UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 2, 2023

CV SCIENCES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-54677

(Commission File Number)

80-0944970 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9530 Padgett Street, Suite 107 San Diego, California 92126

(Address of principal executive offices)

(866) 290-2157

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d -2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e -4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of exchange on which registered
N/A		

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 2, 2023, CV Sciences, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the proposed settlement of certain stockholder derivative actions previously filed against the Company and certain other named defendants, as discussed in additional detail in Item 8.01, below. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.3 to this Current Report on Form 8-K (this "Report").

The information set forth under Item 7.01 of this Report, including Exhibit 99.3 attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section. The information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report, including Exhibit 99.3, shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any incorporation by reference language in any such filing, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. This Report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in this Report that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On February 7, 2023, the U.S. District, District Nevada entered an order (the "Order") granting preliminary approval of the proposed settlement of the following stockholder derivative action, in accordance with a Stipulation of Settlement dated April 19, 2022 (the "Stipulation"): (i) Lamont v. Mona, Jr., et al., Case No. 2-15-cv-00481 (D. Nev.). The terms of the proposed settlement are subject to final court approval, the hearing date for which is May 15, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. before The Honorable Richard F. Boulware, II in Courtroom 7C of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, 333 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

The settlement, if approved by the court, will resolve all claims that were or could have been asserted in the foregoing litigation. The Company and other named defendants denied, and continue to deny, any liability or wrongdoing in connection with the allegations contained in the foregoing lawsuits. The proposed settlement agreement contemplates the implementation by the Company of certain corporate reforms within 60 days of final approval. The Company currently anticipates that plaintiff's counsel will file a motion seeking an award of attorney's fees.

Pursuant to the Order granting preliminary approval, the Company is publishing the Notice of Settlement (the "Notice") and the Stipulation to its website at https://ir.cvsciences.com/governance-docs for review by investors. The contents of the Company's website shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Report.

The foregoing descriptions of the Stipulation and Notice do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the Stipulation and Notice, which are filed as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, to this Report and incorporated herein by reference.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Report, including the exhibits attached hereto, contain forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned that statements in this Report regarding: (i) the Stipulation, (ii) the settlement process, (iii) the impact of such settlement, including related activities, approvals and payments, and (iv) other statements that are not historical facts, constitute forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions as to future events that may not prove to be accurate. Actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed in these forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1	Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, dated June 1, 2022
99.2	Notice of Proposed Settlement, dated February 7, 2023
99.3	Press Release, dated March 2, 2023
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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Date: March 2, 2023

CV SCIENCES, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Joseph Dowling</u> Joseph Dowling Chief Executive Officer

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2	UNITED STATES I	
3	DISTRICT C	JF NEVADA
4	OTILDA LAMONT, Derivatively on Behalf of CANNAVEST CORP.,	Case No. 2:15-cv-00481
5	Plaintiff,	STIPULATION AND
6	V.	AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT
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8	MICHAEL MONA, JR., BART P. MACKAY, and LARRY RASKIN,	
9	Defendants,	
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12	CANNAVEST CORP., now known as CV Sciences, Inc.	
13	Nominal Defendant.	
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15	This Stipulation and Agreement of	Settlement dated as of April 18, 2022 (the
16	"Stipulation") is made and entered into	by and among the following Parties: (i)
17	plaintiff in the above-captioned derivati	ve action ("Derivative Action"), Otilda
18	Lamont ("Plaintiff"); and (ii) nominal def	endant CV Sciences, Inc., f/k/a CannaVest
19	Corp. ("CV Sciences" or "the Company"); and Michael Mona Jr., Bart P. MacKay,
20	and, (collectively "Defendants" and with	Plaintiff, the "Parties"), by and through
21	their counsel.1 Subject to the approval of the	he Court, the Stipulation is intended by the
22	Parties to fully, finally and forever resolve,	discharge, and settle the Derivative Action
23	and the Released Claims (defined below	w), upon and subject to the terms and
24	conditions hereof.	
25	I. FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL	BACKGROUND
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¹ Defendant Larry Raskin was previously dismissed by the Court in response to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss.

against Defendants in the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, styled *Ruth v. Mona, Jr., et al.*, Case No. 2:15-cv-00481 (D. Nev.), asserting claims derivatively
 on behalf of CV Sciences (the "*Ruth* Action").

On July 20, 2015, former plaintiff Michael Ruth and plaintiff Otilda Lamont
("Plaintiff Lamont") filed an amended shareholder derivative complaint in the Ruth
Action adding Plaintiff Lamont to the action and asserting claims against Defendants
in the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada.

8 On May 30, 2018, former plaintiff Michael Ruth and plaintiff Otilda Lamont 9 filed a second amended shareholder derivative complaint in the *Ruth* Action. On 10 September 20, 2019, Defendants' filed a Motion to Dismiss this second amended 11 shareholder derivative complaint.

12 On December 11, 2020, the Court presided over a hearing on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss this second amended shareholder derivative complaint. The Court 13 14 denied Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, except as to Defendant Raskin (granting 15 Plaintiff leave to amend in the event of discovered evidence) and as to standing. At 16 this hearing Plaintiff's Counsel represented that plaintiff Michael Ruth sold his CV 17 Sciences shares, and as a result would be voluntarily dismissed. Regarding Plaintiff 18 Lamont, the Court ordered Plaintiff to file a third amended shareholder derivative 19 complaint to clarify her continuous shareholding.

In her third amended shareholder derivative complaint ("Lamont Action")
Plaintiff Lamont alleged that Defendants breached their fiduciary duties by personally
making and/or causing the Company to make to the investing public a series of
materially false and misleading statements regarding the Company's accounting for
its acquisition of certain assets of Phytosphere Systems, LLC and further failed to
properly identify and report certain related party transactions.

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Specifically, the Plaintiff alleged that the Defendants made and/or caused the

27 Company to make false and misleading representations regarding: (1) the value of the

PhytoSphere acquisition; and (2) CV Sciences' financial position and results of

1 operations. Specifically, Defendants allegedly misrepresented and materially 2 overstated the value of the PhytoSphere transaction and the amount of its intangible 3 assets and goodwill acquired thereby. Defendants further allegedly overstated the amount of CV Sciences' revenues for the first quarter 2013 and misrepresented the 4 5 source of CV Sciences' revenues for the first three quarters 2013 by failing to disclose 6 that 100% of CV Sciences' revenues during the first three quarters of 2013 were generated from sales to MJNA, an alleged related party. Additionally, Defendants 7 8 allegedly failed to disclose that a person under felony indictment for fraud, Defendant 9 Llamas, was allegedly participating, behind the scenes, in the management of the 10 Company. Finally, Defendants allegedly misrepresented that CV Sciences' financial 11 statements complied with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

As a result of the Defendants' alleged misconduct, CV Sciences, its Chief 12 13 Executive Officer, and three other members of the Board at the time of the allegedly 14 false statements, were all named as defendants (among others) in a federal securities 15 fraud class action lawsuit filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, In re CannaVest Corp. Securities Litigation, 14-cv-2900 (PG) 16 17 (S.D.N.Y.) (the "Securities Class Action"). Plaintiff Lamont alleged that because of 18 the need to undertake internal investigations, the need to implement adequate internal 19 controls over its financial reporting, the losses from the waste of corporate assets, and the losses due to the unjust enrichment of the Defendants who benefitted from the 20 21 wrongdoing alleged herein, the Company suffered reputational and financial damage. 22 Plaintiff Lamont also alleged that in light of the Defendants' misconduct, the 23 substantial likelihood of the directors' liability in the Derivative Action, and the 24 substantial likelihood of each of the Defendants' liability in the Securities Class Action, a majority of the Company's Board could not consider a demand to 25

26 || commence litigation against themselves on behalf of the Company with the requisite |

27 level of disinterestedness and independence.

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On October 29, 2021, Plaintiff took the deposition of Joseph Dowling, CV 1 2 Sciences' current Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") since May 31, 2018, and the 3 Company's Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") from June 16, 2014 to March 15, 2019. Mr. Dowling was also appointed to its board of directors on May 31, 2018. Mr. 4 5 Dowling joined the Company after the allegedly wrongful conduct described herein 6 was publicly revealed. He testified that after he joined the Company corporate 7 governance documents and policies were adopted that were not previously in place, 8 and that at the time he joined the Company, there were very few, if any, corporate 9 governance policies, procedures that were in place.

He testified that time, did not have the typical committees of the board of directors that you would expect to be in place, and nor did we have charters for those committees, including for the audit committee, the compensation committee, and the nominations of governance committee. He also testified that the Company did not have a very robust system of internal controls when he started there.

Mr. Dowling also testified about the 2013 valuation report by Vantage Point that the fair market value for PhytoSPHERE by Vantage Point was just over \$8 million and that he agreed with their valuation of the PhytoSPHERE assets and does not dispute its analysis. Mr. Dowling also testified about the 2014 ASC 805 valuation report completed by Vantage Point. Regarding this report, Mr. Dowling agreed with its analysis which identifies the total allocated to tangible and intangible assets of PhytoSPHERE as just over \$8 million and agreed with its conclusion.

Mr. Dowling also testified about the SEC complaint against CV Sciences and Mr. Mona, Jr., which was commenced while he was CFO of the Company. Mr. Dowling acknowledged on June 6th, 2018, there was a sanctions order that was accepted by Mr. Mona and a settlement on the same date which related to the subject 26 || matter of Plaintiff's action.

27 After the Court's ruling on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss and completion of

28 certain discovery (discussed supra, the Parties engaged in extensive settlement

negotiations and were able to reach agreement on the substantive terms of the 1 2 settlement of the Derivative Action. The Parties memorialized their agreement as to 3 the substantive terms of the proposed settlement in a Settlement Term Sheet on 4 5 Thereafter, the Parties commenced negotiations as to a proposed Fee and Expense Award to Plaintiff's Counsel. Both Parties agreed to and settled upon a 6 7 proposed Fee and Expense Award of \$ 8 The resolution of Plaintiff's claim for an award of fees and expenses is not the 9 subject of any agreement between the Parties other than what is set forth in this 10 Stipulation. 11 Although Plaintiff believes her claims have merit, she recognizes the expense 12 and length of continued proceedings necessary to prosecute such claims through trial 13 and subsequent appeals. Plaintiff's Counsel also has taken into account the costs and 14 risks inherent in proceeding further with litigation. Therefore, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's 15 Counsel believe that the Settlement, on the terms and conditions set forth herein, is 16 fair, reasonable, adequate and in the best interests of CV Sciences and its shareholders. 17 18 Defendants deny each and every claim and contention alleged by Plaintiff in 19 the Derivative Action. Defendants expressly deny all charges of wrongdoing or liability against them arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts or omissions 20 21 alleged in the Derivative Action and deny any and all allegations that Plaintiff, CV Sciences, or CV Sciences' shareholders suffered recoverable damages or are entitled 22 23 to equitable relief as a result of any action or inaction by the Defendants. The 24 Defendants firmly believe the Derivative Action to be without merit and further assert that, at all relevant times, they acted in good faith, with due care, and in a manner they 25 Ar

- 26 || reasonably believed to be in the best interests of CV Sciences and its shareholders.
 - Nonetheless, Defendants believe it is in CV Sciences' and their best interests
- 28 that the Derivative Action be fully and finally settled in the manner and upon the terms

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and conditions set forth in this Stipulation because, among other things, further
 conduct of the Derivative Action could be protracted and expensive, and could further
 distract the Board, management and workforce from their jobs. Further, Defendants
 acknowledge that the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation confers a material
 corporate benefit upon CV Sciences, and is fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best
 interests of CV Sciences and its shareholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among
the parties hereto, through their undersigned counsel, as follows:

9 II.

CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

To the extent not otherwise defined herein, as used in this Stipulation,
 the following terms shall have the meanings specified below. In the event of any
 inconsistency between any definition set forth below and any definition set forth in
 any document attached as an exhibit to the Stipulation, the definition set forth below
 shall control.

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a. "Derivative Action" means the above-captioned action.

b. "CV Sciences Shareholder" means any Person with a direct or
beneficial interest in CV Sciences common stock.

18 c. "Court" means the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada.
19 d. "Defendants" means Michael Mona Jr., Bart P. MacKay, and
20 Larry Raskin.

e. "Defendants' Counsel" means Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves &
Savitch LLP.

f. "Effective Date" means the first date by which all of the events
and conditions specified in Paragraph VIII.13 of this Stipulation have occurred.

g. "Execution Date" means the date that this Stipulation has been
signed by all the signatories hereto through their counsel.

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1 determination of all issues within its scope and is not subject to further review on 2 appeal or otherwise. Without limitation, an order becomes "Final" when: (a) no appeal has been filed and the prescribed time for commencing any appeal has expired; 3 or (b) an appeal has been filed and either (i) the appeal has been dismissed and the 4 prescribed time, if any, for commencing any further appeal has expired, or (ii) the 5 order has been affirmed in its entirety and the prescribed time, if any, for commencing 6 7 any further appeal has expired. For purposes of this Paragraph, an "appeal" includes appeals as of right, discretionary appeals, interlocutory appeals, proceedings 8 9 involving writs of certiorari or mandamus, and any other proceedings seeking review, alteration, amendment or appeal of a court's order. 10

"Final Judgment" means the judgment to be entered by the 11 i. Court, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C hereto. 12

"Immediate Family" means spouse, domestic partner, parents, 13 j. grandparents, children and grandchildren. 14

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"Parties" means Plaintiff, CV Sciences, and the Defendants. k.

"Person" means any individual, bank, corporation, limited 1. 16 17 liability company, professional corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited 18 liability partnership, association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, 19 trust, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency 20 thereof, and any other business or legal entity together with the spouses, heirs, 21 predecessors, successors, representatives, or assigns of any of the foregoing.

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Plaintiff' means Otilda Lamont. m.

"Plaintiff's Counsel" means Gainey McKenna & Egleston, and 23 n. 24 Matthew L. Sharp, LTD. 25

"Released Claims" means any and all claims, rights, demands, 0.

26 || causes of action or liabilities of any kind, nature and character whatsoever (including, |

27 but not limited to, any claims for damages, interest, attorneys' fees, expert or

28 consulting fees, and any other costs, expenses or liability whatsoever), whether based

1 on federal, state, local, statutory or common law, or any other law, rule or regulation, whether foreign or domestic, whether fixed or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, 2 3 liquidated or unliquidated, at law or in equity, matured or unmatured, whether known or unknown including, without limitation, Unknown Claims (as defined below) 4 5 (collectively "Claims") against any of the Released Persons that have been, could 6 have been, or could in the future be, asserted in the Derivative Action or in any other 7 derivative action in any other forum or proceeding by any Person (including but not 8 limited to Plaintiff) derivatively on behalf of CV Sciences, or by CV Sciences itself against any of the Released Persons that arise out of or are related, directly or 9 indirectly, in any way to: 10

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(a) any of the facts, matters, occurrences, actions, practices, conduct, events, transactions, statements, disclosures, representations, misrepresentations, omissions, or failures to act that were involved, set forth, referred to, asserted, alleged, or that could have been alleged in the Derivative Actions including, but not limited to, claims for securities law violations, breach of fiduciary duty, abuse of control, mismanagement, gross mismanagement, waste of corporate assets, unjust enrichment, contribution and indemnification, money damages, disgorgement, any and all demands, actions, damages, claims, rights or causes of action, or liabilities whatsoever; or

(b) that would have been barred by res judicata had the Derivative Action been fully litigated to a final judgment, *provided that* Released Claims shall not include claims to enforce the Settlement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Released Claims" also does not include the claims asserted in the Securities Class Action, *In re CannaVest Corp. Securities Litigation* 14 or 2000 (DC) (SDD) VV) *Litigation*, 14-cv-2900 (PG) (S.D.N.Y.).
p. "Released Persons" means (a) CV Sciences and the Defendants,
as well as any person, partnership, bank, firm, corporation, limited liability company,

trust or other entity or organization in which CV Sciences or any Defendant has a 1 controlling interest or which is or was related to or affiliated with any of them; and 2 (b) with respect to each of the Persons in subsection (a), their respective past, present 3 or future directors and officers, including but not limited to Michael Mona Jr., Bart P. 4 MacKay, and Larry Raskin; and their respective past, present or future employees, 5 insurers, reinsurers, attorneys, agents, partners, principals, advisors, investment 6 7 advisors, auditors, accountants, trustees, underwriters, investment bankers, 8 subsidiaries, parents, successors, predecessors, heirs, Immediate Family, and anyone acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of any of them or their successors. 9

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q. "Settlement" means the settlement embodied in this Stipulation.
 r. "Settlement Counsel" means Gainey McKenna & Egleston,
 counsel for Plaintiff Lamont.

"Unknown Claims" means any Released Claims that Plaintiff, 13 s. CV Sciences or any CV Sciences Shareholder (claiming in the right of, or on behalf 14 15 of, CV Sciences) does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Persons which, if known by him, her or it, might have 16 17 affected his, her or its settlement with and release of the Released Persons, or might have affected his, her or its decision not to object to this Settlement. Unknown Claims 18 include those claims in which some or all of the facts comprising the claim may be 19 suspected, or even undisclosed or hidden. With respect to any and all Released 20 Claims, Plaintiff and CV Sciences stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, 21 they shall expressly waive, and every CV Sciences Shareholder shall be deemed to 22 23 have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, expressly waived the 24 provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code § 1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor

26 27 28 or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party. Plaintiff and CV Sciences shall expressly waive, and every CV Sciences Shareholder
 shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, expressly
 waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state
 or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is
 similar, comparable or equivalent in effect to California Civil Code § 1542.

6 Plaintiff, CV Sciences, and any CV Sciences Shareholder may hereafter 7 discover facts in addition to or different from those which he, she or it now knows or 8 believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but Plaintiff and CV Sciences shall expressly have, and every CV Sciences Shareholder 9 10 shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released any and all Released Claims, known or 11 12 unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not 13 concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of 14 law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not 15 limited to, conduct which is negligent, reckless, intentional, with or without malice, 16 or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. Plaintiff and CV Sciences 17 acknowledge, and every CV Sciences Shareholder shall be deemed by operation of 18 19 the Final Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waivers were separately 20 bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.

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III. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CHANGES

22 2. Within sixty (60) days of the Court's entering the Final Judgment, CV
23 Sciences' Board of Directors ("Board") shall adopt resolutions and amend Board
24 Committee Charters to the extent necessary to adhere to the corporate governance
25 reforms set forth in Exhibit A hereto and incorporated by reference herein
26 ("Reforms")

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3. CV Sciences acknowledges and agrees that the filing, pendency and
28 settlement of the Derivative Action was a contributing factor of the Company's

decision to adopt and implement the Reforms.

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4. CV Sciences also acknowledges and agrees that the Reforms confer a material corporate benefit to CV Sciences and CV Sciences' shareholders.

PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SETTLEMENT IV.

5. Promptly after the Execution Date, Settlement Counsel shall submit the 5 Stipulation together with its Exhibits to the Court, and shall make an application, 6 which shall be unopposed by CV Sciences and Defendants, for entry of an order 7 substantially in the form and content of Exhibit B attached hereto (the "Preliminary 8 Approval Order"). The application shall request, inter alia, the preliminary approval 9 of the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation, approval of notice to CV Sciences 10 Shareholders in the form attached as Exhibit B-1 hereto ("Notice"), as well as a date 11 for a hearing at which the Court will decide whether to grant final approval of the 12 Settlement ("Final Hearing"). The Notice shall include the general terms of the 13 14 proposed Settlement set forth in the Stipulation, contact information for Plaintiff's 15 Counsel, and the date of the Final Hearing, and shall note that a copy of the Stipulation 16 of Settlement is posted on the Company's website.

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Subject to Court approval, within twenty (20) calendar days of the 6. Court's entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, CV Sciences shall, with all costs 18 borne by CV Sciences' insurers, (1) publish the notice of settlement in Investor's 19 Business Daily or GlobeNewswire; and (2) include the notice of settlement and 20 stipulation of settlement on the Company's website. The Parties believe the content 21 and manner of such procedure constitutes adequate and reasonable notice to CV 22 Sciences Shareholders pursuant to applicable law. 23

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ATTORNEYS' FEES V.

The Parties reached agreement on a proposed Fee and Expense Award 25 7. of \$xx as payment to Plaintiff's Counsel for the benefits achieved on behalf of CV 26

27 Sciences in the Derivative Action (the "Fee and Expense Award") payable by the

28 Company's insurers.

8. CV Sciences and Defendants will not oppose an application by Plaintiff
 for a Service Awards of up to \$3,500.00, which shall be paid from the Fee and
 Expense Award (the "Service Awards").

9. In the event the Parties agree to attorneys' fees and expenses awarded to 4 5 Plaintiff's Counsel, the Court shall be deposited into an escrow account designated by Plaintiff's Counsel within thirty (30) days after the date that the Court enters the 6 7 Preliminary Approval Order substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B. 8 The funds deposited into Plaintiff's Counsel's escrow account may not be distributed 9 until the Court enters a Final Judgment. Settlement Counsel will allocate the Fee and Expense Award amongst Plaintiff's Counsel in a manner in which they have 10 11 agreed. If, and when, as a result of any appeal and/or further proceedings on remand, 12 or successful collateral attack or otherwise, the Fee and Expense Award is overturned, reduced or does not become Final for any reason, or if the Settlement is terminated, 13 not approved by the Court, or otherwise does not become effective pursuant to 14 Paragraph 13 hereof, then, within thirty (30) days after receiving notice from 15 Defendants' Counsel or from a court of appropriate jurisdiction of such event, 16 Plaintiff's Counsel shall refund to CV Sciences' insurers in an amount consistent with 17 such reversal or modification, the Fee and Expense Award paid to them. 18

19 10. In the event that the Parties are unable to reach an agreement regarding
20 attorneys' fees and expenses awarded Plaintiff's Counsel, Plaintiff may make a
21 motion to the Court seeking an award of attorneys' fees and expenses for the benefits
22 achieved on behalf of CV Sciences on the Derivative Action. Defendants and the CV
23 Sciences reserve the right to oppose any such motion.

- 24 VI. FINAL JUDGMENT APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT
- 25 11. At the Final Hearing, Settlement Counsel shall request entry of the Final

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12. Upon the Effective Date, Plaintiff, CV Sciences and all current and

1 former CV Sciences Shareholders, on behalf of themselves, and each of their 2 respective personal representatives, Immediate Family, trustees, heirs, executors, administrators, parent entities, associates, affiliates, predecessors, successors and 3 assigns, and any other Person claiming (now or in the future) to be acting on behalf 4 5 of any of them, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall 6 have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, settled and discharged all 7 Released Claims against the Released Persons and shall be permanently barred and 8 enjoined from instituting, commencing, participating in, continuing, maintaining, 9 asserting or prosecuting any Released Claim against any of the Released Persons, or assisting any Person in instituting, commencing, participating in, continuing, 10 11 maintaining, asserting or prosecuting any Released Claim against any of the Released Persons. Nothing herein shall in any way impair or restrict the rights of any of the 12 Parties to enforce the terms of this Stipulation. 13

14 13. Upon the Effective Date, the Released Persons shall be deemed to have, 15 and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, 16 relinquished, and discharged Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel from all claims 17 (including Unknown Claims), arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the 18 defense, institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of the Released 19 Claims. Nothing herein shall in any way impair or restrict the rights of any of the 20 Parties to enforce the terms of this Stipulation.

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 VIII. CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT; EFFECT OF DISAPPROVAL,

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 CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION

14. The Effective Date of this Stipulation, and the Settlement incorporated
herein, shall be the date on which all of the following conditions of settlement shall
have occurred:

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final annroval hv the Court of the Settlement following notice to



b) entry by the Court of the Final Judgment in all material respects
in the form set forth in Exhibit C, and the Final Judgment becoming Final, or, in the
event that the Court enters a judgment in a form other than that provided above
("Alternative Judgment") and neither Plaintiff on the one hand, nor the Defendants
on the other, elect to terminate this Settlement, the date that such Alternative
Judgment becomes Final; and

c) if the circumstances described in Paragraph 15 occurs, the
expiration of the time for Plaintiff on the one hand, or the Defendants on the other, to
exercise the termination rights provided in the applicable Paragraph(s) without the
termination rights being exercised.

11 15. Plaintiff on the one hand, and Defendants on the other, shall each have
the right to terminate the Settlement, and thereby this Stipulation, by providing written
notice of their election to do so ("Termination Notice") to all other Parties hereto
within thirty (30) calendar days of:

(a) the Court's declining to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in
any respect that the terminating Party reasonably and in good faith believes is
materially adverse to it;

(b) the Court refusing to approve the Settlement as set forth in this
Stipulation in any respect that the terminating Party reasonably and in good faith
believes is materially adverse to it;

(c) the Court's declining to enter the Final Judgment in any respect
that the terminating Party reasonably and in good faith believes is materially adverse
to it;

(d) the date upon which the Final Judgment is modified or reversed
by the Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals or the U.S. Supreme Court in any

26	respect that the terminating Party reasonably and in good faith believes is materially
27	adverse to it; or
28	(e) the date upon which an Alternative Judgment is modified or
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reversed by the Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court in
 any respect that the terminating Party reasonably and in good faith believes is
 materially adverse to it.

Notwithstanding anything above, Plaintiff may not terminate the Settlement
based on the amount of attorneys' fees and/or expenses awarded by the Court.

6 16. In the absence of any of the events enumerated in Paragraph 15 above,
7 no Party shall have the right to terminate the Stipulation for any reason.

8 17. If the Settlement is terminated by Plaintiff or Defendants (a "Termination"): (a) the Settlement shall be without force and effect upon the rights 9 10 of the Parties, and none of its terms (other than this Paragraph, Paragraph 9, Paragraph 11 19, Paragraph 28 and Paragraph 29) shall be effective or enforceable; (b) the Parties 12 shall revert to their litigation positions immediately prior to the Execution Date and no claims, rights or defenses, whether legal or equitable, of any of the Parties hereto 13 14 that existed prior to executing this Stipulation shall be diminished or prejudiced in 15 any way; and (c) within thirty (30) days from the date of such Termination, Plaintiff's Counsel shall return to CV Sciences' insurers any and all sums paid pursuant to 16 17 Paragraph 9 above. The termination rights set forth herein are not intended to limit 18 or impair the Parties' rights under the law of contracts of the State of Nevada with 19 respect to any breach of this Settlement.

20 IX. NO ADMISSIONS

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18. The Parties intend the Settlement as described herein to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes between them with respect to the Derivative Action and to compromise claims that are contested. Entry into this Settlement shall not be deemed an admission by any party hereto as to the merits of any claim or defense or any allegation made in the Derivative Action.

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such negotiations, proceedings or agreements, and all acts performed or documents 1 executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Stipulation: 2 shall not be offered or received against any of the Released 3 a) Persons as evidence of a presumption, concession, or admission of any kind; 4 shall not be offered or received against any of the Released 5 b) Persons as evidence of an admission by any of those Released Persons with respect 6 to the truth of any fact alleged in the Derivative Action or the validity of any Released 7 Claim, or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted, or 8 of any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of the Released Persons; 9 shall not be offered or received against the Released Persons as 10 c) evidence of any fault, misrepresentation, omission or other actionable conduct with 11 respect to any statement or written document approved or made by any of the 12 Released Persons; 13 shall not be offered or received against the Released Persons as d) 14 evidence of any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing, or in any way referred to 15 for any other reason as against any of the Released Persons, in any other civil, criminal 16 or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be 17 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation; provided, however, that if 18 this Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Released Persons may refer to it to 19 effectuate the release of Released Claims and other liability protections granted them 20 hereunder; 21 shall not be construed against any of the Released Persons as an 22 e) admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the 23 amount that could be or would have been recovered after trial; 24 shall not be construed as or received in evidence as an admission, 25 f)

26 || concession or presumption against Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Counsel that any of their |

27 claims are without merit, or that any defenses asserted by the Defendants have any

28 merit; and
shall not, in the event of a Termination, be used by any Party for g) 2 any purpose in any trial in the Derivative Action.

Any Party may file or introduce this Stipulation and/or the Final Judgment in 3 4 any action or proceeding that may be brought to enforce the terms of this Stipulation 5 and/or the Final Judgment, or any action or proceeding related to rights or claims of Defendants relating to indemnification and/or advancement in connection with the 6 7 Derivative Action.

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X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9 20. The Parties: (a) acknowledge that it is their intent to consummate the 10 Settlement; and (b) agree to cooperate to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate 11 and implement all terms and conditions of the Stipulation and to exercise their best 12 efforts to accomplish the foregoing terms and conditions of the Stipulation.

The Stipulation may be amended or modified only by a written 13 21. 14 instrument signed by or on behalf of all Parties or their respective successors-in-15 interest. The Parties reserve the right, upon the agreement of all of them and subject to the Court's approval, to make any reasonable extensions of time or modifications 16 17 to the Exhibits that might be necessary to carry out any of the provisions of this 18 Stipulation.

19 22. The Stipulation, including its Exhibits, constitutes the entire agreement 20 among the parties hereto and no representations, warranties, or inducements have 21 been made to any party concerning the Stipulation other than the representations, 22 warranties, and covenants contained and memorialized in such documents. Any and 23 all prior or contemporaneous discussions, negotiations, agreements, commitments, and understandings related thereto are superseded hereby. It is understood by the 24 25 Parties that, except for the matters expressly represented herein, the facts or law with 26 respect to which this Stipulation is entered into may turn out to be other than, or different from, the facts now known to each party or believed by such party to be true;
each party therefore expressly assumes the risk of the facts or law turning out to be so

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different, and agrees that this Stipulation shall be in all respects effective and not
 subject to termination by reason of any such different facts or law. Except as otherwise
 provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs.

23. The Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts. All
executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same
instrument. A complete set of executed counterparts shall be filed with the Court. The
Parties agree that facsimile or scanned signatures shall have the same force and effect
as original signatures.

9 24. The Stipulation shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the
10 heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, successors and assigns of the Parties,
11 including any corporation or other entity into or with which any party merges,
12 consolidates, or reorganizes.

13 25. The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to implementation and
14 enforcement of the terms of the Stipulation, and all Parties and their counsel hereto
15 submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing
16 the Settlement embodied in the Stipulation.

17 Nothing in this Stipulation, Settlement, or the negotiations or 26. 18 proceedings relating to the foregoing is intended to or shall be deemed to constitute a 19 waiver of any applicable privilege or immunity, including, without limitation, the 20 attorney-client privilege or the work-product privilege, and all information 21 transmitted between Plaintiff's Counsel and Defendants' Counsel in connection with 22 this Settlement shall be inadmissible in any proceeding in any federal or state court 23 or other tribunal or otherwise, in accordance with Rule 408 of the Federal Rules of Evidence as if such Rule applied in all respects in any such proceeding or tribunal. 24 25 This Stipulation and the Settlement contemplated by it, and all disputes 27.

arising out of or relating to the Stipulation and Settlement, shall be construed and
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enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the substantive laws and procedural
rules of the State of Nevada without giving effect to conflicts of law principles, except

to the extent that federal law requires that federal law governs. Any dispute relating
 to this Stipulation or the Settlement shall be brought exclusively in the U.S. District
 Court for the District of Nevada.

28. This Stipulation should not be construed more strictly against one Party
than another merely by virtue of the fact that it, or any part of it, may have been
prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that the Stipulation is
the result of arm's length negotiations between the Parties, and all Parties have
contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of the Stipulation.

9 29. All agreements by, between or among the Parties, their counsel and their 10 other advisors as to the confidentiality of information exchanged between or among 11 them shall remain in full force and effect, and shall survive the execution and any 12 termination of this Stipulation and the final consummation of the Settlement, if finally 13 consummated.

In the event any proceedings by or on behalf of CV Sciences, whether 14 30. 15 voluntary or involuntary, are initiated under any chapter of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, 16 including any act of receivership, asset seizure, or similar federal or state law action ("Bankruptcy Proceedings"), the Parties agree to use their reasonable best efforts to 17 18 obtain all necessary orders, consents, releases, and approvals for effectuation of the Stipulation and Court approval of the Settlement in a timely and expeditious manner, 19 to the extent consistent with applicable law. If any Bankruptcy Proceedings by or on 20 behalf of CV Sciences are initiated prior to the payment of the Fee and Expense 21 22 Award, the Parties agree that all dates and deadlines in the Derivative Action, if any, 23 or any dates and deadlines associated with the appeal of the Derivative Action, if any, will be extended for such periods of time as are necessary to attempt to obtain 24 necessary orders, consents, releases, and approvals from the bankruptcy court to carry 25

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Sciences and Defendants agree not to assert under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or any similar law, rule or regulation, that the Derivative Action was brought or defended in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. The Parties agree that the terms of this Settlement were negotiated at arms' length and in good faith by the Parties and reflect a settlement that was reached voluntarily based upon adequate information and after consultation with their respective experienced legal counsel.

32. Any written notice required pursuant to or in connection with this
Stipulation shall be addressed to the Parties' counsel as designated and identified
below and sent by both email and overnight mail.

33. The waiver by one Party of any breach of this Stipulation by any other
Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach of this
Stipulation.

34. The captions contained in this Stipulation are inserted only as a matter
of convenience and in no way define, limit, extend or describe the scope of the
Stipulation or the intent of any provision.

35. All of the Exhibits to this Stipulation are material and integral parts
hereof and are fully incorporated herein by this reference.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Stipulation to be 1 executed, by their duly authorized attorneys as of the date set forth below. 2 3 DATED: April 19, 2022 4 5 Gregory/M. