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July 25, 2024

VIA CERTIFIED AND ELECTRONIC MAIL to: samantha@greenmedicinenj.com Samantha Morin Green Medicine NJ LLC 638 Brunswick Pike West Amwell, New Jersey 08530

> Re: NOTICE OF VIOLATION – Green Medicine NJ LLC; INV 143 24

Dear Ms. Morin.

This letter is a Notice of Violation, issued by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("NJ-CRC") in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.4 to Green Medicine NJ LLC ("Green Medicine"). The investigation commenced on July 18, 2024, and remains on-going, during which time Green Medicine was found to have committed the following regulatory violation:

## 1. **Violation 1:** N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.1 –

- (b) A cannabis cultivator or cannabis manufacturer shall process unusable or usable cannabis or manufacture cannabis products in a safe and sanitary manner to protect consumers from adulterated cannabis items, which shall be:
  - 1. For usable cannabis, well cured, and free of seeds and stems;
  - 2. Free of dirt, sand, debris, or other foreign matter; and
  - 3. Free of mold, rot, or other fungus or bacterial diseases.

A complaint was received on July 18, 2024, that package flower was sold in a dispensary under the tradename "Green Joy" that contained bugs. The packaged flower was collected from the complainant, along with fourteen other samples from the same dispensary that the bug-containing package was purchased from. The packages were delivered to a licensed cannabis testing laboratory for inspection, where the licensed testing laboratory determined that of the fourteen samples, twelve contained bugs and one contained what appeared to be human hair. Only one of the fourteen samples contained no foreign matter.

The NJ-CRC then conducted a random sample collection of packaged flowers at wholesale partners of Green Medicine of flower strains grown in the same room as the infected strains that had previously been tested, as well

as from the other grow rooms at the Green Medicine facility to determine how widespread the bug infestation was. Those samples were also delivered to a licensed cannabis testing laboratory for inspection. The results of that inspection are pending as of the issuance of this Notice of Violation.

Within 20 business days of the receipt of the Notice of Violation, Green Medicine 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. Green Medicine is notified that the above-referenced violations may result in the imposition of civil monetary penalties, suspension, or revocation of the license, 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 Green Medicine 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).

Green Medicine has acted in violation of the Jake Honig Act, the CREAMM Act, and the implementing regulations by cultivating and distributing cannabis flower that contains foreign matter.

The NJ-CRC hereby orders Green Medicine to immediately conform its operations and cultivation practices with the regulations and Standard Operating Procedures on file with the Commission. The NJ-CRC reserves the right to impose sanctions for this regulatory violation.

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,

Paul Thomas Urbish, Esq.

Director

Office of Compliance and Investigations

New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission