

Yooma Wellness Acquires U.K. Market Leader Vitality CBD

Transaction is part of Yooma's buy-and-build strategy

TORONTO, Aug. 20, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Yooma Wellness Inc. ("Yooma" or the "Company") (CSE: YOOM, AQSE: YOOM), a global vertically integrated wellness platform that develops and markets a portfolio of CBD and wellness brands, is pleased to announce it has acquired U.K.-based market leader Vitality CBD Limited ("Vitality") in a transaction valued at up to £10.2 million (CAD\$17.7 million) (the "acquisition") via the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Yooma Europe Limited.

The acquisition adds a significant source of recurring revenue to Yooma and its subsidiaries through Vitality's presence at mainstream retail outlets such as Boots, Lloyds Pharmacy, Tesco and ASDA, as well as expanding Yooma's target customer base and distribution network for its existing European-focused brands, including MYO Plant Nutrition. This is Yooma's first transaction since it completed the dual-listing of its shares on the AQSE Growth Market in London earlier this month and is part of the Company's plan to build the world's largest CBD and wellness business.

"Completing the acquisition of Vitality is the first step of the strategic plan the Company outlined to investors at the time of our UK financing and dual-listing – to buy and build companies globally, focused on materially increasing the Company's top-line revenue, leveraging Yooma's integrated supply chain to drive margin growth, and expanding distribution for the existing product portfolio," said Yooma Chairman Lorne Abony. "This acquisition will help accelerate our growth by exporting these branded products to other Yooma jurisdictions and integrating with our MYO Plant Nutrition operations and distribution. Vitality is a market leader in the UK with presence in major retail outlets such as Boots, ASDA and Lloyds Pharmacy and we look forward to working with the team at Vitality."

Nikhil Nathwani, Co-founder and Managing Director commented on the acquisition, "The whole Vitality CBD team is excited to be joining the Yooma group. CBD is a growing industry not only in the UK but globally, and the acquisition positions us nicely to be able to continue to expand and grow the business."

In the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, Vitality had gross turnover of £1.6 million (CAD \$2.78 million) and EBITDA of approximately £0.3 million (CAD \$0.52 million). The company plans to capitalize on the synergies of working with Yooma and focus on growing revenue and margin throughout the rest of 2021, as well as expanding distribution to other European and international markets.

Details of the Acquisition

Under the terms of a sale and purchase agreement, the Company has acquired 100% of the issued shares of Vitality for total consideration of up to £10.2 million (the "Consideration") comprising:

- £4 million cash at closing ("Cash Consideration") subject to agreed working capital adjustments (Vitality being acquired on a cash-free / debt-free basis);
- 7,706,422 new common shares of the Company ("Consideration Shares") representing £4.2 million issued at an implied price of £0.545 (CAD \$0.95) per share; and
- up to £2 million of cash or share-based consideration, at the Company's option, subject to the achievement of revenue milestones by Vitality for the financial year 2022 as set out below:

Value of the 2022 Revenue	Value of the Deferred Consideration due to the Sellers
Greater than £5 million but less than £6 million	£500,000
£6 million or more, but less than £7 million	£1 million
£7 million but less than £8 million	£1.5 million
£8 million or more	£2 million

Cash consideration for the acquisition was funded from the Company's existing cash.

100% of the Consideration Shares are subject to a lock-in, with 25% of the Consideration Shares being released from the lock-in on each of the 10-month, 16-month, 22-month and 28-month anniversaries of completion.

The Company has received customary warranties and indemnities in relation to the business and operations, assets, trading and financial affairs of Vitality (with related tax covenant and warranties).

The current senior management team at Vitality have been retained and will continue to operate the business day-to-day as the Company focuses on integration and expansion.

Admission of Consideration Shares and Total Voting Rights

Application will be made for the Consideration Shares, which will rank *pari passu* with the existing common shares in issue, to be admitted to trading on the AQSE Growth Market ("Admission"). Dealings are expected to commence on or around August 23, 2021.

Following Admission, Nikhil Nathwani, the largest shareholder of Vitality prior to its acquisition by the Company, will hold a total of 4,623,852 common shares of the Company, representing 4.74% of the Company's issued common shares.

The Company's total issued and voting share capital upon Admission of the Consideration Shares will consist of 97,497,707 common shares. This figure may be used by shareholders as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in, securities of the Company.

About Yooma Wellness Inc.

Yooma's mission is to build a vertically-integrated global leader in the manufacturing, marketing, distribution, and sale of wellness products including hemp seed oil and hemp-derived and cannabinoid (CBD) ingredients. The company leverages strategically curated sales channels and ecommerce networks to deliver a diverse mix of wellness products through operating subsidiaries in the United States, United Kingdom, France and Japan. Learn more at www.yooma.ca.

About Vitality CBD Limited

Vitality CBD is the most widely stocked brand of CBD in the UK with products distributed in national retailers such as Boots, Tesco, ASDA and Lloyds Pharmacy. Vitality CBD is also prominent on E-commerce retailers such as Amazon, Very & Ocado. The Vitality CBD product portfolio has over 60 SKUs including oils and sprays in a wide range of flavours and strengths, edibles, and a specially developed and formulated range of CBD skin care cosmetic products.

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