



LAIRD SUPERFOOD, INC.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS







































We believe that our Hydrate platform is differentiated from competing products due to a very limited ingredient set that contains none of the artificial sugars, ingredients or colors that are prevalent in most competing sports drinks. Due to its convenient powdered form, Hydrate also allows customers to adjust serving size based on individual taste preference, has a lower cost per serving than traditional sports drinks or coconut waters and is environmentally friendly due to its powdered form and elimination of single-use plastics.

### ***Activate, Renew and Performance Mushroom Supplements***

Our Activate Daily Jumpstart and Activate Prebiotic Daily Greens lines compete in the \$61 billion global vitamin and supplements market (Reportlinker.com). Activate Daily Jumpstart and Activate Prebiotic Daily Greens compete largely as an alternative to single-serve cold-pressed juices which frequently focus on similar ingredients (lemon cayenne mixes, and superfood greens mixes), and certain other powdered beverages.

Our Renew Plant-Based Protein line competes in the ready to drink protein powder market which is highly fragmented. The protein supplement industry was estimated to be \$18 billion in 2019. Ready-to-drink and pre-formulated drinks were anticipated to be the fastest in revenue growth in the segment. Renew is differentiated amid this market with a short, understandable ingredient list.

Our Performance Mushroom supplement competes in the natural supplement market, which is highly fragmented with several peer companies.

### ***InstaFuel and Hot Chocolate with Functional Mushrooms***

InstaFuel instant beverage products and our Hot Chocolate with Functional Mushrooms compete with other just-add-hot-water lines of instant coffee products and hot chocolate. The annual revenue generated from the instant coffee market in the U.S. was estimated to be \$15 million according to Statista in 2020. The national hot chocolate market was \$950 million in the United States in 2020 according to IBISWorld. Due to being made with coconut sugar rather than refined sugars and inclusion of functional mushrooms, we believe our hot chocolate product to be highly differentiated from legacy hot chocolate brands.

### ***Whole Bean and Ground Coffee***

According to the Specialty Coffee Association of America, the retail value of the U.S. coffee market is estimated to be \$89 billion as of May 2020. We believe that our line of high quality Peruvian organic roasts, as well as our more highly differentiated functional coffee blends, incorporating functional mushroom extracts, superfoods, and botanical adaptogens, have natural synergies for many buyers of our creamer products, and convenience of combined ordering on our online platform.

In 2020, we launched our functional coffee blends, created to support consumers through the addition of plant-based ingredients including functional mushroom extracts, superfoods, and botanical adaptogens. These products are considered to be a differentiated offering within the coffee category.

### **Supply Chain**

Laird Superfood sources its raw materials from a variety of suppliers located both inside and outside the United States. The Company purchases substantial portions of its roasted coffee products from one supplier, coconut milk powder from two suppliers, and coconut water powder from one supplier. There are multiple sources of roasted coffee products, coconut milk powder and coconut water powder available to the Company, and management believes that the Company could find suitable replacements for these suppliers on substantially similar terms. In addition, the Company sources all of its Aquamin from a single supplier, Stauber Performance Ingredients. Raw materials are shipped to our production facility in Sisters, Oregon where they are stored in our warehouse and production facility. For products we self-manufacture, these raw materials are then mixed and

packaged into finished goods. Finished goods are then warehoused and shipped out of Sisters to both retail and wholesale customers, as well as distributors across the country. A minority of our products are manufactured and packaged offsite. The finished goods are then typically shipped by our co-packers to our warehouse in Sisters where we then ship them to end-customers.

Laird Superfood has a supplier code of conduct for the ethical sourcing of raw materials from within and outside the United States, which it provides to suppliers as part of its supplier-onboarding process.

## **Regulation**

We are subject to a wide range of governmental regulations and policies. We are required to comply with the regulations and policies promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (the “EPA”) and corresponding state agencies, as well as the United States Department of Agriculture (the “USDA”), the Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”), the Federal Trade Commission (the “FTC”), the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the United States Department of Labor (DOL), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”). In addition, the Federal Communications Commission (the “FCC”), monitors claims made by companies, particularly with celebrity spokespeople.

### ***USDA National Organic Program and Similar Regulations***

We are involved in the sourcing, manufacturing, supplying, processing, marketing, selling and distribution of organic food products and, as such, are subject to certain organic quality assurance standards. The Organic Foods Production Act mandates that the USDA develop national standards for organically produced agricultural products to assure consumers that those products marketed as organic meet consistent, uniform standards. We currently manufacture and distribute a number of organic products that are subject to the standards set forth in the Organic Foods Production Act and the regulations adopted thereunder by the USDA National Organic Program. Our organic products are certified organic by a USDA-accredited certifying agent, and we believe that we are in material compliance with the organic regulations applicable to our business.

Additionally, our organic products may be subject to various state regulations. Many states have adopted their own organic programs making the state agency responsible for enforcing USDA regulations for organic operations. However, state organic programs may also add more restrictive requirements due to specific environmental conditions or the necessity of production and handling practices in the state.

### ***Food-Related Regulations***

As a manufacturer and distributor of food products, we are also subject to a number of federal, state and local food-related regulations, including, but not limited to, the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938 (the “FDCA”) and regulations promulgated thereunder by the FDA. This comprehensive regulatory framework governs the manufacture (including composition and ingredients), labeling, packaging and safety of food in the U.S. The FDA:

- regulates manufacturing practices for foods through its current good manufacturing practices and regulations affecting food manufacturing;
- regulates ingredient safety; and
- prescribes the format and content of certain information required to appear on food product labels.

Some of the key food safety and food labeling regulations in the U.S. are discussed in the following sections.

### ***Food Safety Regulations***

The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (“FSMA”) enables the FDA to better protect public health by strengthening the food safety system. The law provides the FDA with new enforcement authorities and tools designed to achieve higher rates of compliance with prevention- and risk-based food safety standards and to better respond to and contain problems when they do occur.

We believe that we are in material compliance with the current regulations promulgated to implement FSMA that are applicable to our business. We are continuing to develop internal compliance policies and practices for those rules that have future compliance dates in order to ensure compliance by the required deadlines.

The FDA’s Foreign Supplier Verification Program requires that the United States owner or consignee of imported food take steps to verify that the foreign supplier of imported food is manufacturing the food in accordance with FDA requirements, that the importer understand what hazards the foreign supplier is controlling and how those hazards are controlled, and that this oversight program is documented. The regulation is being implemented using a tiered series of compliance dates based on the size of the U.S. importer and the foreign supplier. We have developed a program that we believe is in compliance with this regulation and are monitoring its ongoing implementation.

We are subject to numerous other federal, state and local regulations involving such matters as the licensing and registration of manufacturing facilities, food safety systems, transportation of food products, record keeping, enforcement by government health agencies of standards for our products, inspection of our facilities and regulation of our trade practices in connection with the sale of food products.

### ***Food Labeling Regulations***

The Company is subject to certain requirements relating to food labeling under the FDCA and corresponding FDA regulations as well as the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act enacted in 1967 and corresponding FTC regulations. Although the FTC and FDA share jurisdiction over claims made by manufacturers of food products (with the USDA also having jurisdiction over “organic” claims), the FDA retains primary jurisdiction over the labeling of food products whereas the FTC regulates advertising.

The FDA and FTC require that all food products be labeled to disclose the net contents, the identity of commodity, nutrition information, and the name and place of business of the product’s manufacturer, packer, or distributor. Both agencies also require that any claim on the product be truthful and not misleading. The FDA also has detailed regulations and requirements governing various types of claims about products’ nutritional value and wellness benefits, such as a nutrient content claims, health claims, and structure-function claims. Claims falling under these regulations must be phrased in specific ways to avoid misbranding the food. We believe we are in compliance with applicable FDA claims regulations.

Other state and local statutes and regulations may impose additional food labeling requirements. For instance, the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as Proposition 65) requires, with a few exceptions, that a specific warning appear on any consumer product sold in California that contains a substance, above certain levels, listed by that state as having been found to cause cancer or birth defects. This law exposes all food and beverage producers to the possibility of having to provide warnings on their products.

### ***Environmental Regulations***

We are also subject to various U.S. federal, state and local environmental regulations. Some of the key environmental regulations in the U.S. include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Air quality regulations—air quality is regulated by the EPA and certain city/state air pollution control groups. We file emission reports annually.

- Waste treatment/disposal regulations—solid waste is either disposed of by a third-party or, in some cases, we have a permit to haul and apply the sludge to land. Agreements exist with local city sewer districts to treat waste at specified levels of Biological Oxygen Demand (“BOD”), Total Suspended Solids (“TSS”) and other constituents. This can require weekly/monthly reporting as well as annual inspection.
- Sewer regulations—we have agreements with the local city sewer districts to treat waste at specified limits of BOD and TSS. This requires weekly/monthly reporting as well as annual inspection.
- Hazardous chemicals regulations—we file various reports with local city/state emergency response agencies to identify potential hazardous chemicals being used in our facilities.
- Storm water—all our facilities are inspected annually and must comply with an approved storm water plan to protect water supplies.

### ***Consumer Protection Regulations***

The FTC has the authority to regulate traditional and digital advertising for most types of consumer products, including our product offerings. The FTC has interpreted the Federal Trade Commission Act (the “FTC Act”) to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices in commerce and oversees express and implied claims in advertising as well as certain promotional activities such as the use of social media influencers by advertising companies.

Our marketing, advertising, and promotional activities for our consumer products must adhere to the FTC Act’s requirement for truthful, non-misleading and adequately substantiated claims. If our advertising does not comply with FTC and similar State requirements, we could become subject to an investigation by FTC or a consent decree, which could have a material adverse impact on our business and reputation.

### ***Employee Safety Regulations***

We are subject to certain safety regulations, including OSHA regulations. These regulations require us to comply with certain manufacturing safety standards to protect our employees from accidents. We believe that we are in material compliance with all employee safety regulations applicable to our business.

### **Intellectual Property**

We have the right to the following material trademarks: Laird Superfood, Superfood Creamer and InstaFuel in the United States, and Laird Superfood in several international jurisdictions, including the European Union.

### **Human Capital Resources**

As of December 31, 2020, we had 145 full-time employees and five part-time employees. None of these employees are represented by labor unions or covered by collective bargaining agreements. We believe that our employee relations are good.

We have developed and are executing on a complete program to manage the full employee life cycle, which begins with talent acquisition, focuses on robust onboarding and effective communication, includes a dynamic performance management program, utilizes engagement best practices, and is rounded out by career development and succession planning across our organization. We continuously strive to cultivate and support a highly engaged and productive workforce.

### ***Talent Acquisition***

We have a strong track record of directly recruiting top talent but we also partner with external professional recruiting firms to enhance our recruiting efforts when appropriate. We have relationships with local and targeted

colleges and universities to support our intern programs and for supplying key talent in areas like Food Science and Quality Assurance. We have also developed a partnership with our community high school to offer skills training and career experience to establish a pipeline of talent for our front-line workforce.

### ***Onboarding and Communication***

In order to create a high-performing team, we establish a firm foundation of business understanding through a robust and cross-functional onboarding process. Every employee begins with a common understanding of our history, vision, mission, values, and goals and objectives, and we train employees regarding fundamentals such as workplace and food safety and their employee rights and benefits.

We actively seek opportunities for effective communication, and our CEO each month communicates to all staff via an all-employee letter. Departments meet individually and cross-functionally in a variety of ways. Managers are trained to hold regular one-on-one meetings to communicate on projects, tasks, feedback, and development. Individuals are encouraged to communicate through both formal methods and our Open-Door Policy.

### ***Engagement***

Our engagement program is centered upon an annual engagement survey, which serves as an annual benchmark and leads into a series of in-person focus groups to further understand and act upon our employee feedback. The focus groups allow us to drill down on employee feedback, give voice to our workforce, and create an annual action plan for increasing our engagement and productivity.

### ***Performance Management***

We have built a robust performance management program that seeks to combine best practices and innovation. Our program begins with goal setting at the company, department, and individual level. The program incorporates regular, direct feedback in one-to-one conversations between managers and direct reports across all levels of the organization. A major component of our performance management program is our Annual 360 Feedback Event ensuring performance is measured and enhanced not only by the manager's assessment but through peer feedback and feedback on management as well. Any time of the year, employees can ask for or offer feedback transparently and easily through a shared platform in support of our feedback-focused performance management culture.

### ***Talent Development***

We conduct an annual talent review to identify top performers and high potential talent. This review informs our development activities and skill-building opportunities of our employees across all levels. We have a strong track record of internal growth and development with many examples of employees growing into new roles with increasing responsibility. We offer employees the opportunity to participate in external leadership development programs in person or online, as well through professional associations and conferences. Additionally, we offer internal training on targeted competencies such as giving and receiving feedback and effective goal setting.

### ***Succession Planning***

We have begun a formal succession planning process that is designed to work in concert with our talent review and performance management processes. A systematic and regular review of our internal talent is critical to meeting the future needs of our business. Our process allows us to both identify immediate and long-range succession planning to ensure our business can continue operating at the highest level.

### ***Compensation***

Our total rewards program is designed to ensure our talented team is both fairly paid and rewarded for performance. We invested significant time in establishing market competitiveness in 2020 and making adjustments where necessary with the goal of retaining top talent and ensuring equitable pay practices. We offer competitive benefits to ensure that our employees are provided for across the full range of employee rewards.

### ***Diversity and Inclusion***

We believe diversity and inclusion enable the company to benefit from multiple points of view and broad thinking innovation. Diversity and inclusion better positions us to understand our customers' needs and to ultimately succeed in our vision of providing better food for a better world. Our senior leadership team is 50/50 male/female, and our workforce is similarly gender diverse with 55% male and 45% female. Throughout 2020 we partnered with youth special needs organizations to provide job opportunities, career education, and skills training in our facilities. Our hiring efforts include the employment of special needs individuals. We continue to seek opportunities for building an inclusive culture that encourages, supports, and celebrates the diverse voices of our world.

### ***Corporate Information***

We were formed as a limited liability company on June 25, 2015 under the laws of the State of Oregon, converted to a corporation under the laws of the State of Oregon on February 18, 2016, and converted to a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware on July 3, 2018. Our principal executive offices are located at 275 W. Lundgren Mill Drive, Sisters, Oregon 97759. Our website is [www.lairdsuperfood.com](http://www.lairdsuperfood.com). We make available on or through our website certain reports and amendments to those reports that we file with or furnish to the SEC in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These include our annual reports on Form 10-K, our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and our current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. We make this information available on or through our website free of charge as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file the information with, or furnish it to, the SEC. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding our filings, at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). We have included our website address in this Annual Report as an inactive textual reference only. Information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not part of this Annual Report. You should not rely on any information contained or included on our website in making your decision whether to purchase our common stock.



## **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.**

*Our business is subject to various risks and uncertainties. Investors should carefully read the following factors as well as the cautionary statements referred to in “Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” in herein. If any of the risks and uncertainties described below or elsewhere in this annual report on Form 10-K occur, the Company’s business, financial condition, or results of operations could be materially adversely affected.*

### **Risks Relating to Our Limited Operating History, Financial Position and Capital Needs**

***We are an early stage company and have incurred significant losses since our inception. We expect to incur losses for the foreseeable future and may never achieve or maintain profitability.***

We are an early stage company. We were formed and commenced operations in June 2015. We face all the risks faced by newer companies, including significant competition from existing and emerging competitors, many of which are established and have access to capital. In addition, as a new business, we may encounter unforeseen expenses, difficulties, complications, delays and other known and unknown factors. We will need to transition from an early stage company to a company capable of supporting larger scale commercial activities. If we are not successful in such a transition, our business, results and financial condition will be harmed.

We have not been profitable to date and we expect operating losses for the near future. During the year ended December 31, 2020, we achieved net sales of approximately \$26 million and incurred net losses of approximately \$13 million. During the year ended December 31, 2019, we achieved net sales of approximately \$13 million and incurred net losses of approximately \$9 million. Furthermore, to the extent our business strategy is successful, we must control overhead expenses and we may need to incur the expense of additional reliance on outside co-packers or hire additional personnel as needed. We may not succeed in expanding our customer base and product offerings and even if we do, we may never generate revenue that is significant enough to achieve profitability. Even if we do achieve profitability, we may not be able to sustain or increase profitability on a quarterly or annual basis. Our failure to become and remain profitable would depress our value and could impair our ability to raise capital, expand our business, diversify our product offerings or even continue our operations.

***We may need additional funding in order to grow our business.***

To date, we have financed our operations through our initial public offering, private placements of our common and preferred stock and borrowings under loan agreements. We have devoted substantially all our financial resources and efforts to developing our products, workforce, and manufacturing capabilities. Our long-term growth and success are dependent upon our ability to generate cash from operating activities. There is no assurance that we will be able to generate sufficient cash from operations or access the capital we need to grow our business. Our inability to obtain additional capital could have a material adverse effect on our ability to fully implement our business plan and grow our business, to a greater extent than we can with our existing financial resources.

If our available cash balances and anticipated cash flow from operations are insufficient to satisfy our liquidity requirements including lower demand for our products or due to other risks described herein, we may seek to sell common stock or preferred stock or convertible debt securities, enter into an additional credit facility or another form of third-party funding or seek other debt financing.

We may also consider raising additional capital in the future to expand our business, to pursue strategic investments, to take advantage of financing opportunities or for other reasons, including to:

- acquire or invest in complementary businesses or assets;
- increase our sales and marketing efforts and address competitive developments;
- provide for supply and inventory costs;

- fund development and marketing efforts of any future products or additional features to then-current products;
- acquire, license or invest in new technologies;
- finance capital expenditures and general and administrative expenses.

Our present and future funding requirements will depend on many factors, including:

- our ability to achieve revenue growth and improve gross margins;
- the cost of expanding our operations and offerings, including our sales and marketing efforts;
- the effect of competing market developments; and
- costs related to international expansion.

The various ways we could raise additional capital carry potential risks. If we raise funds by issuing equity securities, dilution to our shareholders could result. Any equity securities issued also could provide for rights, preferences or privileges senior to those of holders of our common stock. If we raise funds by issuing debt securities, those debt securities would have rights, preferences and privileges senior to those of holders of our common stock. The terms of debt securities issued or borrowings pursuant to a credit agreement could impose significant restrictions on our operations. If we raise funds through collaborations and licensing arrangements, we might be required to relinquish significant rights or grant licenses on terms that are not favorable to us.

***Our rapid growth may not be indicative of our future growth, and our limited operating history may make it difficult to assess our future viability.***

Our net sales grew to approximately \$26 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, from \$13 million for the year ended December 31, 2019. We expect that, in the future, as our revenue increases to higher levels, our revenue growth rate will decline. We also believe that growth of our revenue depends on several factors, including our ability to:

- expand our existing channels of distribution;
- develop additional channels of distribution;
- grow our customer base;
- cost-effectively increase online sales at our direct website and third-party marketplaces;
- effectively introduce new products;
- increase awareness of our brand;
- manufacture at a scale that satisfies future demand; and
- effectively source key raw materials.

We may not successfully accomplish any of these objectives. Since our inception in June 2015, we have not yet demonstrated the ability to manage rapid growth over a long period of time or achieve profitability at scale. Consequently, any predictions you make about our future success or viability may not be as accurate as they could be if we had a longer operating history or had previously achieved profitability.

***We may be unable to manage our future growth effectively, which could make it difficult to execute our business strategy.***

Our rapid growth has placed and may continue to place significant demands on our organizational, administrative and operational infrastructure, including manufacturing operations, quality control, technical

support and customer service, sales force management and general and financial administration. As we continue to grow, we will need to make significant investments in multiple facets of our company, including in sales, marketing, product development, information technology, equipment, facilities and personnel. We will also need to improve our operational, financial and management controls as well as our reporting systems and procedures.

If we are unable to manage our growth effectively, we may be unable to execute our business plan, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and our results of operations. Managing our planned growth effectively will require us to:

- maintain a low cost of customer acquisition relative to customer lifetime value;
- identify products that will be viewed favorably by customers;
- enhance our facilities and purchase additional equipment at our facility in Sisters, Oregon; and
- successfully hire, train and motivate additional employees, including additional personnel for our technological, sales and marketing efforts.

The expansion of our products and customer base may result in increases in our overhead and selling expenses. Any increase in expenditures in anticipation of future sales that do not materialize would adversely affect our profitability. In addition, if we are unable to effectively manage the growth of our business, the quality of our products may suffer and we may be unable to address competitive challenges, which would adversely affect our overall business, operations and financial condition.

***Our disclosure controls and procedures may not prevent or detect all errors or acts of fraud.***

We are subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act. We must design our disclosure controls and procedures to reasonably assure that information we must disclose in reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, and recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC. We believe that any disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls and procedures, no matter how well-conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. For example, our directors or executive officers could inadvertently fail to disclose a new relationship or arrangement causing us to fail to make a required related party transaction disclosure. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people or by an unauthorized override of the controls. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in our control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

**Risks Relating to Our Business**

***Competition in the food and beverage retail industry, especially Internet-based competition, is strong and presents an ongoing threat to the success of our business.***

The food and beverage retail industry is very competitive. In our online and wholesale business, we compete with food and beverage retail stores, supermarkets, warehouse clubs and other mass and general retail and online merchandisers, including Internet retailers, many of which are larger than us and have significantly greater capital resources than we do, selling both competitive products and retailing our own products, competing against our direct online business. We also compete with a number of natural, organic, and functional food and beverage producers.

We face significant competition from these and other retailers and producers. Any changes in their merchandising and operational strategies could negatively affect our sales and profitability. In particular, if natural, organic, and functional food and beverage competitors seek to gain or retain market share by reducing

prices, we would likely be forced to reduce our prices on similar product offerings in order to remain competitive, which may result in a decrease in our market share, net sales and profitability and may require a change in our operating strategies.

We have been able to compete successfully by differentiating ourselves from our competitors by providing an expanding selection of natural, organic, and functional products, competitive pricing, convenience and exceptional customer service. If changes in consumer preferences decrease the competitive advantage attributable to these factors, or if we fail to otherwise positively differentiate our product offering or customer experience from our competitors, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Many of our current competitors have, and potential competitors may have longer operating histories, greater brand recognition, larger fulfillment infrastructures, greater technical capabilities, significantly greater financial, marketing and other resources and larger customer bases than we do. These factors may allow our competitors to derive greater net sales and profits from their existing customer base, acquire customers at lower costs or respond more quickly than we can to new or emerging technologies and changes in consumer preferences or habits. These competitors may engage in more extensive research and development efforts, undertake more far-reaching marketing campaigns and adopt more aggressive pricing policies (including but not limited to predatory pricing policies and the provision of substantial discounts), which may allow them to build larger customer bases or generate net sales from those customer bases more effectively than we are able to execute upon.

We expect competition in the natural, organic, and functional food and beverage industry, and in particular Internet-based competition, generally to continue to increase. We believe that our ability to compete successfully in this market depends upon many factors both within and beyond our control, including:

- the size and composition of our customer base;
- the number of products that we feature on our website;
- the quality and responsiveness of customer service;
- our selling and marketing efforts;
- the quality and price of the products that we offer;
- the convenience of the shopping experience that we provide;
- our ability to distribute our products and manage our operations; and
- our reputation and brand strength.

