. Is there any additional information that you needed for the below query, so that we may research further.

Notification Announcement ID: 79232564

Event Information : Merger - Mandatory Event

Security: AERO GROW INTERNATNL INC CMN

Offer By: SMG GROWING MEDIA IN

Security ID:

Cusip: 00768M202
Isin: US00768M2026

Sedol:

Meeting Date: Feb 23 2021

Pay Date: Mar 1 2021

Term 1:

CASH DISTRIBUTION

• PayDate : Mar 1 2021

• 3.00000000000 USD per 1.00000000000 of holding.

02/25/21: PARTICIPANTS ARE ADVISED THE CASH MERGER WAS APPROVED AT THE MEETING WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE FINAL EFFECTIVE DATE AT THIS TIME. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND UPDATE ACCORDINGLY. XT-CREATE DATE AND TIME:2020-11-16T13:42:20 XT-UPDATE DATE AND TIME:2021-02-25T16:59:40 XT-ASSET TYPE DTCASSTTP:S010 XT-EVENT RDP REFERENCE NUMBER:C7200000768M2020000000000000010 OPTION:(1) RDP REFERENCE NUMBER:C7200000768M202000000000000000101/26/21-PARTICIPANTS WISHING TO EXERCISE DISSENTERS/APPRAISAL RIGHTS

THROUGH DTC CAN OBTAIN THE REQUIRED FORMS AND INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING THE REQUEST AT DTCC S WEBSITE: DTCC.COM/SETTLEMENT-AND-ASSET-SERVICES/ISSUER-SERVICES/PROXY-DOCUMENTATION. THE EXECUTED FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO DTC S PROXY DEPARTMENT VIA THE PORTAL. 11/16/20: PARTICIPANTS, AEROGROW INTERNATIONAL, INC. ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER WITH SMG GROWING MEDIA, INC., AN OHIO CORPORATION AGI ACQUISITION SUB, INC., A NEVADA CORPORATION AND DIRECT, WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF PARENT (MERGER SUB AND, TOGETHER WITH PARENT, THE PURCHASER PARTIES), AND, SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES STATED IN SECTION 6.4 OF THE MERGER MERGER AGREEMENT, THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY, AN OHIO CORPORATION RELATING TO THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE COMPANY BY PARENT. THE MERGER AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT, UPON THE TERMS AND SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET THEREIN, MERGER SUB WILL BE MERGED WITH AND INTO THE COMPANY (THE MERGER) WITH THE COMPANY CONTINUING AS THE SURVIVING CORPORATION IN THE MERGER, AND, AT THE EFFECTIVE TIME OF THE MERGER EACH SHARE OF COMMON STOCK OF THE COMPANY PAR VALUE 0.001 PER SHARE (THE COMMON STOCK) (OTHER THAN EXCLUDED SHARES AND DISSENTING SHARES (EACH AS DEFINED IN THE MERGER AGREEMENT), ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE TIME WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY CONVERTED INTO THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE 3.00 IN CASH, WITHOUT INTEREST THEREON AND SUBJECT TO ANY REQUIRED WITHHOLDING OF TAXES (THE MERGER CONSIDERATION), 02/15/21: PARTICIPANTS ARE ADVISED THERE ARE NO UPDATES AT THIS TIME. DTC WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE EVENT FOR ANY NEW INFORMATION. 01/25/21: PARTICIPANTS THE MEETING HAS BEEN SET FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2021, ANY STOCKHOLDER WHO DOES NOT VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE MERGER AGREEMENT PROPOSAL WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DISSENT FROM THE MERGER AND, IN LIEU OF RECEIVING THE CONSIDERATION PRESCRIBED UNDER THE MERGER AGREEMENT, OBTAIN PAYMENT OF THE FAIR VALUE OF

THE STOCKHOLDER'S SHARES, BUT ONLY IF (1) THE STOCKHOLDER DELIVERS TO THE COMPANY, BEFORE THE VOTE ON THE MERGER AGREEMENT PROPOSAL IS TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL MEETING, WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE STOCKHOLDER'S INTENT TO DEMAND PAYMENT FOR THE STOCKHOLDER'S SHARES IF THE MERGER IS EFFECTUATED, AND (2) THE STOCKHOLDER COMPLIES WITH ALL OTHER APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF NEVADA LAW, WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED IN THE PROXY STATEMENT AND REPRODUCED IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN ANNEX C TO THE PROXY STATEMENT. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND ITS ANNEXES, INCLUDING ALL DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THE PROXY STATEMENT, CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE MERGER, THE SPECIAL MEETING OR THE PROXY STATEMENT, WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY STATEMENT OR NEED HELP VOTING YOUR SHARES, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMPANY AT: AEROGROW INTERNATIONAL, INC. ATTENTION: SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION 5405 SPINE ROAD BOULDER, COLORADO 80301 GREYATAEROGROW.COM (303) 444-7755 PARTICIPANTS WISHING TO EXERCISE DISSENTERS/APPRAISAL RIGHTS THROUGH THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (DTC) SHOULD ACCESS DTC S WEBSITE AT WWW.DTCC.COM CLICK ON THE ASSET SERVICES CATEGORY, THEN CLICK ON THE USER DOCUMENTATION FILE TO RETRIEVE THE REQUIRED FORMS UNDER PROXY SERVICE LETTERS. THE EXECUTED FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO DTC S PROXY DEPARTMENT. 01/25/21: PARTICIPANTS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SCHEDULE 14A BY VISITING DTC S WEBSITE AT: WWW.DTCC.COM/LENS - LG20210125-077

This corporate action event information is based upon our records and information as of today's date. Should this information, your relevant holdings, or entitlement terms change, we will notify you as soon as possible. Any entitlement details are provided for information only and are based upon a full election and are subject to adjustment based upon your reply.

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From: Greg Lempel < greg@fondrenlp.com > Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 6:18 PM
To: Mainiero, Ronald < rmainiero@btig.com >

Cc: Brad Radoff <brad@fondrenlp.com>; Pontecorvo, Nicholas <npontecorvo@btig.com>

Subject: [ext] AERO-Dissenters Notices

Ron, Please check we have received any dissenters holdings for AERO holdings. Thank you, Greg

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Greg Lempel Fondren Management LP greg@fondrenlp.com 713 482 2196 (o) 713 480 5519 (m)

Exhibit E

CHAPTER 13

Appraisal Rights

Subchapter A.

RIGHT TO APPRAISAL AND PAYMENT FOR SHARES

- § 13.01. Definitions
- § 13.02. Right to appraisal
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OTHER REMEDIES

§ 13.40. Other remedies limited

Subchapter A.

RIGHT TO APPRAISAL AND PAYMENT FOR SHARES

§ 13.01. DEFINITIONS

In this chapter:

"Affiliate" means a person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person or is a senior executive of such person. For purposes of section 13.02(b)(4), a person is deemed to be an affiliate of its senior executives.

"Corporation" means the domestic corporation that is the issuer of the shares held by a shareholder demanding appraisal and, for matters covered in sections 13.22 through 13.31, includes the survivor of a merger.

"Fair value" means the value of the corporation's shares determined:

- (i) immediately before the effectiveness of the corporate action to which the shareholder objects;
- (ii) using customary and current valuation concepts and techniques generally employed for similar businesses in the context of the transaction requiring appraisal; and
- (iii) without discounting for lack of marketability or minority status except, if appropriate, for amendments to the articles of incorporation pursuant to section 13.02(a)(5).

"Interest" means interest from the date the corporate action becomes effective until the date of payment, at the rate of interest on judgments in this state on the effective date of the corporate action.

"Interested transaction" means a corporate action described in section 13.02(a), other than a merger pursuant to section 11.05, involving an interested person in which any of the shares or assets of the corporation are being acquired or converted. As used in this definition:

- (i) "Interested person" means a person, or an affiliate of a person, who at any time during the one-year period immediately preceding approval by the board of directors of the corporate action:
 - (A) was the beneficial owner of 20% or more of the voting power of the corporation, other than as owner of excluded shares;
 - (B) had the power, contractually or otherwise, other than as owner of excluded shares, to cause the appointment or election of 25% or more of the directors to the board of directors of the corporation; or
 - (C) was a senior executive or director of the corporation or a senior executive of any affiliate of the corporation, and that senior executive or director will receive, as a result of the corporate action, a financial benefit not generally available to other shareholders as such, other than:
 - (I) employment, consulting, retirement, or similar benefits established separately and not as part of or in contemplation of the corporate action;
 - (II) employment, consulting, retirement, or similar benefits established in contemplation of, or as part of, the corporate action that are not more favorable than those existing before the corporate action or, if more favorable, that have been approved on behalf of the corporation in the same manner as is provided in section 8.62; or
 - (III) in the case of a director of the corporation who will, in the corporate action, become a director or governor of the acquirer or any of its affiliates, rights and benefits as a director or governor that are provided on the same basis as those afforded by the acquirer generally to other directors or governors of such entity or such affiliate.
- (ii) "Beneficial owner" means any person who, directly or indirectly, through any contract, arrangement, or understanding, other than a revocable proxy, has or shares the power to vote, or to direct the voting of, shares; except that a member of a national securities exchange is not deemed to be a beneficial owner of securities held directly or indirectly

