# MUSTGROW BIOLOGICS CORP.

# Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2021

#### General

This management discussion and analysis of financial position and results of operations ("MD&A") is prepared as at August 25, 2021 and should be read in conjunction with the unaudited consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 and related notes of MustGrow Biologics Corp. (the "Company"). The audited consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations of the IFRS Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC").

Management is responsible for the preparation and integrity of the Company's consolidated financial statements, including the maintenance of appropriate information systems, procedures and internal controls. Management is also responsible for ensuring that information disclosed externally, including the financial statements and MD&A, is complete and reliable.

All dollar amounts included therein and in the following MD&A are expressed in Canadian dollars except where noted. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Such information, although considered to be reasonable by the Company's management at the time of preparation, may prove to be inaccurate and actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in the statements made. Additional information regarding the Company, including the Company's annual information form for the year ended December 31, 2020 (the "AIF"), is available for viewing on SEDAR (<a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>) under the Company's issuer profile.

# **History and Description of Business**

On March 13, 2018, the Company completed a three-cornered amalgamation pursuant to an amalgamation agreement between the Company, MPT Mustard Products & Technologies Inc. ("MPT") and 102023826 Saskatchewan Ltd. ("Subco"). Pursuant to the terms of the amalgamation agreement, the Company acquired all of the issued and outstanding MPT common shares and MPT common share purchase warrants in exchange for the Company's common shares and common share purchase warrants and MPT and Subco amalgamated pursuant to the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Saskatchewan). The Company issued one common share for every two MPT common share and one warrant for every two MPT warrants, for aggregate consideration of 10,454,154 common shares (post-consolidation) of the Company and 1,289,837 warrants of the Company being issued to the MPT shareholders and warrant holders.

On March 29, 2018, the Company changed its name to MustGrow Biologics Corp.

On January 1, 2020, the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, MPT, amalgamated and continued operations as MustGrow Biologics Corp.

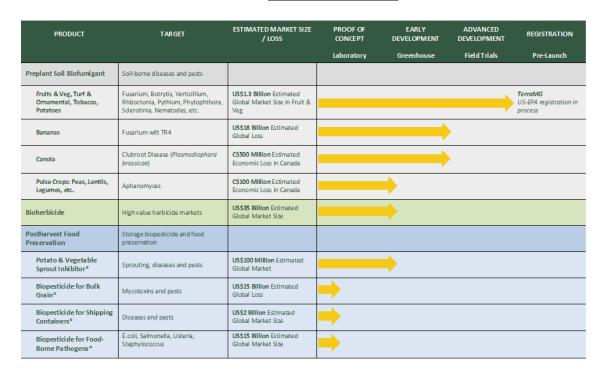
On May 7, 2020, the Company formed a wholly owned subsidiary, MustGrow Biologics Columbia S.A.S. to pursue market opportunities in South America.

The Company is now a publicly traded (CSE: MGRO) (OTC: MGROF) (FRA: 0CO) agricultural biotechnology company focused on providing natural science-based biological solutions for high value crops and other industries. MustGrow has designed and owns a United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") approved biopesticide that uses the mustard seed's natural defense mechanism to protect plants from soil-borne microbial diseases and pests. Approximately 110 independent tests have been completed, validating MustGrow's safe and effective technology. This technology, in granule format, is EPA-approved across all key U.S. states (excluding California) as a biopesticide and is designated by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency as biopesticide. The Company has now concentrated a new liquid format to be applied through injection, standard drip or spray equipment, improving functionality and performance features. EPA-approval for the new liquid formulation is in process.

## **Operations**

The Company is developing natural, plant-based biological solutions to replace synthetic chemicals used in high value crops and other applications. The Company's technology pipeline is presented below and describes, for each product, the stage of development and the steps to reach regulatory approval, which will facilitate commercial sales. Please refer to the discussion under the "Technology and Products" section of the Company's AIF filed on SEDAR.