If we fail to compete successfully in this market, our business, financial condition, and results of operations would be materially and adversely affected.

***We have less capital and resources than many of our competitors which may give them an advantage in developing and marketing products like ours or make our products less desirable to consumers.***

We are involved in a highly competitive industry. Many of our current and potential competitors have longer operating histories, significantly greater financial, marketing and other resources, and larger client bases than we have (or may be expected to have). Such resources may give our competitors an advantage in developing and marketing products like ours or products that make our products less desirable to consumers. There can be no assurance that we will be able to successfully compete against these competitors.

Given the rapid changes affecting the global, national, and regional economies generally and the natural, organic, and functional food and beverage industry, we may not be able to create and maintain a competitive

advantage in the marketplace. Our success will depend on our ability to respond to, among other things, changes in consumer preferences, laws and regulations, market conditions, and competitive pressures. Any failure by us to anticipate or respond adequately to such changes could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results, liquidity, cash flow and our operational performance.

***We may not be able to successfully implement our growth strategy for our brand on a timely basis or at all.***

We believe that our future success depends, in part, on our ability to implement our growth strategy of leveraging our existing brand and products to drive increased sales. However, we face many risks, uncertainties and difficulties frequently encountered by companies in their early stage of development, particularly companies in the rapidly evolving natural, organic, and functional food and beverage industry. Our ability to implement our growth strategy depends, among other things, on our ability to:

- develop, manufacture and introduce new and appealing products in our Laird Superfood brand and successfully innovate on our existing products;
- successfully compete in the product categories in which we choose to operate;
- attract and maintain a large customer base and develop and grow that customer base;
- increase awareness of our Laird Superfood brand and develop effective marketing strategies to ensure consumer loyalty;
- establish and maintain strategic relationships with key sales, marketing, manufacturing and distribution providers; and
- attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel.

We may not be able to implement this growth strategy successfully. Our planned marketing expenditures may not result in increased total sales or generate sufficient levels of consumer interest or brand awareness, and our high rates of sales and income growth may not be sustainable over time. Our sales and results of operations will be negatively affected if we fail to implement our growth strategy or if we invest resources in a growth strategy that ultimately proves unsuccessful.

***Our Laird Superfood products are new, and our industry is rapidly evolving.***

Some of our Laird Superfood products are new, such as our currently released liquid Superfood Creamers, and are only in early stages of commercialization, and some products that are important to our growth strategy are in various stages of research and development, and have not yet been commercialized. We are not certain that these, or any other future products, will be developed to commercialization, sell as anticipated, be manufactured as anticipated, or be desirable to their intended markets. Also, some of our products may have limited uses and benefits, which may limit their appeal to consumers and put us at a competitive disadvantage. Developing new products and placing them into wholesale channels and into conventional and natural grocery environments is an expensive and time-consuming process, and if a product fails to sustain market acceptance or is unable to be manufactured as anticipated, the investment made in the product may be lost.

If our current or future Laird Superfood products fail in the development stage, or fail our customer's expectation of quality, or if we do not achieve or sustain market acceptance, we could lose customers or could be subject to claims which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results.

As is typical in a rapidly evolving industry, the development process and demand and market acceptance for recently introduced products are subject to a high level of uncertainty and risk. Because the market for our products is new and evolving, it is difficult to predict with any certainty the size of this market and its growth rate, if any, and costs of manufacturing as a product is developed. We cannot guarantee that we will be successful

in developing new or existing products or manufacturing new products including through copackers, that our copackers perform as expected, or that a market for our products will develop or that demand for our products will be sustainable. If we fail to develop or manufacture new products, or the market for new products fails to develop, develops more slowly than expected or becomes saturated with competitors, our business, financial condition and operating results would be materially adversely affected.

***We are subject to the risks associated with conducting business operations outside of the U.S., which could adversely affect our business.***

We purchase our products from a variety of suppliers, including international suppliers. Our direct purchases from non-US suppliers represented a majority of our raw materials in 2020 and 2019, and we expect our international purchases may grow with time. We also sell our products to consumers through our website and other online and physical distributors that are in foreign countries, and we may in the future enter into agreements with distributors in foreign countries to sell our products. All of these activities are subject to the uncertainties associated with international business operations, including:

- difficulties with foreign and geographically dispersed operations;
- having to comply with various U.S. and international laws;
- changes and uncertainties relating to foreign rules and regulations;
- tariffs, export or import restrictions, restrictions on remittances abroad, imposition of duties or taxes that limit our ability to import necessary materials;
- limitations on our ability to enter into cost-effective arrangements with distributors, or at all;
- fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates;
- imposition of limitations on production, sale or export in foreign countries, including due to pandemic or quarantine;
- imposition of limitations on or increase of withholding and other taxes on remittances and other payments by foreign processors or joint ventures;
- imposition of differing labor laws and standards;
- economic, political, environmental, health-related or social instability in foreign countries and regions;
- an inability, or reduced ability, to protect our intellectual property;
- availability of government subsidies or other incentives that benefit competitors in their local markets that are not available to us;
- difficulties in recruiting and retaining personnel, and managing international operations;
- difficulties in enforcing contracts and legal decisions; and
- less developed infrastructure.

If we expand into other target markets, we cannot assure you that our expansion plans will be realized, or if realized, be successful. We expect each market to have particular regulatory and funding hurdles to overcome and future developments in these markets, including the uncertainty relating to governmental policies and regulations, could harm our business. If we expend significant time and resources on expansion plans that fail or are delayed, our reputation, business and financial condition may be harmed.

In addition, we could be adversely affected by violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and similar worldwide anti-bribery laws, which generally prohibit companies and their intermediaries from making improper payments to non-U.S. officials or other third parties for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business.

While our policies mandate compliance with these anti-bribery laws, our internal control policies and procedures may not protect us from reckless or criminal acts committed by our employees or agents. Violations of these laws, or allegations of such violations, could disrupt our business and result in a material adverse effect on our results of operations, cash flows and financial condition.

***Our results may be negatively affected by changes in foreign currency exchange rates.***

Currently, substantially all of our international purchase and sales contracts are denominated in U.S. dollars, and generally do not guarantee long term pricing. As a result, a decrease in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currencies could increase our costs in dollars for the food products and ingredients that we import from other countries. In addition, an increase in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currencies could require us to reduce our selling price or risk making our products less competitive in international markets. The Company has not historically hedged foreign exchange risks.

A larger portion of our revenues may be denominated in other foreign currencies if we expand our international operations. Conducting business in currencies other than U.S. dollars could subject us to fluctuations in currency exchange rates that could negatively affect our revenues, cost of revenues and operating margins and result in foreign currency translation gains and losses.

***Pandemics, epidemics, or disease outbreaks, such as the COVID-19 pandemic could have a material adverse impact on our business including, among other things, consumption and trade patterns, our supply chain and production processes, each of which could materially affect our operations, liquidity, financial condition, and results of operations.***

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus disease (“COVID-19”) was first reported in Wuhan, China. Less than four months later, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The outbreak has resulted in the implementation of significant governmental measures, including lockdowns, closures, shelter-in-place orders, quarantines and travel bans, intended to control the spread of the virus. These restrictions, and future prevention and mitigation measures by governments and private entities, have had and are likely to continue to have an adverse impact on global economic conditions and consumer confidence and spending, which could materially adversely affect the supply of materials for our products as well as the demand for our products.

The extent of COVID-19’s effect on our operational and financial performance will depend on future developments, including the duration, spread and intensity of the outbreak, all of which are uncertain and difficult to predict considering the rapidly evolving landscape. As a result, it is not currently possible to ascertain the overall impact of COVID-19 on our business. However, if this pandemic continues to be a severe worldwide health crisis, or in the regions from which we source our raw materials, the disease could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

In addition, a significant proportion of our products are produced at our manufacturing facility in Sisters, Oregon. If we are forced to scale back hours of production or close this facility in response to the pandemic, we expect our business, financial condition and results of operations would be materially adversely affected.

The actual or perceived effects of a disease outbreak, epidemic, pandemic or similar widespread public health concern, such as COVID-19, could negatively affect our operations, liquidity, financial condition and results of operations. Pandemics, epidemics or disease outbreaks may affect demand for our products because quarantines or other government restrictions on movement may cause erratic consumer purchase behavior. Governmental or societal impositions of restrictions on public gatherings, especially if prolonged, may have adverse effects on in-person traffic to retail stores, and in turn, our business. Even the perceived risk of infection or health risk may adversely affect traffic to our store-based retail customers and, in turn, our business, liquidity, financial condition and results of operations, particularly if any self-imposed or government-imposed restrictions are in place for significant time.

The spread of pandemics, epidemics or disease outbreaks such as COVID-19 may also disrupt our third-party business partners' ability to meet their obligations to us, which may negatively affect our operations. These third parties include those who supply our ingredients, packaging, and other necessary operating materials, contract manufacturers, distributors, and logistics and transportation services providers. Ports and other channels of entry may be closed or operate at only a portion of capacity, as workers may be prohibited or otherwise unable to report to work and means of transporting products within regions or countries may be limited for the same reason. Our contract manufacturers' ability to manufacture our products may be impaired by any material disruption to their employee staffing, procurement, manufacturing, or warehousing capabilities because of COVID-19 or similar outbreaks.

Our results of operations depend on, among other things, our ability to maintain and increase sales volume with our existing customers, to attract new consumers and to provide products that appeal to consumers at prices they are willing and able to pay. Our ability to implement our innovation, advertising, display and promotion activities designed to maintain and increase our sales volumes on a timely basis may be negatively affected because of modifications to in-person promotional activities during the COVID-19 outbreak or similar situations. Retailers may also alter their normal inventory receiving and product restocking practices during pandemics, epidemics or disease outbreaks such as COVID-19, which may negatively affect our business.

Workforce limitations and travel restrictions resulting from pandemics, epidemics or disease outbreaks such as COVID-19 and related government actions may affect many aspects of our business. If a significant percentage of our workforce cannot work, including because of illness, travel or government restrictions in connection with pandemics or disease outbreaks, our operations may be negatively affected.

Adverse and uncertain economic conditions, such as decreases in per capita income and level of disposable income, increased unemployment or a decline in consumer confidence because of the COVID-19 outbreak or similar situations, could have an adverse effect on distributor, retailer and consumer demand for our products. Consumers may shift purchases to lower-priced or other perceived value offerings during economic downturns. Prolonged unfavorable economic conditions, including because of COVID-19 or similar outbreaks, and any resulting recession or slowed economic growth, may have an adverse effect on our sales and profitability.

Our efforts to manage and mitigate these factors may be unsuccessful, and the effectiveness of these efforts depends on factors beyond our control, including the duration and severity of any pandemic, epidemic or disease outbreak, and third party actions taken to contain its spread and mitigate public health effects.

***We may be unable to adequately protect our brand and our other intellectual property rights.***

We regard our brand, customer lists, trademarks, domain names, trade secrets and similar intellectual property as critical to our success. We may rely on trademark, copyright and patent law, trade secret protection, agreements and other methods with our employees and others to protect our proprietary rights. We might not be able to obtain broad protection in the United States for all our intellectual property. The protection of our intellectual property rights may require the expenditure of significant financial, managerial and operational resources. Moreover, the steps we take to protect our intellectual property may not adequately protect our rights or prevent third parties from infringing or misappropriating our proprietary rights, and we may be unable to broadly enforce all our trademarks. Any of our patents, trademarks or other intellectual property rights may be challenged by others or invalidated through administrative process or litigation. Our patent and trademark applications may never be granted. To date, the Company has not applied for patent protection on any of its technology. The process of obtaining patent protection is expensive and time-consuming, and we may be unable to prosecute all necessary or desirable patent applications at a reasonable cost or in a timely manner. Even if issued, there can be no assurance that these patents will adequately protect our intellectual property, as the legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of patent and other intellectual property rights are uncertain. We also cannot be certain that others will not independently develop or otherwise acquire equivalent or superior technology or intellectual property rights. Furthermore, our confidentiality agreements



may not effectively prevent disclosure of our proprietary information, technologies and processes and may not provide an adequate remedy in the event of unauthorized disclosure of such information.

We might be required to spend significant resources to monitor and protect our intellectual property rights. For example, we may initiate claims or litigation against others for infringement, misappropriation or violation of our intellectual property rights or other proprietary rights or to establish the validity of such rights. However, we may be unable to discover or determine the extent of any infringement, misappropriation or other violation of our intellectual property rights and other proprietary rights. In addition, despite our efforts, we may be unable to prevent third parties from infringing upon, misappropriating or otherwise violating our intellectual property rights and other proprietary rights. Any litigation, whether or not it is resolved in our favor, could result in significant expense to us and divert the efforts of our technical and management personnel, which may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

In addition, our technology platform may use open source software. The use of such open source software may subject us to certain conditions, including the obligation to offer, distribute, or disclose our technology platform for no or reduced cost, make the proprietary source code subject to open source software licenses available to the public, license our software and systems that use open source software for the purpose of making derivative works, or allow reverse assembly, disassembly, or reverse engineering. We monitor our use of open source software to avoid subjecting our technology platform to conditions we do not intend. However, if our technology platform becomes subject to such unintended conditions, it could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

***We may not be able to enforce our intellectual property rights throughout the world.***

The laws of some foreign countries do not protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. Many companies have encountered significant problems in protecting and defending intellectual property rights in certain foreign jurisdictions. This could make it difficult for us to stop the infringement or the misappropriation of our intellectual property rights. The loss of the Laird Superfood brand or logo or other registered or common law trade names or a diminution in the perceived quality of products or services associated with the Company would harm our business. Our efforts to protect our intellectual property rights in such countries may be inadequate. In addition, changes in the law and legal decisions by courts in the United States and foreign countries may affect our ability to obtain adequate protection for our technology and the enforcement of intellectual property.

***Third parties may assert that our employees or consultants have wrongfully used or disclosed confidential information or misappropriated trade secrets.***

Although we try to ensure that our employees and consultants do not use the proprietary information or know-how of others in their work for us, we may be subject to claims that we or our employees, consultants or independent contractors have inadvertently or otherwise used or disclosed intellectual property, including trade secrets or other proprietary information, of a former employer or other third parties. Litigation may be necessary to defend against these claims. If we fail in defending any such claims, in addition to paying monetary damages, we may lose valuable intellectual property rights or personnel. Even if we are successful in defending against such claims, litigation could result in substantial costs and be a distraction to management and other employees.

***A food safety or quality issue that results in a product disruption such as a recall, health issue, or death of a consumer could harm our business.***

The sale of products for human use and consumption involves the risk of injury or illness to consumers. Such injuries may result from inadvertent mislabeling, tampering by unauthorized third parties or product contamination or spoilage. Under certain circumstances, we may be required to recall or withdraw products, suspend production of our products or cease operations, which may lead to a material adverse effect on our

business. For example, in 2019 we recalled certain volumes of our Performance Mushroom supplement due to an overstatement of iron content on the product's packaging. In addition, customers may stop placing or cancel orders for such products as a result of such events.

Even if a situation does not necessitate a recall or market withdrawal, product liability claims might be asserted against us. While we are subject to governmental inspection and regulations and believe our facilities and those of our co-packers and suppliers comply in all material respects with all applicable laws and regulations, if the consumption of any of our products causes, or is alleged to have caused, a health-related illness (such as listeria) or death to a consumer, we may become subject to claims or lawsuits relating to such matters. Even if a product liability claim is unsuccessful or is not fully pursued, the negative publicity surrounding any assertion that our products caused illness or physical harm could cause consumers to lose confidence in the safety and quality of our products. Moreover, claims or liabilities of this type might not be covered by our insurance or by any rights of indemnity or contribution that we may have against others. Although we maintain product liability and product recall insurance in an amount that we believe to be consistent with market practice, we cannot be sure that we will not incur claims or liabilities for which we are not insured or that exceed the amount of our insurance coverage. A product liability judgment against us or a product recall could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

***We may be subject to significant liability that is not covered by insurance.***

Although we believe that the extent of our insurance coverage is consistent with industry practice, any claim under our insurance policies may be subject to certain exceptions, may not be honored fully, in a timely manner, or at all, and we may not have purchased sufficient insurance to cover all losses incurred. If we were to incur substantial liabilities or if our business operations were interrupted for a substantial period, we could incur costs and suffer losses. Inventory, equipment, and business interruption losses may not be covered by our insurance policies. Additionally, in the future, insurance coverage may not be available to us at commercially acceptable premiums, or at all.

***We rely on independent certification for a number of our products.***

We rely on independent third-party certification, such as certifications of our products as “organic” or “Non-GMO” (non-genetically modified organisms), to differentiate our products from others. We must comply with the requirements of independent organizations or certification authorities in order to label our products as certified organic. For example, we can lose our “organic” certification if a manufacturing plant becomes contaminated with non-organic materials, or if it is not properly cleaned after a production run. In addition, all raw materials must be certified organic. The loss of any independent certifications could adversely affect our market position as an organic and natural products company, which could harm our business.

***Our future results of operations may be adversely affected by the availability of Non-GMO and organic ingredients.***

Our ability to ensure a continuing supply of Non-GMO and organic ingredients at competitive prices depends on many factors beyond our control, such as the number and size of farms that grow organic crops, climate conditions, changes in national and world economic conditions, currency fluctuations and forecasting adequate need of seasonal ingredients.

The organic ingredients that we use in the production of our products (including, among others, coffee, coconut sugar, coconut milk powder, and extra virgin coconut oil) are vulnerable to adverse weather conditions and natural disasters, such as floods, droughts, water scarcity, temperature extremes, frosts, earthquakes and pestilences. Natural disasters and adverse weather conditions (including the potential effects of climate change) can lower crop yields and reduce crop size and crop quality, which in turn could reduce our supplies of Non-GMO and organic ingredients or increase the prices of Non-GMO and organic ingredients. If our supplies of

Non-GMO and organic ingredients are reduced, we may not be able to find enough supplemental supply sources on favorable terms, if at all, which could impact our ability to supply product to our customers and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We also compete with other manufacturers in the procurement of Non-GMO and organic product ingredients, which may be less plentiful in the open market than conventional product ingredients. This competition may increase in the future if consumer demand for Non-GMO and organic products increases. This could cause our expenses to increase or could limit the amount of product that we can manufacture and sell.

***Adverse weather conditions, fires, natural disasters, crop disease, pests and other natural conditions can impose significant costs and losses on our business.***

Agricultural products are vulnerable to adverse weather conditions, including severe rains, drought and temperature extremes, floods and windstorms, which are quite common but difficult to predict. Agricultural products also are vulnerable to crop disease and to pests, which may vary in severity and effect, depending on the stage of production at the time of infection or infestation, the type of treatment applied and climatic conditions. Unfavorable growing conditions caused by these factors can reduce both crop size and crop quality and, in extreme cases, entire harvests may be lost. Additionally, adverse weather or natural disasters, including fires, earthquakes, winter storms, droughts, or volcanic events, could impact our manufacturing and business facilities in Sisters, Oregon, which could result in significant costs and meaningfully reduce our capacity to fulfill orders and maintain normal business operations. Sisters, Oregon is located in an area subject to seasonal forest fires and fire risk. These factors may result in lower sales volume and increased costs due increased costs of products. Incremental costs, including transportation, may also be incurred if we need to find alternate short-term supplies of products from alternative areas. These factors can increase costs, decrease revenues and lead to additional charges to earnings, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***Climate change may negatively affect our business and operations.***

There is concern that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere may have an adverse impact on global temperatures, weather patterns and the frequency and severity of extreme weather and natural disasters. In the event that such climate change has a negative effect on agricultural productivity, we may be subject to decreased availability or less favorable pricing for certain commodities that are necessary for our products, such as coconut milk powder, organic coconut sugar, organic extra virgin coconut oil and freeze dried coconut water. As a result of climate change, we may also be subjected to decreased availability of water, deteriorated quality of water or less favorable pricing for water, which could adversely impact our manufacturing and distribution operations, as well as the agricultural businesses of our suppliers, which rely on the availability and quality of water.

***Our production equipment may be damaged, adversely affecting our ability to meet consumer and wholesale demand.***

A significant proportion of our products are produced at our manufacturing facility in Sisters, Oregon. A significant disruption at that facility or to any of our key production equipment, even on a short-term basis, could impair our ability to timely produce and ship products, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position and results of operations. In the past, we have had manufacturing delays due to damaged and malfunctioning equipment and cannot fully insure against the effects of such delays on our business. Our manufacturing operations are vulnerable to interruption and damage from natural and other types of disasters, including earthquake, fire, floods, volcanic events, droughts, environmental accidents, winter storms, power loss, disease outbreaks or pandemics such as the recent coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, communication failures and similar events. If any disaster were to occur at our facility, our ability to operate our business at our facilities would be seriously impaired.

***We rely on a small number of suppliers to provide our raw materials, and our supply chain may be interrupted and prevent us from obtaining the necessary materials we need to operate.***

We rely on suppliers and vendors to meet our high-quality standards and supply products in a timely and efficient manner. There is, however, no assurance that quality natural and organic products will continue to be available to meet our specific and growing needs. This may be due to, among other reasons, problems with our suppliers' and vendors' businesses, finances, labor relations, ability to export materials, product quality issues, costs, production, insurance and reputation, as well as disease outbreaks or pandemics such as the recent coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, acts of war, terrorism, natural disasters, fires, earthquakes, flooding or other catastrophic occurrences. If for any reason our suppliers or vendors became unable or unwilling to continue to provide services to us, this would likely lead to a temporary interruption in our ability to import our products until we found another entity that could provide these services. Failure to find a suitable replacement, even on a temporary basis, would have a material adverse effect on our ability to meet our current production targets, make it difficult to grow and would have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

In addition, our top suppliers are in a similar geographic area, which increases the risk of significant supply disruptions from local and regional events. Vietnam, Indonesia, China, and Sri Lanka geographically accounted for approximately 69% of our total raw materials and packaging purchases for the year ended December 31, 2020. Vietnam and the Philippines geographically accounted for approximately 51% of our total raw material and packaging purchases for the year ended December 31, 2019. In the event that our supply from our current suppliers is interrupted, our operations may be interrupted resulting in lost revenue, added costs and distribution delays that could harm our business and customer relationships until we are able to identify and enter into an agreement with one or more alternative suppliers.

As a result of this concentration in our supply chain, our business and operations would be negatively affected if any of our key suppliers were to experience significant disruption affecting the price, quality, availability or timely delivery of their products. Additionally, our top suppliers are in a similar geographic area, which increases the risk of significant supply disruptions from local and regional events. In the event that our supply from our current suppliers is interrupted, our operations may be interrupted resulting in lost revenue, added costs such as, without limitation, shipping costs, and distribution delays that could harm our business and customer relationships until we are able to identify and enter into an agreement with one or more alternative suppliers.

