

FORM 9

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OR PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF LISTED SECURITIES **(or securities convertible or exchangeable into listed securities)**

Name of Listed Issuer:	Symbol(s):
4Front Ventures Corp. (the "Issuer")	FFNT

Date: *October 6, 2021*

Is this an updating or amending Notice: Yes No

If yes provide date(s) of prior Notices: *N/A*

Issued and Outstanding Securities of Issuer Prior to Issuance:

592,644,240 Class A Subordinate Voting Shares ("SVS. Further, the Issuer has 12,322,250 listed warrants exercisable into SVS and 1,276,208 issued and outstanding Class C multiple voting shares.

Pricing

Date of news release announcing proposed issuance:

October 7, 2021

Date of confidential request for price protection: *N/A*

Closing Market Price on Day Preceding the news release: *\$1.27*

Day preceding request for price protection: *N/A*

Closing

Number of securities to be issued:

25,000,000 SVS

Issued and outstanding securities following issuance:

The number of SVS outstanding following the issuance will depend on the number of such shares outstanding immediately prior to the time of issuance on the closing date.

Instructions:

1. For private placements (including debt settlement), complete tables 1A and 1B in Part 1 of this form.

2. Complete Table 1A – Summary for all purchasers, excluding those identified in Item 8.
3. Complete Table 1B – Related Persons only for Related Persons
4. If shares are being issued in connection with an acquisition (either as consideration or to raise funds for a cash acquisition) please proceed to Part 2 of this form.
5. An issuance of non-convertible debt does not have to be reported unless it is a significant transaction as defined in Policy 7, in which case it is to be reported on Form 10 – Notice of Proposed Transaction
6. Post the completed Form 9 to the CSE website in accordance with *Policy 6 – Distributions*. In addition, the completed form must be delivered to listings@thecse.com with an appendix that includes the information in Table 1B for ALL places.

Part 1. Private Placement

This part is not applicable.

Table 1A – Summary

Each jurisdiction in which purchasers reside	Number of Purchasers	Price per Security	Total dollar value (CDN\$) raised in the jurisdiction
Total number of purchasers:			
Total dollar value of distribution in all jurisdictions:			

Table 1B – Related Persons

Full Name & Municipality of Residence of Placee	Number of Securities Purchased or to be Purchased	Purchase price per Security (CDN\$)	Conversion Price (if Applicable) (CDN\$)	Prospectus Exemption	Total Securities Previously Owned, Controlled or Directed	Payment Date(1)	Describe relationship to Issuer (2)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

¹An issuance of non-convertible debt does not have to be reported unless it is a significant transaction as defined in Policy 7, in which case it is to be reported on Form 10.

1. Total amount of funds to be raised: _____ .
2. Provide full details of the use of the proceeds. The disclosure should be sufficiently complete to enable a reader to appreciate the significance of the transaction without reference to any other material. _____ .
3. Provide particulars of any proceeds which are to be paid to Related Persons of the Issuer:

4. If securities are issued in forgiveness of indebtedness, provide details of the debt agreement(s) or and the agreement to exchange the debt for securities.

5. Description of securities to be issued:
 - (a) Class _____ .
 - (b) Number _____ .
 - (c) Price per security _____ .
 - (d) Voting rights _____ .

6. Provide the following information if warrants, (options) or other convertible securities are to be issued:
 - (a) Number _____ .
 - (b) Number of securities eligible to be purchased on exercise of warrants (or options) _____ .
_____ .
 - (c) Exercise price _____ .
 - (d) Expiry date _____ .

7. Provide the following information if debt securities are to be issued:
 - (a) Aggregate principal amount _____ .
 - (b) Maturity date _____ .
 - (c) Interest rate _____ .
 - (d) Conversion terms _____ .

 - (e) Default provisions _____ .

8. Provide the following information for any agent's fee, commission, bonus or finder's fee, or other compensation paid or to be paid in connection with the placement (including warrants, options, etc.):
 - (a) Details of any dealer, agent, broker or other person receiving compensation in connection with the placement (name, and if a

corporation, identify persons owning or exercising voting control over 20% or more of the voting shares if known to the Issuer): _____ .

- (b) Cash _____ .
- (c) Securities _____ .
- (d) Other _____ .
- (e) Expiry date of any options, warrants etc. _____ .
- (f) Exercise price of any options, warrants etc. _____ .

9. State whether the sales agent, broker, dealer or other person receiving compensation in connection with the placement is Related Person or has any other relationship with the Issuer and provide details of the relationship _____

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10. Describe any unusual particulars of the transaction (i.e. tax "flow through" shares, etc.).

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11. State whether the private placement will result in a change of control.