by it on behalf of another person if the member is precluded by the rules of the exchange from voting without instruction on contested matters or matters that may affect substantially the rights or privileges of the holders of the securities to be voted. When two or more persons agree to act together for the purpose of voting their shares of the corporation, each member of the group formed thereby is deemed to have acquired beneficial ownership, as of the date of the agreement, of all shares having voting power of the corporation beneficially owned by any member of the group.

(iii) "Excluded shares" means shares acquired pursuant to an offer for all shares having voting power if the offer was made within one year before the corporate action for consideration of the same kind and of a value equal to or less than that paid in connection with the corporate action.

"Preferred shares" means a class or series of shares whose holders have preference over any other class or series of shares with respect to distributions.

"Senior executive" means the chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, and any individual in charge of a principal business unit or function.

"Shareholder" means a record shareholder, a beneficial shareholder, and a voting trust beneficial owner.

CROSS-REFERENCES

Directors' action on director's conflicting interest transaction, see § 8.62.

"Governor" defined, see § 1.40.

"Voting power" defined, see § 1.40.

OFFICIAL COMMENT

1. Overview

Chapter 13 proceeds from the premise that judicial appraisal should be provided by statute only when two conditions co-exist. First, a proposed corporate action as approved by a majority will result in a fundamental change in the shares to be affected by the action. Second, uncertainty concerning the fair value of the affected shares may cause reasonable persons to differ about the fairness of the terms of the corporate action. Uncertainty is reduced, however, in the case of publicly traded shares. This explains both the market exception described below and the limits provided to that exception.

When these two conditions exist in connection with domestications and conversions under chapter 9, mergers and share exchanges under chapter 11, and dispositions of assets requiring shareholder approval under chapter 12, chapter 13 provides for appraisal rights. Each of these actions will result in a fundamental change in the shares that a disapproving shareholder may believe was not adequately compensated by the terms approved by the majority. Shareholders are not entitled to appraisal, however, if the change will not alter the terms of the class or series of securities that they hold. For example, statutory appraisal rights are not available for shares of any class or series of the surviving corporation in a merger that are not being changed in the merger or for shares of any class or series that is not included in a share exchange. Appraisal is also not triggered by a voluntary dissolution under chapter 14 because the dissolution does not affect liquidation rights of the shares of any class or series.

With the exception of reverse stock splits that result in cashing out some of the shares of a class or series, chapter 13 does not grant appraisal rights in connection with amendments to the articles of incorporation. This does not reflect a judgment that an amendment changing the terms of a particular class or series may not have significant economic effects. Rather, it reflects a judgment that distinguishing among different types of amendments for the purposes of statutory appraisal is necessarily arbitrary. Chapter 13 delineates in section 13.02(a)(5) a list of actions for which the corporation may voluntarily choose to provide appraisal. It also allows, under section 13.02(c), a provision in the articles of incorporation that eliminates, in whole or in part, statutory appraisal rights for preferred shares, subject to certain conditions.

Chapter 13 provides an exception to appraisal rights for publicly traded shares, referred to as the "market exception." This exception is available in those situations when shareholders are likely to receive fair value if they sell their shares in the market after the announcement of an appraisal-triggering transaction. For the market exception to apply under chapter 13, there must be a liquid market for the shares. The market exception does not apply where the appraisal-triggering action is a conflict transaction.

2. Definitions

Section 13.01 contains specialized definitions applicable only to chapter 13.

