

FORM 9

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OR PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF LISTED SECURITIES

(or securities convertible or exchangeable into listed securities¹)

Name of Listed Issuer:

Symbol(s):

Cresco Labs Inc. (the "Issuer")	CL
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Date: January 25, 2021 Is this an updating or amending Notice: Yes No

If yes provide date(s) of prior Notices: _____.

Issued and Outstanding Securities of Issuer Prior to Issuance: (A) 177,203,540 subordinate voting shares issued and outstanding; (B) 202,331,555 subordinate voting shares reserved for issuance; (C) 347,671,169 total subordinate voting shares on an as-if converted basis.

Pricing

Date of news release announcing proposed issuance: January 14, 2021 or

Date of confidential request for price protection: N/A

Closing Market Price on Day Preceding the news release: \$16.59 or

Day preceding request for price protection: N/A.

Closing

Number of securities to be issued: Approximately 14,533,976 subordinate voting shares to be issued at closing, approximately 5,587,255 subordinate voting shares to be reserved for issuance pursuant to outstanding warrants and approximately 344,325 subordinate voting shares to be reserved for issuance pursuant to outstanding restricted share units. The Issuer will provide final share numbers to the CSE prior to closing.

Issued and outstanding securities following issuance: Approximately 368,136,725 total subordinate voting shares on an as converted basis (including approximately 5,931,580 subordinate voting shares to be issued upon exercise of warrants and restricted share units to be assumed by the Issuer)

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 placees.

Part 1. Private Placement

Table 1A – Summary

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

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.

- Total amount of funds to be raised: N/A.
- 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. N/A.

3. Provide particulars of any proceeds which are to be paid to Related Persons of the Issuer: N/A.
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 N/A.
 - (b) Number N/A.
 - (c) Price per security N/A.
 - (d) Voting rights N/A.
6. Provide the following information if warrants, (options) or other convertible securities are to be issued:
 - (a) Number N/A.
 - (b) Number of securities eligible to be purchased on exercise of warrants (or options) N/A.
 - (c) Exercise price N/A.
 - (d) Expiry date N/A.
7. Provide the following information if debt securities are to be issued:
 - (a) Aggregate principal amount N/A.
 - (b) Maturity date N/A.
 - (c) Interest rate N/A.
 - (d) Conversion terms N/A.

 - (e) Default provisions N/A.
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): N/A.

- (b) Cash N/A.
 - (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, 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 N/A.
10. Describe any unusual particulars of the transaction (i.e. tax “flow through” shares, etc.).
N/A.
11. State whether the private placement will result in a change of control.
N/A.
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. N/A.
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: The Issuer will acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares (the "**Bluma Shares**") of Bluma Wellness Inc. ("**Bluma**") in an all-share transaction (the "**Transaction**"). Each holder of Bluma Shares will receive 0.0859 of a subordinate voting share of the Issuer ("**Cresco Labs Shares**") for each Bluma Share held, subject to adjustment as described below ("**Exchange Ratio**"). The Exchange Ratio implies a price per Bluma Share of approximately US\$1.12, and is subject to adjustment in the following circumstances: (i) if the 5-day volume weighted average price of Cresco Labs Shares immediately preceding the 2nd business day prior to the closing of the Transaction (the "**Cresco Closing Price**") is less than or equal to US\$9.99 but greater than US\$7.00, the Exchange Ratio per Bluma Share will be calculated as US\$0.86 divided by the Cresco Closing Price; and (ii) if the Cresco Closing Price is less than or equal to US\$7.00, the Exchange Ratio will be fixed at 0.1229 Cresco Labs Shares for each Bluma Share. As contemplated by page 1 of this form 9, under the section entitled "closing", in addition to issuance of Cresco Labs Shares for the Bluma Shares, additional Cresco Labs Shares are reserved to be issued upon exercise of warrants and restricted share units to be assumed by the Issuer.
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: On January 13, 2021, the Issuer and Bluma entered into an arrangement agreement (the "**Agreement**") pursuant to which the Issuer will acquire all of the Bluma Shares. Under the terms of the Agreement, each holder of a Bluma Share will receive that number of Cresco Labs Shares equal to the Exchange Ratio. The Issuer and Bluma are arm's length parties.
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: Approximately \$271,853,000 (based on a USD to CAD exchange rate of 1.27).
 - (b) Cash: N/A.
 - (c) Securities (including options, warrants etc.) and dollar value: 0.0859 of a Cresco Labs Share for each Bluma Share, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Exchange Ratio.
 - (d) Other: N/A.

- (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).

Purchase price for the acquisition was determined through arm's length negotiation, taking into consideration advice from the financial advisors to the Issuer and Bluma, respectively. Please refer to the management information circular of Bluma (when filed) for further details regarding the Transaction.

5. Provide details of any appraisal or valuation of the subject of the acquisition known to management of the Issuer: Cowen and Company, LLC provided a fairness opinion to the board of directors of the Issuer to the effect that the consideration to be paid under the Agreement is fair, from a financial point of view, to the Issuer. INFOR Financial Inc. and Clarus Securities Inc. provided fairness opinions to the board of directors of Bluma to the effect that the consideration to be paid under the Agreement is fair, from a financial point of view, to the shareholders of Bluma.
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⁾
Bluma Shareholders	Approx. 13,722,893 subordinate voting shares	Approx. \$1.43 (assuming a USD to CAD conversion rate of 1.27)	N/A	2.11 of NI 45-106.	Nil.	N/A

7. Details of the steps taken by the Issuer to ensure that the vendor has good title to the assets being acquired: The Issuer intends to rely on: (a) representations and warranties in the Agreement; (b) the disclosure letter dated January 13,

2021 of Bluma; and (c) the due diligence conducted by the Issuer and its financial and legal advisors.

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): Cowen and Company, LLC, INFOR Financial Inc., Clarus Securities Inc. and Eight Capital.
 - (b) Cash: subject to closing of the transaction, the following advisors are expected to receive success fees: (a) Cowen and Company, LLC will receive a success fee from the Issuer of USD\$1.0 million. INFOR Financial Inc. will receive a success fee from Bluma equal to 1.25% of the transaction value. Clarus Securities Inc. will receive a success fee from Bluma of 1.50% of the transaction value. Eight Capital will receive a success fee from Bluma of 0.9% of the transaction value.
 - (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. N/A.
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

FORM 9 – NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OR PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF LISTED SECURITIES

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 January 25, 2021.

John Schetz

Name of Director or Senior
Officer

(signed) "John Schetz"

Signature

General Counsel

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.