# Technology Pipeline



Source: Globenewire, 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Ag Market Researcher, MustGrow estimates.

<sup>\*</sup>Literature shows AITC has application in these areas. MustGrow is looking forward to testing its natural AITC technologies.

## **Financing Activities**

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company realized proceeds of \$1,826,807 on issuance of 4,167,765 common shares related to exercise of warrants and stock options.

During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Company realized proceeds of \$1,052,924 on issuance of 2,298,847 common shares related to exercise of warrants.

# **Results of Operations**

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2021, the Company incurred losses of \$659,978 and \$1,272,240, compared to losses of \$1,074,534 and \$1,807,038 in the corresponding three and six month periods in 2020. The variation from year to year was driven primarily by the expense levels presented in the table below and the gain on extinguishment of debt of \$105,194 recorded in the first quarter of 2020.

	Three months ended June 30,			Six months ended June 30,		
	2021 2020		2021		2020	
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Expenses						
Research and development	\$ 124,745	\$	37,420	\$ 221,366	\$	63,606
Regulatory	8,836		14,889	24,983		28,544
Corporate communications	34,700		338,413	72,010		704,791
Transfer agent and exchange fees	37,024		27,951	91,296		50,482
Office and administration	177,252		143,769	344,790		310,899
Marketing and promotion	144,685		77,573	274,256		144,639
Patent expenses	48,889		46,189	62,868		62,240
Professional fees	28,157		29,055	52,965		55,442
Stock-based compensation	42,171		347,721	101,978		468,825
	\$ 646,459	\$	1,062,980	\$ 1,246,512	\$	1,889,468

Research and development expenses include costs related to identification and extraction of biopesticide and bioherbicide compounds from mustard seed, formulation of these compounds into biologic products and testing of these products on various microbial diseases, pests and weeds in laboratory, greenhouse and field settings. Research and development expenses increased in 2021 as the Company increased process development and trial activity on the products and crops identified in the product pipeline above.

Regulatory expenses include renewal fees for existing product registrations and fees paid to expert consultants working with regulatory bodies to achieve registration of the Company's new products.

Corporate communications expenses consist of fees paid to consultants to provide, amongst other services, the following:

- Educating customers, investors and the general public on the Company's products and technology;
- Communications with potential strategic partners, financial market participants and the research and development community relating to the Company's products, technology trials and demonstrations;
- Investigation and acquisition of projects and intellectual property; and
- Development of information packages, presentation materials, traditional and digital media services, editorials, industry commentary and interviews describing the Company, its products and the target markets.

Corporate communications expense decreased in 2021 due to the following:

- Non-recurring services and communication obligations arising from the expanded shareholder base following the non-brokered private placement of units on December 10, 2019 (the "2019 Unit Offering"), which were included in the 2020 results; and
- Increased communications resulting from the listing of the Company's common shares on the OTC and Frankfurt stock exchange, which were included in the 2020 results.

Transfer agent and exchange fees increased in 2021 over 2020 as a result of the Company upgrading its listing on the OTC from OTCQB to OTCQX.

The primary components of office and administration expenses are as follows.

	Three months	ended June 30,	Six months ended June 30,		
	2021	2020	2021	2020	
Management compensation	\$ 146,466	\$ 115,876	\$291,623	\$263,450	
Rent	16,771	15,897	33,257	32,560	
Office expenses	14,015	11,996	19,910	14,889	
	\$ 177,252	\$ 143,769	\$ 344,790	\$ 310,899	

Marketing and promotion expenses include trade shows, travel and consulting fees paid to market development representatives. Consulting fees and promotional expenses increased as the Company increased product development and trial work, which required increased communication of results.

Stock-based compensation was higher in the 2020 period due to issuance of warrants to the Company's outside consultants. Such warrants were issued in lieu of cash compensation.

#### **Cash Flows and Financial Position**

Cash used in operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$1,179,144 and \$1,516,767, respectively. The higher level of expenditure in the 2020 period was due to non-recurring services and communication obligations arising from the expanded shareholder base following the 2019 Unit Offering.