A. CORPORATION

The definition of "corporation" in section 13.01 includes, for purposes of the post-transaction matters covered in sections 13.22 through 13.31, a successor entity in a merger where the corporation is not the surviving entity. The definition does not include an acquiring entity in a share exchange or disposition of assets because the corporation whose shares or assets were acquired continues in existence in both of these instances and remains responsible for the appraisal obligations. Whether a foreign corporation or other form of domestic or foreign entity is subject to appraisal rights in connection with any of these transactions depends upon the applicable law of the relevant jurisdiction.

B. FAIR VALUE

Clause (i) of the definition of "fair value" in section 13.01 specifies that fair value is to be determined immediately before the effectiveness of the corporate action, which will be after the shareholder vote. Accordingly, section 13.01 permits consideration of changes in the value of the corporation's shares after the shareholder vote but before the effectiveness of the transaction, to the extent such changes are relevant. Similarly, in a two-step transaction culminating in a merger, fair value is determined immediately before the second step merger, taking into account any interim changes in value.

Clause (ii) of the definition of "fair value" in section 13.01 adopts the view that different transactions and different contexts may warrant different valuation methodologies. Customary valuation concepts and techniques will typically take into account numerous relevant factors, and will normally result in a range of values, not a particular single value. A court determining fair value under chapter 13 should give great deference to the aggregate consideration accepted or approved by a disinterested board of directors for an appraisal-triggering transaction.

Valuation discounts for lack of marketability or minority status are inappropriate in most appraisal actions, both because most transactions that trigger appraisal rights affect the corporation as a whole and because such discounts may give the majority the opportunity to take advantage of

minority shareholders who have been forced against their will to accept the appraisal-triggering transaction. Clause (iii) of the definition of "fair value" adopts the view that appraisal should generally award a shareholder his or her proportional interest in the corporation after valuing the corporation as a whole, rather than the value of the shareholder's shares when valued alone.

C. INTEREST

The specification of the rate of interest on judgments, rather than a more subjective rate, eliminates a possible issue of contention and should facilitate voluntary settlements. Other state law determines whether interest is compound or simple.

D. INTERESTED TRANSACTION

The term "interested transaction" addresses two groups of conflict transactions: those in subsections (i)(A) and (B) of the definition, which involve large shareholders; and those in subsection (i)(C), which involve senior executives and directors. The phrase "involving an interested person" as applied to subsections (i)(A) and (B) denotes participation beyond merely voting or participating on the same basis as other holders of securities of the same or a similar class or series. When a transaction fits within the definition of an interested transaction there are two consequences: the market exception will not be applicable, and the exclusion of other remedies under section 13.40 will not be applicable unless certain disinterested approvals have been obtained.

The definition of "beneficial owner" in subsection (ii) of the definition of "interested transaction" is used to identify possible conflict situations by deeming each member of a group that agrees to vote in concert to be a beneficial owner of all the voting shares owned by the members of the group. (In contrast, the term "beneficial shareholder," as defined in section 1.40, is used to identify those persons entitled to appraisal rights.) When an acquisition is effected in two steps (a tender offer followed by a merger) within one year, and the consideration in the merger is of the same kind and of at least the same value as that in the tender offer, the two-step acquisition is properly considered a single transaction for purposes of identifying conflict transactions, regardless of whether the second-step merger is governed by section 11.04 or 11.05. Therefore the shares acquired in such an offer (defined as "excluded shares" in subsection (iii) are excluded in subsections (i)(A) and (B) from the determination of whether a person is an "interested person" for purposes of the second-step merger.

A reverse split in which small shareholders are cashed out will constitute an interested transaction if there is an affiliate of the corporation who satisfies the test in subsections (i)(A) or (B). In that case, the corporation itself will be considered an affiliate of the large shareholder and fall within the definition of "interested person," such that when the corporation acquires and cashes out the shares of the small shareholders the acquisition will be an interested transaction.

Subsection (i)(C) applies to management buyouts because management's participation in the buyout group is itself "a financial benefit not generally available to other shareholders." It also applies to transactions involving other types of economic benefits (excluding benefits afforded to shareholders generally) afforded to senior executives (as defined in section 13.01) and directors in specified conflict situations, unless specific objective or procedural standards are met. It would also apply to less common situations, such as where the vote of a director is manipulated by providing the director with special consideration to secure his or her vote in favor of the transaction. Section 13.01 specifically defines the term "affiliate" to include an entity of which a person is a senior executive. As a result of this definition, if a senior executive of the corporation