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## RotoGro Files Statement of Claim for Patent Infringement Against RavenQuest BioMed Inc. (CSE:RQB), William George Robinson and Others

### Highlights

- Patent infringement lodged against RavenQuest Biomed Inc (CSE: RQB) amongst others
- Canadian patent grants exclusivity in Canada until 2039

Roto-Gro Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Roto-Gro International Limited (“ASX:RGI”, “RotoGro” or the “Company”), has filed a Statement of Claim in the Federal Court of Canada against RavenQuest BioMed Inc. (“RavenQuest”), CL2G Consulting (“CL2G”), Synergy Solutions Management (“Synergy”), 1052543 B.C. Ltd., and William George Robinson (“Robinson”) for the infringement of RotoGro’s Canadian Patent for its Stackable Modular Rotatable Gardening System, Patent No. 2,908,184 (the “Patent”).

The Patent was granted to RotoGro by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office on 22 October 2019. The Patent gives RotoGro the exclusive right, privilege and liberty to make, construct, use, and sell to others to be used, its proprietary Stackable Modular Rotatable Gardening System, as described in the Patent (the “RotoGro Patented Gardening System”) for a period of 20 years from the Patent’s filing date (see announcement released 28 October 2019).

### Details of the Patent

The Patent pertains to a modular rotatable garden comprising a drum and a modular main frame. The drum is supported within a modular main frame, such that the drum is rotatable. The Patent also pertains to a modular hot air removal system and direct carbon dioxide delivery to the plants within the rotatable garden.

In particular, the Patent protects a stacked rotatable gardening system comprising numerous modular rotatable gardens being stacked vertically (i.e., one on top of the other) and horizontally (i.e., side by

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side), where each main frame is connected to the main frame of the other modular rotatable garden, forming system pods.

### **The History Between RotoGro and the Defendants**

During 2016, Robinson purchased two RotoGro Patented Gardening Systems from RotoGro while operating as a sole proprietor under the business name CL2G Consulting. In July 2017, Synergy purchased two RotoGro Patented Gardening Systems from RotoGro. In December 2017, Robinson commenced negotiations with RotoGro regarding the licensing of RotoGro's intellectual property rights in RotoGro's proprietary technology (including technology which is the subject matter of the Patent). However, neither RavenQuest nor Robinson entered into a licensing agreement with RotoGro.

RotoGro subsequently delivered letters to RavenQuest and Robinson demanding that they cease and desist their unlawful use of RotoGro's proprietary technology. The first letter, sent on 21 December 2017, put RavenQuest and Robinson on notice that RotoGro would defend and protect its intellectual property rights pursuant to its patent applications in Canada and the U.S., and noted that RavenQuest's promotional paper featured an unlicensed drawing identical to the invention described and shown in RotoGro's application for the Patent. The second letter, sent on 27 September 2019, noted that RavenQuest's advertisements for "orbital gardens" would infringe claims in the Patent once issued on 22 October 2019.

### **Moving Forward**

CEO Adam Clode states, "RotoGro's Canadian and US Patents put RotoGro at the forefront of hydroponic indoor growing and urban vertical farming in North America. As such, it is important for us to protect and defend our inventions against all individuals and businesses that look to replicate and unlawfully benefit from our patented and proprietary intellectual property. We owe this duty to our shareholders, and to the Company as a whole. It is important to me and the Company that our day to day operations are not impacted by this matter and we look forward to having it resolved as soon as possible. We now have two patents in the United States and one in Canada. We look forward to expediting our patent applications in Europe and the grant of our patent applications in Australia in the near future."

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**About Roto-Gro International Limited**

Roto-Gro International Limited is an Australian-based company with global operations focused on the cultivation of lawful cannabis and perishable food (produce) which take advantage of its proprietary, patented, and patents-pending technology in the stackable rotary hydroponic garden space.

The Company has collaborated with Gibio Inc. and Freshero Pty Ltd. These ventures leverage RotoGro's patented rotational hydroponic garden systems, crop management fertigation hardware and proprietary software systems to produce greater yields and lower operating costs. In addition, the Company has entered into a Share Purchase Agreement to acquire all the issued and outstanding shares in the capital stock of Supra THC Services Inc. which holds a Dealer's License issued by Health Canada for lawful cannabis. The Company has also entered into a Share Purchase Agreement to acquire 51% of the issued and outstanding shares in the capital stock of Medical Compassion Canni Farms Inc. which is a late stage Health Canada cannabis cultivation and processing license applicant.

RotoGro's wholly owned subsidiary, Global Fertigation Solutions Inc. ("GFS"), provides a patent-pending specialized business line for water treatment and nutrient management in the viticulture, perishable foods and lawful cannabis space. GFS has successfully provided design solutions, installations and ongoing service contracts for licensed lawful cannabis facilities in the State of Nevada, USA and is embarking on expanding this offering globally.

The Company continues its focus on expanding into industry synergistic opportunities; exploring strategic partnerships in related markets which include, perishable food (produce) partnerships, lawful cannabis license ownership, growing management services, industry leading nutrients, emerging tissue culture (micropropagation) expertise and other supporting faculties of hydroponic growing.

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