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June 15, 2026

VIA CERTIFIED AND ELECTRONIC MAIL *to:* [redacted]
Garden State Exotix LLC
[redacted]

Re: NOTICE OF VIOLATION –**Garden State Exotix LLC;** INV 20 2026

Dear [redacted],

This letter is a Notice of Violation ("Notice"), issued by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("NJ-CRC") in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.4 to Garden State Exotix LLC ("Garden State Exotix"). An investigation which commenced on February 20, 2026, and remains ongoing as of the date of this Notice, revealed Garden State Exotix committed the following violation:

1. **Violation 1: N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.2(g)-** Once a package is sealed, a cannabis business shall not open the package, except for quality control purposes. Once the seal is broken on a cannabis item ready for sale to the consumer, the cannabis item is deemed unusable.

During the February 20, 2026, NJ-CRC audit of Garden State Exotix's manufacturing METRC history, NJ-CRC staff determined that when cannabis items did not sell within its six month expiration date, Garden State Exotix opened sealed packages of finished cannabis flower, retested the cannabis and created a new product in METRC under a different name than the original finished cannabis. Later that day, NJ-CRC staff notified Garden State Exotix that finished cannabis products may not be opened to be used for new products and directed Garden State Exotix to immediately cease the practice. Garden State Exotics confirmed receipt of the notification that same day.

Within 20 business days of the receipt of the Notice of Violation, Garden State Exotix shall (1) Correct the violation; (2) Notify the Commission, in writing, with a postmark date that is within 20 business days of the date of receipt of the Notice of Violation, of any corrective actions taken to correct the violations, and the date of implementation of such corrective actions.

This Notice of Violation satisfies the NJ-CRC's responsibility to provide five-day notice before any enforcement action shall be taken, as required by N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.5. Garden State Exotix is notified that the above-referenced violations may result in the imposition of civil monetary penalties in accordance with the schedule set forth at N.J.A.C. 17:30- 20.7.

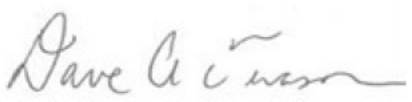
N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.5(a) establishes that: "In response to a violation of any provision of the Act or this chapter, the Commission is authorized to take enforcement action or impose sanctions upon a license holder. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, civil monetary penalties; suspension, revocation, non-renewal, or denial of a license; referral to State or local law enforcement, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.6, 20.7, and 20.8; or any combination thereof." Corrective action taken by Garden State Exotix does not preclude the NJ-CRC from imposing penalties but may be taken into consideration when considering the penalty to be imposed for each violation. N.J.A.C. 17:30- 20.6(f)(4).

Garden State Exotix has acted in violation of the adult use regulations, by opening sealed packages of finished cannabis flower for use in new cannabis products.

The NJ-CRC hereby orders Garden State Exotix to immediately cease opening sealed packages of finished cannabis flower for use in new cannabis products and conform its manufacturing operations with the adult-use regulations. The NJ-CRC reserves the right to impose sanctions for these violations.

The NJ-CRC appreciates your expeditious cooperation in this matter. Any questions regarding this correspondence can be sent via e-mail to your assigned Field Monitor.

Sincerely,



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New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission

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