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12. Where there is a change in the control of the Issuer resulting from the issuance of the private placement shares, indicate the names of the new controlling shareholders. _____

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13. Each purchaser has been advised of the applicable securities legislation restricted or seasoning period. All certificates for securities issued which are subject to a hold period bear the appropriate legend restricting their transfer until the expiry of the applicable hold period required by National Instrument 45-102 Resale of Securities.

Part 2. Acquisition

1. Provide details of the assets to be acquired by the Issuer (including the location of the assets, if applicable). The disclosure should be sufficiently complete to enable a reader to appreciate the significance of the transaction without reference to any other material:

Issuer shall acquire all of the issued and outstanding equity interests of New England Cannabis Corporation, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation (“NECC” pursuant to a merger transaction, the “Merger Transaction”), as contemplated by an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”), dated October 6, 2021, by and among the Issuer, 4Front NECC Acquisition Co., a Massachusetts corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Issuer (“Merger Sub”), NECC, and the sole individual shareholder (the “Shareholder”). NECC holds a Tier 4 Marijuana Cultivation License and a Marijuana Product Manufacturing License both of which were issued by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission.

In addition, Mission Partners RE, LLC, (the “Buyer”) a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Issuer has agreed to purchase all of the issued and outstanding membership interests held by the Shareholder (the “MIPA Transaction”) of 29 Everett Street LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company (the “Company”) pursuant to a membership interest purchase agreement dated October 6, 2021, by and among the Issuer, the Buyer, and the Shareholder (the “MIPA”) (collectively, the Merger Transaction and the MIPA Transaction being the “Proposed Transactions”). The Company owns certain real property located at 29 Everett Street, Holliston, Massachusetts 01746), which is leased to and used by NECC in connection with its operation of a cannabis cultivation and manufacturing business.

2. Provide details of the acquisition including the date, parties to and type of agreement (eg: sale, option, license etc.) and relationship to the Issuer. The disclosure should be sufficiently complete to enable a reader to appreciate the significance of the acquisition without reference to any other material:

The Merger Transaction will be consummated pursuant to the Merger Agreement pursuant to which Merger Sub will be merged with and into NECC, with NECC surviving such merger as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Issuer. The MIPA Transaction will be consummated pursuant to the MIPA Agreement pursuant to which the Buyer will acquire the membership interests of the Company such that the Company will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Buyer. The Shareholder is arm’s length to the Issuer, the Merger Sub and the Buyer.

3. Provide the following information in relation to the total consideration for the acquisition (including details of all cash, securities or other consideration) and any required work commitments:

(a) Total aggregate consideration in Canadian dollars:

C\$71,677,500¹ (US\$57,000,000).

(b) Cash:

C\$27,665,000 (US\$22,000,000 (which amount includes US\$2,000,000 payable in respect of NECC's inventory on hand as of the closing date)).

(c) Securities (including options, warrants etc.) and dollar value:

25,000,000 SVS. The number of SVS to be issued pursuant to the Merger Agreement was calculated based on US\$30,000,000 divided by US\$1.20.

(d) Other:

C\$6,287,500 (US\$5,000,000) promissory note to be issued by the Issuer under the Merger Agreement bearing interest at an annual rate equal to 10% and maturing on the second anniversary of the closing date.

(e) Expiry date of options, warrants, etc. if any: *N/A*

(f) Exercise price of options, warrants, etc. if any: *N/A*

(g) Work commitments: *N/A*

4. State how the purchase or sale price was determined (e.g. arm's-length negotiation, independent committee of the Board, third party valuation etc).

The purchase price was determined by arm's length negotiation among the parties to the Proposed Transactions. Fort Capital Partners, a boutique investment bank with significant M&A experience, was engaged by the Issuer to provide views on value in order to ensure a transaction that was fair from a financial point of view to the Issuer. In order to determine a fair value for the assets to be acquired, Fort Capital Partners used traditional valuation methodologies including; discounted cash flow analysis, precedent transaction

¹ Unless stated otherwise, exchange rates in this Form 9 are based on the exchange rate posted by the Bank of Canada on October 5, 2021 of 1.2575 for illustrative purposes.

analysis and share price accretion / dilution. These methodologies ultimately led to, and supported, the agreed upon purchase price.

5. Provide details of any appraisal or valuation of the subject of the acquisition known to management of the Issuer:

N/A

6. The names of parties receiving securities of the Issuer pursuant to the acquisition and the number of securities to be issued are described as follows:

Name of Party (If not an individual, name all insiders of the Party)	Number and Type of Securities to be Issued	Dollar value per Security (CDN\$)	Conversion price (if applicable)	Prospectus Exemption	Total Securities, Previously Owned, Controlled or Directed by Party	Describe relationship to Issuer ⁽¹⁾
The Shareholder	25,000,000 SVS	US\$1.20 CDN\$ 1.51	N/A	Section 2.11 of National Instrument 45-106 (business combination and reorganization)	0	Not a related person.

(1) Indicate if Related Person

7. Details of the steps taken by the Issuer to ensure that the vendor has good title to the assets being acquired:

The Shareholder is providing representations and warranties in the Merger Agreement and the MIPA regarding the Shareholder's title to its equity interests in NECC and the Company. Additionally, NECC is providing representations and warranties in the Merger Agreement that it holds legal and beneficial right, title and interest in and to all of its assets, free and clear of all encumbrances, other than as permitted under the Merger Agreement. The Company is further

providing representations and warranties in the MIPA that it holds legal and beneficial right, title and interest in and to all of its assets, free and clear of all encumbrances, other than as permitted under the MIPA.

8. Provide the following information for any agent's fee, commission, bonus or finder's fee, or other compensation paid or to be paid in connection with the acquisition (including warrants, options, etc.):
 - (a) Details of any dealer, agent, broker or other person receiving compensation in connection with the acquisition (name, and if a corporation, identify persons owning or exercising voting control over 20% or more of the voting shares if known to the Issuer):
 - (b) Cash: *Fort Capital Partners will receive a cash fee equal to 1.8% of the transaction value being US\$1,000,000*
 - (c) Securities: *N/A*
 - (d) Other: *N/A*
 - (e) Expiry date of any options, warrants etc.: *N/A*
 - (f) Exercise price of any options, warrants etc.: *N/A*
9. State whether the sales agent, broker or other person receiving compensation in connection with the acquisition is a Related Person or has any other relationship with the Issuer and provide details of the relationship. *No other relationship.*
10. If applicable, indicate whether the acquisition is the acquisition of an interest in property contiguous to or otherwise related to any other asset acquired in the last 12 months. *N/A.*

Certificate Of Compliance

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

1. The undersigned is a director and/or senior officer of the Issuer and has been duly authorized by a resolution of the board of directors of the Issuer to sign this Certificate of Compliance on behalf of the Issuer.
2. As of the date hereof there is not material information concerning the Issuer which has not been publicly disclosed.
3. the Issuer has obtained the express written consent of each applicable individual to:
 - (a) the disclosure of their information to the Exchange pursuant to this Form or otherwise pursuant to this filing; and
 - (b) the collection, use and disclosure of their information by the Exchange in the manner and for the purposes described in Appendix A or as otherwise identified by the Exchange, from time to time
4. The undersigned hereby certifies to the Exchange that the Issuer is in compliance with the requirements of applicable securities legislation (as such term is defined in National Instrument 14-101) and all Exchange Requirements (as defined in CSE Policy 1).
5. All of the information in this Form 9 Notice of Issuance of Securities is true.

Dated October 6, 2021.

Leonid Gontmakher
Name of Director or Senior
Officer

(signed) "Leonid Gontmakher"
Signature

Chief Executive Officer
Official Capacity

Appendix A

PERSONAL INFORMATION COLLECTION POLICY REGARDING FORM 9

The Canadian Securities Exchange and its subsidiaries, affiliates, regulators and agents (collectively, “CSE or the “Exchange”) collect and use the information (which may include personal or other information) which has been provided in Form 9 for the following purposes:

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- To determine whether an individual is suitable to be associated with a Listed Issuer;
- To determine whether an issuer is suitable for listing;
- To determine whether allowing an issuer to be listed or allowing an individual to be associated with a Listed Issuer could give rise to investor protection concerns or could bring the Exchange into disrepute;
- To conduct enforcement proceedings;
- To ensure compliance with Exchange Requirements and applicable securities legislation; and
- To fulfil the Exchange’s obligation to regulate its marketplace.

The CSE also collects information, including personal information, from other sources, including but not limited to securities regulatory authorities, law enforcement and self-regulatory authorities, regulation service providers and their subsidiaries, affiliates, regulators and agents. The Exchange may disclose personal information to these entities or otherwise as provided by law and they may use it for their own investigations.

The Exchange may use third parties to process information or provide other administrative services. Any third party will be obliged to adhere to the security and confidentiality provisions set out in this policy.

All personal information provided to or collected by or on behalf of The Exchange and that is retained by The Exchange is kept in a secure environment. Only those employees who need to know the information for the purposes listed above are permitted access to the information or any summary thereof. Employees are instructed to keep the information confidential at all times.

Information about you that is retained by the Exchange and that you have identified as inaccurate or obsolete will be corrected or removed.

If you wish to consult your file or have any questions about this policy or our practices, please write the Chief Privacy Officer, Canadian Securities Exchange, 220 Bay Street – 9th Floor, Toronto, ON, M5J 2W4.