***Our future results of operations may be adversely affected by volatile commodity costs.***

Many aspects of our business could be directly affected by volatile commodity costs. Agricultural commodities and raw materials, including coconut milk powder, organic coconut sugar, organic extra virgin coconut oil, freeze dried coconut water and Aquamin, are the principal inputs used in our products. These items, as well as a growing list of new ingredients as we expand our product portfolio, are subject to price volatility which can be caused by commodity market fluctuations, inflation, crop yields, seasonal cycles, weather conditions (including the potential effects of climate change), temperature extremes and natural disasters (including floods, droughts, water scarcity, frosts, earthquakes and hurricanes), pest and disease problems, changes in currency exchange rates, imbalances between supply and demand, natural disasters and government programs and policies among other factors. Volatile fuel costs translate into unpredictable costs for the products and services we receive from our third-party providers including, but not limited to, distribution costs for our products and packaging costs. While we may seek to offset the volatility of such costs with a combination of cost savings initiatives, operating efficiencies and price increases to our customers, we may be unable to manage cost volatility. If we are unable to fully offset the volatility of such costs, our financial results could be adversely affected.

***We are reliant on Laird Hamilton and Gabrielle Reece to develop new products and market our brand.***

Many of the Company's current products and planned future products are based on the lifestyle of Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Reece. Pursuant to the License and Preservation Agreement, dated May 26, 2020, by and

among Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Reece and the Company, Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Reece granted us a limited, exclusive license to use their respective images, signatures, voices and names (other than those owned by the Company), rights of publicity and common law and statutory rights to the foregoing. Any use of the licensed property that is in accordance with the historical standard of use and is not objected to by Mr. Hamilton or Ms. Reece within 30 days of the first intra-company disclosure of a bona-fide intent to make such use is deemed approved. Any new use of the licensed property shall satisfy the historical standard of use and shall be primarily directed to the advertising, promotion or marketing of the Company's products and services. If Mr. Hamilton or Ms. Reece object to a proposed use of the licensed property, the Company may be prevented from implementing our business plan in a timely manner, or at all, outside of previously approved usages or usages consistent with certain pre-approved product guidelines. Also, the Company depends on the positive image and public popularity of Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Reece to maintain and increase brand recognition. Customers may be drawn to our products because of their involvement in our Company as celebrities. If Mr. Hamilton or Ms. Reece's image, reputation or popularity is materially and adversely affected, this could negatively affect the marketability and sales of our products and the Company.

***Laird Hamilton's and Gabrielle Reece's involvement with other business and personal ventures might interfere with their ability to fully engage with their Company obligations.***

Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Reece may engage in outside business activities from time to time, including the XPT Extreme Performance Training brand, Laird Apparel and various endorsement opportunities. These activities may interfere with the respective time and attention Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Reece can devote to the Company's business and affairs, which could have a material and adverse effect on the business. Also, we have entered only limited noncompetition and nonsolicitation agreements with Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Reece, which makes us vulnerable to competition from them. These conflicts of interest may result in the loss of business opportunities, which may materially and adversely affect our prospects, business advantage, financial condition and results of operations.

***We are dependent on our management team, and the loss of any key member of this team may prevent us from implementing our business plan in a timely manner, or at all.***

Our success depends largely upon the continued services of our executive officers and other key personnel, particularly Paul Hodge, Laird Hamilton, Valerie Ells, Scott McGuire, and Andrew McCormick. Our executive officers or key personnel could terminate their employment with us at any time without penalty. Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hodge, and certain other of our executive officers frequently participate in a wide variety of activities, including extreme mountain, desert, snow and ocean sports, motorsports, flying private aircraft (including experimental aircraft), and attempting small aircraft time and distance records, which have in the past resulted in serious injuries to members of our management team, and subject them to a significant risk of serious injury or death. In addition, we do not maintain key person life insurance policies on any of our employees. The loss of one or more of these executive officers or key personnel could seriously harm our business and may prevent us from implementing our business plan in a timely manner, or at all.

***If the reputation of our brand erodes significantly, it could have a material impact on our results of operations.***

Our financial success is directly dependent on the consumer perception of our brand. The success of our brand may suffer if our marketing plans or product initiatives do not have the desired impact on our brand's image or its ability to attract consumers. Further, our results could be negatively affected if our brand suffers substantial damage to its reputation due to real or perceived quality issues, adverse publicity about our products, packaging or ingredients, our failure to maintain the quality of our products, the failure of our products to deliver consistently positive consumer experiences, the products becoming unavailable to consumers, or perception that the Company or any of its executives or Mr. Hamilton or Ms. Reece is perceived to act in an irresponsible or objectionable manner. In addition, it is possible for such information, misperceptions and opinions to be shared

quickly and disseminated widely due to the continued growing use of social and digital media. Negative posts or comments about the Company or any of its executives or Mr. Hamilton or Ms. Reece, or our products or packaging on social or digital media could seriously damage our brands and reputation.

***We rely on retailers and distributors for a substantial portion of our sales, and our failure to maintain and further develop our sales channels could harm our business.***

We sell a substantial portion of our products through retailers such as Costco, Natural Grocers, CVS, Kroger and REI, distributors such as United Natural Foods, Inc. and KeHE Distributors, and online through *Amazon.com*, and we depend on these third parties to sell our products to consumers. The largest retailer of our products for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was Costco, which accounted for 23% and 11% of our total net sales, respectively. In addition, net sales through *Amazon.com* accounted for 21% and 30% of our total net sales for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. No other retailer or distributor represented more than 10% of our total net sales in 2020 or 2019.

The loss of, or business disruption at, one or more of these retailers or distributors or a negative change in our relationship with Costco or *Amazon.com* or a disruption to *Amazon.com* as a sales channel could have a material adverse effect on our business. If we do not maintain our relationship with existing retailers and distributors or develop relationships with new retailers and distributors, the growth of our business may be adversely affected, and our business may be harmed.

We are not the exclusive seller of our products into online channels, such as *Amazon.com*, and face competition in that channel from resellers of our products. Further, the terms of our agreements with these distributors allow us to plan for the future, maintain growth and strengthen our relationships with key customers. If we are required to obtain additional or alternative distribution agreements or arrangements in the future, we cannot be certain that we will be able to do so on satisfactory terms or in a timely manner. Our inability to enter into satisfactory distribution agreements may inhibit our ability to implement our business plan or to establish markets necessary to expand the distribution of our products successfully.

***We depend upon internet search engines and other providers of digital advertising to attract a significant portion of our potential customers to our website, and any change in the prominence of our website in either paid or algorithmic search result listings or an increase in purchasing digital ads could cause the number of visitors to our website and our revenue to decline.***

We depend in significant part on various internet search engines, such as Google, and other providers of digital advertising to direct a significant number of potential customers to our website. Search websites typically provide two types of search results, algorithmic and paid listings. Algorithmic, or organic, listings are determined and displayed solely by a set of formulas designed by search companies. Paid listings can be purchased and then are displayed if particular words are included in a user's internet search. Placement in paid listings is generally not determined solely on the bid price, but also takes into account the search engines' assessment of the quality of the website featured in the paid listing and other factors. We rely on both algorithmic and paid search results, as well as digital advertising on other websites and through other providers, to direct a substantial share of the visitors to our website.

Our ability to maintain the number of visitors to our website from internet search websites and other websites is not entirely within our control. For example, internet search websites frequently revise their algorithms in an attempt to optimize their search result listings or to implement their internal standards and strategies. Changes in the algorithms could cause our website to receive less favorable placements, which could reduce the number of users who visit our website. We have experienced and continue to experience fluctuations in the search result rankings for our website.

In addition, the prominence of the placement of our advertisements is in part determined by the amount we are willing to pay for the advertisement. We bid against our competitors for the display of paid search engine

advertisements and some of our competitors have greater resources with which to bid and better brand recognition than we have. Additionally, as we increase the number of third-party distributors of our products, they have occasionally targeted similar individuals or use similar key words. If competition for the display of paid advertisements in response to search terms related to our online services increases, our online advertising expenses could rise significantly, and we may be required to reduce the number of our paid search advertisements. If we reduce our advertising with search engines, our consumer traffic may significantly decline, or we may be unable to maintain a cost-effective search engine marketing program.

On October 20, 2020, the United States Department of Justice brought an antitrust lawsuit against Google claiming that Google improperly uses its monopoly over internet search to impede competition and harm consumers. Our cost of advertising on Google may remain high if Google's monopoly over internet searches is not prevented and competitive search engines are not allowed to compete. Alternatively, if Google is required because of this lawsuit to split up the company or sell assets, there is no assurance this will decrease advertising costs and it may lead to increased costs due to an increased number of service providers who obtain oligopoly power to control advertising costs. Although this lawsuit may lower our advertising costs, there is risk that it may not and would lead to increased costs which would reduce our profitability and harm our business.

Other factors, such as search engine technical difficulties, search engine technical changes and technical or presentation changes we make to our website, could also cause our website to be listed less prominently in algorithmic search results. Any adverse effect on the placement of our website in search engine results could reduce the number of users who visit our website and drive up the cost of customer acquisition. If visits to our website decrease, our revenue may decline, and we may need to resort to more costly sources to acquire new customers and such decreased revenue and/or increased expense could materially and adversely affect our business and profitability.

***Our customers generally are not obligated to continue purchasing products from us.***

Many of our customers are individuals that buy from us under purchase orders, and we generally do not have long-term agreements with or commitments from these customers for the purchase of products. We cannot provide assurance that our customers, including customers that participate in our subscription programs, will maintain or increase their sales volumes or orders for the products supplied by us or that we will be able to maintain or add to our existing customer base. Decreases in our customers' sales volumes or orders for products supplied by us may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

***Failure to maintain sufficient internal production capacity, source appropriate external production capacity, or to enter into third-party agreements on terms that are beneficial for us may result in our inability to meet customer demand and/or may increase our operating costs and capital expenditures.***

We intend to rely on internal production capacity and, to a lesser extent, third-party co-packers to fulfill our growing production needs. We have plans to expand our own production facilities, but in the short-term may need to increase our reliance on third parties to provide production and supply certain services, commonly referred to as "co-packing" agreements, for a number of our products, including our liquid products. A failure by us or our co-packers to comply with food safety, environmental, or other laws and regulations, or to produce products of the quality and taste-profile we expect, or with efficiency and at costs we expect, may also disrupt our supply of products. In addition, we may experience increased distribution and warehousing costs due to capacity constraints resulting from our growth. We anticipate needing to enter additional co-packing, warehousing or distribution agreements in the future, and we can provide no assurance that we would be able to find acceptable third-party providers or enter into agreements on satisfactory terms or at all. In addition, we may need to expand our internal capacity, which could increase our operating costs and could require significant capital expenditures. If we cannot maintain sufficient and satisfactory production, warehousing and distribution capacity, either internally or through third party agreements, we may be unable to meet customer demand and/or our manufacturing, distribution and warehousing costs may increase, which could negatively affect our business.

***If we face labor shortages or increased labor costs, our results of operations and our growth could be adversely affected.***

Labor is a significant component of the cost of operating our business. Our ability to meet our labor needs while controlling labor costs is subject to external factors, such as employment levels, prevailing wage rates, minimum wage legislation, changing demographics, health and other insurance costs and governmental labor and employment requirements. In the event of increasing wage rates, if we fail to increase our wages competitively, the quality of our workforce could decline, and we would experience significant turnover, while increasing our wages could cause our earnings to decrease. Our business is also located in a small metropolitan area that has limited access to skilled and unskilled labor. If we face labor shortages or increased labor costs because of increased competition for employees from our competitors and other industries, higher employee-turnover rates, or increases in the federal- or state-mandated minimum wage, change in exempt and non-exempt status, or other employee benefits costs (including costs associated with health insurance coverage or workers' compensation insurance), our operating expenses could increase and our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

***Our financial success depends on our ability to successfully predict changes in consumer preferences and develop successful new products and marketing strategies in response.***

Consumer preferences evolve over time and the success of our products depends on our ability to identify the tastes and dietary habits of consumers and to offer products that appeal to their preferences and address their concerns. We must also adapt our marketing strategies to these fluid consumer preferences as they develop. Recent trends in consumer preferences that may impact us include:

- dietary trends and increased attention to nutritional values, such as sugar, fat, protein, fiber, carbohydrate, or calorie content;
- concerns about obesity and the health effects of specific ingredients and nutrients, such as sugar and other sweeteners, ingredients derived from genetically modified organisms (GMOs), gluten, grains, dairy, soybeans, nuts, oils, vitamins, fiber, and minerals; and
- increasing awareness of the environmental and social effects of product production, including agricultural production by food manufacturers and their suppliers.

The development and introduction of new products could require substantial research and development and other expenditures, including capital investment and marketing and warehouse slotting investments. In addition, the success of our innovation and product development efforts depends upon our ability to anticipate changes in consumers' preferences, the technical capability of our research and development staff in developing, formulating and testing new products, and our ability to introduce the resulting products in a timely manner. If our products fail to meet consumer preferences, or we fail to introduce new and improved products on a timely basis, then the return on that investment will be less than anticipated and our strategy to grow sales and profits through product innovations and extensions will be less successful.

***Consumer preferences for natural and organic food products are difficult to predict and may change.***

Our business is primarily focused on sales of non-GMO, organic and natural products, and our success depends, in part, on our ability to offer products that anticipate the tastes and dietary habits of consumers and appeal to their preferences on a timely and affordable basis. A significant shift in consumer demand away from our products or our failure to maintain our current market position, could reduce our sales and harm our business. Consumer trends change based on a number of possible factors, including nutritional values, a change in consumer preferences or general economic conditions. Additionally, there is a growing focus among some consumers to buy local food products in an attempt to reduce the carbon footprint associated with transporting food products from longer distances, which could result in a decrease in the demand for food products and ingredients that we import from other countries or transport from remote processing locations or growing



regions. Further, failures by us or our competitors to deliver quality products could erode consumer trust in the organic certification of foods. A significant shift in consumer demand away from our products would reduce our market share, harming our business.

***Technology failures or security breaches could disrupt our operations and negatively impact our business.***

In the normal course of business, we rely on information technology systems to process, transmit, and store electronic information. For example, our production and distribution facilities and inventory management utilize information technology to increase efficiencies and limit costs. Information technology systems are also integral to the reporting of our results of operations. Furthermore, a significant portion of the communications between, and storage of personal data of, our personnel, customers, and suppliers depends on information technology, including social media platforms.

Our information technology systems may be vulnerable to a variety of interruptions, as a result of updating our enterprise platform or due to events beyond our control, including, but not limited to, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, telecommunications failures, computer viruses, hackers, and other security issues. These events could compromise our confidential information, impede or interrupt our business operations, and may result in other negative consequences, including remediation costs, loss of revenue, litigation and reputational damage. Furthermore, if a breach or other breakdown results in disclosure of confidential or personal information, we may suffer reputational, competitive and/or business harm.

To date, we have experienced a break-in against one of our social media accounts which was quickly remediated, and a third party that processes payments for our website experienced a data breach in which certain customer data (but not credit card numbers, Social Security numbers or similar sensitive personal information) may have been compromised, but we have not experienced a material breach of cyber security, either directly or indirectly. While we have implemented administrative and technical controls and taken other preventive actions to reduce the risk of cyber incidents and protect our information technology, they may be insufficient to prevent physical and electronic break-ins, cyber-attacks or other security breaches to our computer systems, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

***Economic downturns could limit consumer demand for our products and negatively affect our sales and profitability.***

The premium organic and natural food industry is sensitive to national and regional economic conditions and the demand for the products that we distribute may be adversely affected from time to time by economic downturns that impact consumer spending, including discretionary spending. Future economic conditions such as employment levels, business conditions, housing starts, interest rates, inflation rates, energy and fuel costs and tax rates could reduce consumer spending or change consumer purchasing habits. Among these changes could be a reduction in the number of natural and organic products that consumers purchase where there are non-organic alternatives, given that many premium natural and organic products, and particularly premium natural and organic foods, often have higher retail prices than do their non-organic counterparts.

***The failure to successfully integrate newly acquired products or businesses could negatively impact our profitability.***

From time to time, we may consider opportunities to acquire other products or businesses that may expand the breadth of our markets or customer base. The success of future acquisitions will be dependent upon our ability to effectively integrate the acquired products and operations into our business. Integration can be complex, expensive and time-consuming. The failure to successfully integrate acquired products or businesses in a timely and cost-effective manner could materially adversely affect our business, prospects, results of operations and financial condition. The diversion of our management's attention and any difficulties encountered in any integration process could also have a material adverse effect on our ability to manage our business. In addition,

the integration process could result in the loss of key employees, the disruption of ongoing businesses, tax costs or inefficiencies, or inconsistencies in standards, any of which could adversely affect our ability to maintain the appeal of our brand and our relationships with customers, employees or other third parties or our ability to achieve the anticipated benefits of such acquisitions and could harm our financial performance. We do not know if we will be able to identify acquisitions we deem suitable, whether we will be able to successfully complete any such acquisitions on favorable terms or at all, or whether we will be able to successfully integrate any acquired products or businesses. Additionally, an additional risk inherent in any acquisition is that we fail to realize a positive return on our investment.

## **Regulatory Risks**

***Our products and operations are subject to government regulation and oversight both in the United States and abroad, and our failure to comply with applicable requirements could adversely affect our business and results of operations.***

We are affected by a wide range of governmental laws and regulations. Examples of regulatory agencies influencing our operations include the United States Department of Agriculture (the “USDA”), the Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”), the Federal Trade Commission (the “FTC”), and the Environmental Protection Agency, among others. These agencies regulate, among other things, with respect to our products and operations:

- design, development and manufacturing;
- testing, labeling, content and language of instructions for use and storage;
- product safety;
- marketing, sales and distribution;
- record keeping procedures;
- advertising and promotion;
- recalls and corrective actions; and
- product import and export.

These laws and regulations affect various aspects of our business. For example, certain food ingredient products manufactured by Laird Superfood are regulated under the United States Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (“FDCA”), as administered by the FDA. Under the FDCA, pre-marketing approval by the FDA is required for the sale of a food ingredient which is a food additive unless the substance is generally recognized as safe, under the conditions of its intended use by qualified experts in food safety. We believe that most food ingredients in our products are generally recognized as safe. However, this status cannot be determined until actual formulations and uses are finalized. As a result, we may be adversely affected if the FDA determines that our food ingredient products do not meet the criteria for generally recognized as safe.

The regulations to which we are subject are complex and have tended to become more stringent over time. Regulatory changes could result in restrictions on our ability to carry on or expand our operations, higher than anticipated costs or lower than anticipated sales. The failure to comply with applicable regulations could jeopardize our ability to sell our products and result in enforcement actions and third-party lawsuits such as:

- warning letters;
- fines;
- injunctions;
- civil penalties and civil lawsuits;

- termination of distribution;
- recalls or seizures of products;
- delays in the introduction of products into the market; and
- total or partial suspension of production.

Any of these sanctions could result in higher than anticipated costs or lower than anticipated sales and harm our reputation, business, financial condition and results of operations. We may also be required to take corrective actions, such as installing additional equipment or taking other actions, each of which could require us to make substantial capital expenditures. In addition, we could be required to indemnify our employees in connection with any expenses or liabilities that they may incur individually in connection with regulatory action against them. As a result, our future business prospects could deteriorate due to regulatory constraints, and our profitability could be impaired by our obligation to provide such indemnification to our employees.

The FDA may also take issue with the name “Laird Superfood” or any derivative name, as “superfood” is, to our knowledge, still undefined by regulatory agencies. In addition to any regulatory costs, if the Company were required to change its name, there would likely be, or could be, among other results, a negative effect on the Company’s branding and customer perception.

***Our reputation could suffer from real or perceived issues involving the labeling or marketing of our products.***

Products that we sell carry claims as to their origin, ingredients or health benefits, including, by way of example, the use of the term “natural”, “functional”, or “healthy”, or similar synonyms or implied statements relating to such benefits. Although the FDA and the USDA each has issued statements regarding the appropriate use of the word “natural,” there is no single, United States government regulated definition of the term “natural” for use in the food industry, which is true for many other adjectives common in the better-for-you and functionally-focused food industry. The resulting uncertainty has led to consumer confusion, distrust and legal challenges. Plaintiffs have commenced legal actions against several food companies that market “natural” products, asserting false, misleading and deceptive advertising and labeling claims, including claims related to genetically modified ingredients. In limited circumstances, the FDA has taken regulatory action against products labeled “natural” but that nonetheless contain synthetic ingredients or components. Should we become subject to similar claims, consumers may avoid purchasing products from us or seek alternatives, even if the basis for the claim is unfounded. Adverse publicity about these matters may discourage consumers from buying our products. The cost of defending against any such claims could be significant. Any loss of confidence on the part of consumers in the truthfulness of our labeling or ingredient claims would be difficult and costly to overcome and may significantly reduce our brand value. Any of these events could adversely affect our reputation and brand and decrease our sales, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Similarly, certain USDA regulations set forth the minimum standards producers must meet in order to have their products labeled as “certified organic,” and we currently manufacture several organic products that are covered by these regulations. While we believe our products and our supply chain are in compliance with these regulations, changes to food regulations may increase our costs to remain in compliance. We could lose our “organic” certification if a facility becomes contaminated with non-organic ingredients, if we do not use raw materials that are certified organic, or if key ingredients used in our products are no longer allowed to be used in food certified as “organic.” The loss of our “organic” certifications could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

In addition, the USDA has proposed a rule requiring disclosure of the use of genetic engineering in manufacturing a product or an ingredient used in a product. The rule has not been finalized, and we are unable to predict with certainty what the final requirements will be. If the USDA issues bioengineering disclosure regulations inconsistent with our practices, the resulting changes in labeling could adversely affect customer acceptance of our product and materially and adversely affect our business.

***Litigation and regulatory enforcement concerning marketing and labeling of food products could adversely affect our business and reputation.***

The marketing and labeling of any food product in recent years has brought increased risk that consumers will bring class action lawsuits and that the FTC and/or state attorneys general will bring legal action concerning the truth and accuracy of the marketing and labeling of the product. Examples of causes of action that may be asserted in a consumer class action lawsuit include fraud, unfair trade practices and breach of state consumer protection statutes. The FTC and/or state attorneys general may bring legal action that seeks removal of a product from the marketplace and impose fines and penalties. Even when unmerited, class claims, action by the FTC or state attorneys general enforcement actions can be expensive to defend and adversely affect our reputation with existing and potential customers and consumers and our corporate and brand image, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

***We may be subject to specific FTC endorsement and/or testimonial regulations that would interfere with our advertising, marketing and labeling strategies.***

The FTC revised its Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising (the “Guides”), which became effective on December 1, 2009. Although the Guides are not binding, they explain how the FTC interprets Section 5 of the FTC Act’s prohibition on unfair or deceptive acts or practices. Consequently, the FTC could bring a Section 5 enforcement action based on practices that are inconsistent with the Guides. Under the revised Guides, advertisements that feature a consumer and convey his or her atypical experience with a product or service are required to clearly disclose the results that consumers can generally expect. In contrast to the 1980 version of the Guides, which allowed advertisers to describe atypical results in a testimonial as long as they included a disclaimer such as “results not typical,” the revised Guides no longer contain such a safe harbor. The revised Guides also add new examples to illustrate the long-standing principle that “material connections” between advertisers and endorsers (such as payments or free products), connections that consumers might not expect, must be disclosed. While we do request that public persons who we engage as paid advertisers, or provide samples of product to, disclose their relationship with us prior to sharing on social media or other endorsement, we cannot ensure all recipients comply with this request and we do not regularly monitor what they post on social media. If we were held responsible for the content of their posts on social media or other endorsements, we could be forced to alter our practices. We have continually adapted our marketing efforts to be compliant with the revised Guides. However, it is possible that our use, and that of our employees, of testimonials in the advertising and promotion of our products will be significantly impacted and therefore might negatively affect our sales.

***We may face scrutiny from evolving state regulations concerning health, safety, our supply chain and marketing.***

In addition to the federal regulatory issues listed above, there are a growing number of state regulations that might impair our ability to operate and avoid interruption. For example, California currently enforces legislation commonly referred to as “Proposition 65” that requires that “clear and reasonable” warnings be given to consumers who are exposed to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. Although we seek to comply with the requirements of Proposition 65, as well as to educate our customers regarding the substance of Proposition 65 and the relative metals contents in various natural foods, there can be no assurance that we will not be adversely affected by litigation or other actions relating to Proposition 65 or future legislation that is similar or related thereto. Also, the Transparency in Supply Chains Act of 2010 in California requires us to audit our vendors with respect to risks of human trafficking and slavery and mitigate these risks in our operations. Any failure to disclose issues or other non-compliance could subject us to action by the California Attorney General or other regulatory authorities. Increased compliance costs associated with operating in California and other states could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## **Risks Relating to the Ownership of Our Common Stock**

***The market price of our common stock may be highly volatile, and you may not be able to resell your shares at or above the price you purchased them.***

The market price of our common stock has fluctuated and may fluctuate significantly in response to numerous factors, many of which are beyond our control, including:

- overall performance of the equity markets;
- the development and sustainability of an active trading market for our common stock;
- our ability maintain our listing on the NYSE American;
- our operating performance and the performance of other similar companies, or companies in the premium organic and natural food industry;
- changes in recommendations by securities analysts that elect to follow the Company;
- press releases or other public announcements by us or others, including our filings with the SEC;
- changes in expectations related to consumer preferences in the premium organic and natural food industry;
- recruitment or departure of key personnel;
- changes in our capital structure, such as future issuances of debt or equity securities;
- regulatory developments in the United States or foreign countries;
- the economy as a whole, market conditions in our industry, and the industries of our customers;
- the expiration of market standoff or contractual lock-up agreements; and
- the size of our market float.

In addition, the stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market prices of equity securities of many small-cap companies. Stock prices of many small-cap companies have fluctuated in a manner unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. In the past, shareholders have filed securities class action litigation following periods of market volatility. If we were to become involved in securities litigation, it could subject us to substantial costs, divert resources and the attention of management from our business, and adversely affect our business.

***We will incur increased costs in connection with operating as a public company and our management will be required to devote substantial time to compliance initiatives and corporate governance practices.***

As a public company, and particularly after we are no longer an “emerging growth company,” we will incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the listing requirements of the NYSE American and other applicable securities rules and regulations impose various requirements on public companies. Our management and other personnel will need to devote a substantial amount of time to compliance with these requirements. Moreover, these rules and regulations will increase our legal and financial compliance costs and will make some activities more time-consuming and costly. For example, these rules and regulations have made it more expensive for us to obtain directors’ and officers’ liability insurance, which could make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified members of our board of directors. We cannot predict or estimate the amount of additional costs we will incur as a public company or the timing of such costs, however such costs may be material to our business.

***If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our stock price and trading volume could decline.***

The trading market for our common stock depends in part on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us and our business. If analysts cease coverage of us, the trading price for our common stock would be negatively affected. If one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade our common stock or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, the price for our common stock would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of us or fail to publish reports on us regularly, demand for our common stock could decrease, which might cause the price and trading volume for our common stock to decline.

***The concentration of our stock ownership limits our shareholders' ability to influence corporate matters.***

Our officers and directors continue to have significant influence over us through their ownership of shares of our common stock. As of the date of this Form 10-K, our directors and officers beneficially own shares of our common stock which represent approximately 25.5% of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock. As a consequence, our directors and officers will have the power to affect our management and affairs and overall matters requiring shareholder approval, including the election of directors and significant corporate transactions, such as a merger or other sale of our Company or our assets, for the foreseeable future. This concentrated control limits or restricts our shareholders' ability to influence corporate matters and, as a result, we may take actions that our shareholders do not view as beneficial. As a result, the market price of our common stock could be adversely affected.

***Provisions in our governing documents and under Delaware law could discourage a takeover that shareholders may consider favorable.***

Provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control or changes in our management. These provisions include the following:

- authorizing the issuance of “blank check” preferred stock that could be issued by our board of directors to defend against a takeover attempt;
- providing that vacancies on the board of directors, including newly created directorships, may be filled only by a majority vote of directors then in office rather than by shareholders;
- advance notice procedures, which apply for shareholders to nominate candidates for election as directors or to bring matters before an annual meeting of shareholders;
- no authorization of cumulative voting, which limits the ability of minority shareholders to elect director candidates;
- certain amendments to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation require the approval of two-thirds of the then outstanding voting power of our capital stock;
- our amended and restated certificate of incorporation requires the approval of two-thirds of the then outstanding voting power of our capital stock for shareholders to adopt, amend, alter or repeal our bylaws, or adopt any provision inconsistent with our bylaws;
- a prohibition on shareholder action by written consent, which means that our shareholders will only be able to take action at a meeting of shareholders; and
- preventing shareholders from calling special meetings.

In addition, we are governed by the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which generally prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in a broad range of business combinations with any “interested” shareholder for a period of three years following the date on which the shareholder becomes an “interested” shareholder.

***We are an “emerging growth company,” and the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies may make our common stock less attractive to investors.***

We are an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the JOBS Act. For so long as we remain an emerging growth company, we are permitted and intend to rely on exemptions from certain disclosure requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. These exemptions include:

- being permitted to provide only two years of audited financial statements, in addition to any required unaudited interim financial statements, with correspondingly reduced “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” disclosure;
- not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements in the assessment of our internal control over financial reporting of Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act;
- not being required to comply with any requirement that may be adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding mandatory audit firm rotation or a supplement to the auditor’s report providing additional information about the audit and the financial statements;
- reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation; and
- exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and shareholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved.

We have taken advantage of reduced reporting burdens in our filings with the SEC. In addition, the JOBS Act provides that an emerging growth company can take advantage of an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. This allows an emerging growth company to delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We are choosing to take advantage of the extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards.

We cannot predict whether investors will find our common stock less attractive if we rely on these exemptions. If some investors find our common stock less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for our common stock and our stock price may be more volatile.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest of (i) the end of the fiscal year in which the market value of our common stock that is held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of June 30, (ii) the end of the fiscal year in which we have total annual gross revenue of \$1.07 billion or more during such fiscal year, (iii) the date on which we issue more than \$1 billion in non-convertible debt in a three-year period or (iv) the end of the fifth fiscal year after the date of Company’s final prospectus for its initial public offering of its common stock.

***Since we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our capital stock in the foreseeable future, stock price appreciation, if any, will be your sole source of gain.***

We currently intend to retain all our future earnings, if any, to finance the growth and development of our business. In addition, the terms of any future debt agreements may preclude us from paying dividends. As a result, appreciation, if any, in the market price of our common stock will be your sole source of gain for the foreseeable future.

***Our certificate of incorporation provides that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware and the federal district courts of the United States of America will be the exclusive forums for substantially all disputes between us and our shareholders, which could limit our shareholders’ ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers, or employees.***

Our certificate of incorporation provides that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware is the exclusive forum for:

- any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf;

- any action asserting a claim of breach of fiduciary duty owed by any of our directors, officers or other employees to us or our shareholders;
- any action asserting a claim against us or our directors, officers or employees arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law or our certificate of incorporation or bylaws; and
- any action asserting a claim against us or our directors, officers or employees governed by the internal affairs doctrine.

This provision would not apply to suits brought to enforce a duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the U.S. federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction.

In addition, our certificate of incorporation provides that the federal district courts of the United States will be the exclusive forum for resolving any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum. This exclusive forum provision does not apply to claims under the Exchange Act.

These exclusive forum provisions may limit a shareholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with us or our directors, officers or other employees, which may discourage these types of lawsuits. Furthermore, the enforceability of similar choice of forum provisions in other companies' certificates of incorporation has been challenged in legal proceedings, and it is possible that a court could find these types of provisions to be inapplicable or unenforceable. If a court were to find the exclusive forum provision contained in our certificate of incorporation to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could harm our business.

#### **ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS.**

None.

#### **ITEM 2. PROPERTIES.**

We currently lease approximately 6,888 square feet of commercial space for manufacturing, distribution and related office use in one building, and a second lease provides us approximately 13,600 square feet of further commercial space for manufacturing, distribution and related office use. On March 15, 2019, we purchased lots adjacent to our current manufacturing facility in Sisters, Oregon. We believe that our existing facilities, our facilities under construction and other available properties will be sufficient for our needs for the foreseeable future.

#### **ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

We are not subject to any material legal proceedings.

#### **ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES.**

Not applicable.



## PART II

### ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

#### Market Information

Our common stock began trading on the NYSE American Market under the symbol "LSF" on September 23, 2020. Prior to that date, there was no public trading market for our common stock.

#### Holders

As of March 15, 2021, there were 124 holders of record of our common stock. This number does not include beneficial owners whose shares are held by nominees in street name.

#### Use of Proceeds from IPO

On September 22, 2020, our registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-248513) was declared effective by the SEC for our IPO. At the closing of the offering on September 25, 2020, we sold 3,047,500 shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$22 per share, including 397,500 shares of common stock upon the exercise of the underwriter's option to purchase additional shares and received gross proceeds of \$67,045,000. After underwriting discounts and commissions and other offering costs, net proceeds from the IPO were approximately \$61,966,237. Canaccord Genuity LLC, Craig-Hallum Capital Group LLC and Roth Capital Partners, LLC acted as underwriters for our IPO.

Danone Manifesto Ventures, PBC ("DMV") purchased 90,910 shares of our common stock in a private placement immediately subsequent to the consummation of the IPO for a total purchase price of \$2,000,020, at a price per share of \$22.

We intend to use the net proceeds from our IPO for working capital and general corporate purposes, including operating expenses and capital expenditures. Additionally, we may use a portion of the net proceeds to acquire businesses or products. However, we do not have agreements or commitments for any acquisitions at this time. We cannot specify with certainty the particular uses of the net proceeds that we received from our IPO. Pending the use of proceeds from our IPO as described above, we may invest the net proceeds that we received in our IPO in short-term, investment grade, interest-bearing instruments.

### ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.

Omitted.

## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

*The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed below. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those identified below and those discussed in the section titled "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.*

### Overview

Laird Superfood is an emerging consumer products platform focused on manufacturing and marketing highly differentiated plant-based and functional foods. The core pillars of the Laird Superfood platform are currently Superfood Creamer coffee creamers, Hydrate hydration products and beverage enhancing supplements, and roasted and instant coffees, teas and hot chocolate. Consumer preferences within the evolving food and beverage industry are shifting away from processed and sugar-laden food and beverage products, as well as those containing significant amounts of highly processed and artificial ingredients. Laird Superfood's long-term goal is to build the first scale-level and widely recognized brand that authentically focuses on natural ingredients, nutritional density and functionality, allowing the Company to maximize penetration of a multi-billion-dollar opportunity in the grocery market.

We have experienced strong sales growth since inception. Net sales increased to \$26 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, from \$13 million for the year ended December 31, 2019, representing net sales growth of 98%. The growth in the year ended December 31, 2020 was primarily driven by a significant expansion of our customer base in both online and traditional wholesale channels.

Our omnichannel distribution strategy has three key components: online, wholesale and food service. In aggregate, this omnichannel strategy provides us with a diverse set of customers and wholesale partners, along with an opportunity to develop a direct relationship with our customers at *lairdsuperfood.com*. We believe that, along with a trusted brand name, extensive proprietary distribution is a critical long-term and sustainable barrier to entry in the food industry.

Our online business is two pronged and consists of *lairdsuperfood.com* and *Amazon.com*. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, the online business made up 56% and 59% of our net sales, respectively. *Lairdsuperfood.com* is a platform that provides an authentic brand experience for our customers that drives engagement and provides feedback for future product development, while generating highly attractive margins. We view our growing proprietary database of customers ordering directly from our website as a strategic asset, as it enhances our ability to develop a long-term relationship with these customers. Content on our website allows Laird Superfood to educate consumers on the benefits of our products and ingredients, while providing a positive customer experience. We believe this experience leads to higher retention rates among repeat users and subscribers, as evidenced by repeat users and subscribers accounting for almost two-thirds of *lairdsuperfood.com* sales for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Our wholesale business addresses the \$759 billion grocery industry, specifically the \$174 billion Natural, Organic and Functional Foods and Beverages sub-segment, which has been increasing its proportion of the grocery industry, as well as many non-grocery retail channels. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, wholesale made up 42% and 40% of our net sales, respectively. Laird Superfood products are sold through a diverse set of retail channels, including conventional, natural and specialty grocery, club, outdoor and drug stores. We currently estimate our products are in over 7,100 retail door locations across the United States and we believe the long-term potential store base exceeds 20,000 retail locations in the United States. The diversity of

our retail channel represents a strong competitive advantage for Laird Superfood and provides us with a larger total addressable market than would be considered normal for a food brand that is singularly focused on the grocery market.

## **Recent Developments**

### ***Initial Public Offering***

On September 23, 2020, the Company completed its initial public offering (“IPO”), in which the Company issued and sold 3,047,500 shares of its common stock at a public offering price of \$22 per share, including 397,500 shares of common stock upon the exercise of the underwriter’s option to purchase additional shares. After underwriting discounts and commissions and other offering costs, net proceeds from the IPO were approximately \$61,966,237. Offering costs of approximately \$1,268,765 were recognized as a reduction of additional-paid-in capital.

Upon the closing of the IPO, all outstanding shares of the Company’s preferred stock converted into shares of common stock, consisting of (i) 162,340 outstanding shares of Series A-1 convertible preferred stock converting into 324,680 aggregate shares of common stock, (ii) 152,253 outstanding shares of Series A-2 convertible preferred stock converting into 304,506 aggregate shares of common stock, and (iii) 383,142 outstanding shares of Series B-1 convertible preferred stock converting into 766,284 aggregate shares of common stock.

### ***Concurrent Private Placement***

Danone Manifesto Ventures, PBC (“DMV”) purchased \$2,000,020 of our common stock in a private placement immediately subsequent to the consummation of the IPO, at a price per share of \$22.

### ***Capital Contribution***

On December 3, 2020, the Company entered into an Agreement with DMV for an additional capital contribution as a participant in the DMV COVID-19 Relief Fund. The Agreement provisions the Company with cash consideration of \$298,103 for the purpose of supporting three relief projects: (1) continual sanitation rotation, (2) spend on increased labor, material and maintenance costs in the face of adversity, and (3) new/existing hospitals relief initiative. The Company has reported the balance as restricted cash on the Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2020.

### ***Two-for-One Stock Split***

Our board of directors and stockholders approved a two-for-one split of our common stock, which was effected on August 19, 2020. The split divided each outstanding share of our common stock into two shares of common stock and correspondingly adjusted the conversion prices of our convertible preferred stock. No fractional shares were issued in connection with the split. All references to common stock, options to purchase common stock, restricted stock, share data, per share data and related information have been retroactively adjusted, where applicable, in this Annual Report to reflect the split of our common stock, and the corresponding adjustment of the conversion prices of our preferred stock, as if it had occurred at the beginning of the earliest period presented.

## **Key Factors Affecting our Performance**

We believe that our future performance will depend on many factors, including the following:

### ***Ability to Grow Our Customer Base in both Online and Traditional Wholesale Distribution Channels***

We are currently growing our customer base through both paid and organic online channels, as well as by expanding our presence in a variety of physical retail distribution channels. Online customer acquisitions typically occur at our direct website *lairdsuperfood.com* and *Amazon.com*. Our online customer acquisition program includes paid and unpaid social media, search, display and traditional media. Our products are also sold through a growing number of physical retail channels. Wholesale customers include grocery chains, natural food outlets, club stores, and drug stores, and food service customers include coffee shops, gyms, restaurants, hospitality venues and corporate dining services, among others. Customer acquisition in physical retail channels depends on, among other things, paid promotions through retailers, display and traditional media.

### ***Ability to Acquire and Retain Customers at a Reasonable Cost***

We believe an ability to consistently acquire and retain customers at a reasonable cost relative to projected life-time value will be a key factor affecting future performance. To accomplish this goal, we intend to balance advertising spend between online and offline channels, as well as balancing more targeted and measurable “direct response” marketing spend with advertising focused on increasing our long-term brand recognition, where success attribution is less directly measurable on a near-term basis.

### ***Ability to Drive Repeat Usage of Our Products***

We accrue substantial economic value from repeat users of our products who consistently re-order our products. The pace of our growth rate will be affected by the repeat usage dynamics of existing and newly acquired customers.

### ***Ability to Expand Our Product Line***

Our goal is to substantially expand our product line over time to increase our growth opportunity and reduce product-specific risks through diversification into multiple products each designed around daily use. Our pace of growth will be partially affected by the cadence and magnitude of new product launches over time.

### ***Ability to Expand Gross Margins***

Our overall profitability will be impacted by our ability to expand gross margins through effective sourcing of raw materials, controlling labor and shipping costs, as well as spreading other production-related costs over greater manufacturing volumes.

### ***Ability to Expand Operating Margins***

Our ability to expand operating margins will be impacted by our ability to cover fixed general and administrative costs and variable sales and marketing costs with higher revenues and gross profit dollars.

### ***Ability to Manage Our Global Supply Chain and Expand Production In-line with Demand***

Our ability to grow and meet future demand will be affected by our ability to properly plan for and source inventory from a variety of suppliers located inside and outside the United States.

### ***Ability to Optimize Key Components of Working Capital***

Our ability to reduce cash burn in the near-term and eventually generate positive cash flow will be partially impacted by our ability to effectively manage all the key working capital components that could influence our cash conversion cycle.

### **Components of Results of Operations**

#### ***Sales, net***

We sell our products indirectly to consumers through a broad set of physical wholesale channels. We also derive revenue from the sale of our products directly to consumers through our direct website, as well as third-party online channels.

#### ***Cost of Goods Sold***

Our cost of goods sold consists primarily of raw material costs, labor costs directly related to producing our products, including wages and benefits, shipping costs, lease expenses and other factory overhead costs related to various aspects of production, warehousing and shipping.

#### ***Operating Expenses***

Our operating expenses consist of general and administrative, research and product development, and sales and marketing expenses.

We expect to incur additional expenses as a result of operating as a public company, including costs to comply with the rules and regulations applicable to companies listed on a national securities exchange, costs related to compliance and reporting obligations pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC and higher expenses for insurance, investor relations and professional services. We expect our general and administrative expenses will increase as our business grows.

#### ***Interest Expense***

Interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2019 consisted primarily of interest related to our additional rent owed to our landlord for landlord improvements. There was no interest expense incurred for the year ended December 31, 2020.

#### ***Benefit from Income Taxes***

Due to our history of operating losses and expectation of future operating losses, we do not expect any significant income tax expenses and benefits for the foreseeable future.

## Results of Operations

### Comparison of the years ended December 31, 2020 (“FY2020”) and December 31, 2019 (“FY2019”)

The following table summarizes our results of operations for the periods indicated:

	For the years ended December 31,		\$ Change	% Change
	2020	2019		
Sales, net	\$ 26,006,398	\$13,103,728	\$ 12,902,670	98%
Cost of goods sold	(19,204,642)	(8,019,094)	(11,185,548)	139%
Gross profit	6,801,756	5,084,634	1,717,122	34%
Gross margin	26.2%	38.8%		
General and administrative	8,828,279	5,201,184	3,627,095	70%
Research and product development	508,170	324,284	183,886	57%
Sales and marketing	10,394,478	8,311,137	2,083,341	25%
Total expenses	19,730,927	13,836,605	5,894,322	43%
Operating loss	(12,929,171)	(8,751,971)	(4,177,200)	48%
Other income(expense)	78,870	248,023	(169,153)	(68%)
Loss before income taxes	(12,850,301)	(8,503,948)	(4,346,353)	(51%)
Benefit from income taxes	—	—	—	0%
Net loss	(12,850,301)	(8,503,948)	(4,346,353)	(51%)
Deemed contribution from the redemption of preferred stock	—	7,448,879	(7,448,879)	100%
Less deemed dividend of beneficial conversion feature	(825,366)	—	(825,366)	(100%)
Less deemed dividend of warrants	(825,366)	—	(825,366)	(100%)
Net loss attributable to Laird Superfood, Inc. common stockholders	<u>\$(14,501,033)</u>	<u>\$(1,055,069)</u>	<u>\$(12,620,598)</u>	(1183%)

### Sales, Net

	Years ended December 31,		2020 v. 2019 Change	
	2020	2019	\$	%
Sales, net	\$26,006,398	\$13,103,728	\$12,902,670	98%

Net sales increased by \$13 million to \$26 million in FY2020, compared to \$13 million in FY2019. This increase was due to a combination of growth in our online and wholesale channels, primarily caused by an increase in sales volume. Products introduced after FY2019, including Liquid Creamers, Chai InstaFuel, Orange Guava Hydrate, Activate Daily Greens, Renew Protein, Mushroom Coffee, and four flavors of Pili Nuts, accounted for \$4 million of gross sales in FY2020. Year-over-year gross sales growth in existing products accounted for \$9 million of the increase in gross sales in FY2020 compared to FY2019. During FY2020, 36% of all online orders were repeat orders, compared to 34% in FY2019, and 30% of our direct website net sales in FY2020 came from subscription programs, compared to 32% in FY2019.

### Cost of Goods Sold

	Years ended December 31,		2020 v. 2019 Change	
	2020	2019	\$	%
Cost of Goods Sold	\$(19,204,642)	\$(8,019,094)	\$(11,185,548)	139%





















































































































**CERTIFICATION**

I, Valerie Ells, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Laird Superfood, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) [omitted];
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 16, 2021

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Valerie Ells  
Valerie Ells

Chief Financial Officer  
(*principal financial officer*)





# DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Geoffrey T. Barker*  
Chairman of the Board  
Co-Founder and former Co-CEO, RPX Corporation  
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Laird Superfood, Inc.

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EVP and CFO of Entegris, Inc. (Nasdaq: ENTG)

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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Chief Innovator

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Chief Financial Officer

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Chief Operating Officer

*Andrew McCormick*  
General Counsel & Secretary

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# CORPORATE INFORMATION

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## INVESTOR RELATIONS

Copies of Laird Superfood Inc.'s 2020 Annual Report on Form 10-K are available at no charge. Please direct requests and other investor relation questions to:

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## STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING

NYSE American  
Symbol: LSF

## 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

May 7, 2021  
10:00am Pacific Time

Held virtually at:  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/LSF2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/LSF2021)

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