Cash provided by financing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was related to exercise of warrants and was \$1,052,924 and \$347,441, respectively.

Total assets decreased to \$3,251,626 at June 30, 2021 from \$3,372,050 at December 31, 2020 due to cash used to fund operations, offset by cash realized on exercise of warrants.

Total liabilities decreased to \$1,043,989 at June 30, 2021 from \$1,047,075 at December 31, 2020 due to reduced accounts payable and accrued liabilities, offset by accretion of the Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture loan.

# **Selected Quarterly Information**

The following selected financial data has been prepared in accordance with IFRS and should be read in conjunction with the Company's financial statements. All dollar amounts are in Canadian dollars.

Quarter Ended	Revenue \$	Income (loss) for the period \$	Income (loss) per Share (Basic & Diluted) \$
June 30, 2021	0	(659,978)	(0.02)
March 31, 2021	0	(612,262)	(0.01)
December 31, 2020	0	(877,143)	(0.02)
September 30, 2020	0	(625,767)	(0.02)
June 30, 2020	0	(1,074,514)	(0.03)
March 31, 2020	0	(732,502)	(0.02)
December 31, 2019	0	(485,972)	(0.02)
September 30, 2019	0	(409,891)	(0.02)

The Company is not currently subject to seasonality fluctuations and the variation in loss for the quarterly periods reflects increased or decreased levels of research and product development activity. The increased loss for the quarter ended June 30, 2020 was due to increased stock-based compensation related to warrant and stock option issuances in the period.

# **Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company's working capital at June 30, 2021 was \$2,589,908 including cash of \$3,186,577. The Company does not generate positive cash flows. The Company is reliant on equity financing or shareholder loans to provide the necessary cash to acquire or participate in an active business. There can be no assurance that equity financings will be available to the Company in the future that will be obtained on terms satisfactory to the Company.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on the financial performance or financial condition of the Company.

## **Related Party Transactions**

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2021, the Company incurred consulting fees and office rent of \$150,996 and \$300,623 (2020 - \$120,376 and \$272,450) to companies controlled by directors and officers of the Company.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2021, stock-based compensation related to stock options issued to directors and officers of the Company totaled \$24,694 and \$49,388 (2020 – \$47,816 and \$63,860).

At June 30, 2021, there was \$17,212 accrued and payable to companies controlled by directors and officers of the Company (December 31, 2020 – \$38,939).

# **Financial Instruments and Risk Management Fair Values**

The fair values of cash and equivalents, receivables, trade payables and long-term debt approximate their fair values because of their nature and relatively short maturity dates or durations. The long-term debt is valued using a discounted cash flow model taking into consideration the current market interest rate of interest with similar term to maturity and the Company's current credit quality. As at June 30, 2021, the fair value of the long-term debt is \$722,230 (December 31, 2020 - \$696,503).

## (a) Financial Risk Management

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. The Company considers the fluctuations of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on financial performance.

## (b) Financial Instrument Risk Exposure

The Company is exposed in varying degrees to a variety of financial instrument related risks. The Board of Directors approves and monitors the risk management process.

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of a financial loss to the Company if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligation. The Company's exposure to credit risk includes cash and receivables. The Company reduces its credit risk by maintaining its bank accounts at large international financial institutions. The receivables consist primarily of tax receivables due from federal government agencies. The maximum exposure to credit risk is equal to the fair value or carrying value of the financial assets.

## Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its obligations as they become due. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on management's ability to raise required funding through future equity issuances. The Company manages its liquidity risk

by forecasting cash flows from operations and anticipating any investing and financing activities. Management and the Board of Directors are actively involved in the review, planning and approval of significant expenditures and commitments.

#### Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss that may arise from changes in market factors such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and commodity and equity prices. Such fluctuations may be significant, but the Company is not currently subject to any such risks in a material way.

# (a) Interest rate risk

The Company has cash balances and no interest-bearing debt. The Company's current policy is to invest excess cash in investment-grade short-term deposit certificates issued by its banking institutions. The Company periodically monitors the investments it makes and is satisfied with the credit ratings of its banks.

# (b) Foreign currency risk

The Company is not exposed to any material foreign currency risk on fluctuations in exchange rates.

## (c) Price risk

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to equity prices. Equity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on the Company's earnings due to movements in individual equity prices or general movements in the level of the stock market. The Company closely monitors individual equity movements, and the stock market to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken by the Company.

## **Changes in IFRS Accounting Policies and Future Accounting Pronouncements**

None.

# **Contingencies**

The Company is not aware of any contingencies or pending legal proceedings as of the date of this MD&A.

# **Additional Share Information**

As at June 30, 2021, the Company had outstanding:

- (i) 42,791,696 common shares;
- (ii) 4,059,564 warrants convertible into common shares; and
- (iii) 3,725,000 stock options convertible into common shares.

## **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company is subject to all of the business risks and uncertainties associated with any early-stage enterprise, including under-capitalization, cash shortages, limitations with respect to personnel, financial and other resources, and lack of revenues. Its main products have yet to reach production stage. Certain factors, including but not limited to the ones described in its AIF, could materially affect the Corporation's financial condition and/or future operating results, and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in forward looking statements made by or relating to the Company.

Please refer to the discussion of forward-looking statements and information under the heading "Forward-Looking Statements" located at the beginning of the Company's AIF filed on SEDAR under the Company's issuer profile as well as the discussion of risks and uncertainties set out under the heading "Risk Factors," located within the Company's AIF filed on SEDAR. The reader should carefully consider these risks as well as the information disclosed in the Company's audited annual financial statements, dated August 25, 2021, and other publicly filed disclosure regarding the Company, available on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) under the MustGrow's issuer profile.

## **Subsequent Event**

On August 3, 2021, the Company executed an exclusive evaluation and option agreement (the "Agreement") with Sumitomo Corporation to evaluate the Company's technology for preplant soil fumigation, bioherbicide, postharvest and food preservation for potatoes and bananas (the "Technology"). Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company granted Sumitomo Corporation the right to use its intellectual property and the exclusive option to acquire exclusive rights in certain applications of the Technology in North, Central, and South America (the "Field of Use"). In addition to the commercial development, Sumitomo Corporation will fund and assume the role and responsibilities for conducting all toxicology, safety, efficacy, and regulatory work necessary for commercializing the Technology. Additionally, Sumitomo Corporation has the non-exclusive ability to acquire rights to the Company's technology for Canadian canola and pulses, global turf and ornamentals, floriculture, and all postharvest and food preservation applications not covered within the Field of Use.

MustGrow has on-going field trials under corporate collaboration with numerous agriculture, chemical products, and consumer food companies. The Company reserved the right to complete these existing field trials and pursue commercial distribution agreements excluding those areas and territories defined within the Field of Use, as well as all other rights including the rights to engage with third parties with respect to the Company's technology, excluding within the Field of Use.

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

The outbreak of COVID-19 has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which include the implementation of travel bans, self-imposed quarantine periods and social distancing, have caused material disruption to

businesses globally resulting in an economic slowdown. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is not known at this time, nor is the efficacy of the government and central bank monetary and fiscal interventions designed to stabilize economic conditions. As a result, it is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments or the impact on the financial position and financial results of the Company in future periods.

#### Disclaimer

The information provided in this document is not intended to be a comprehensive review of all matters concerning the Company. It should be read in conjunction with all other disclosure documents provided by the Company, which can be accessed at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>. No securities commission or regulatory authority has reviewed the accuracy or adequacy of the information presented herein.

## **Cautionary Statement on Forward Looking Information**

Certain statements contained in this document constitute "forward-looking statements". Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance, or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance, or achievements expressly stated or implied.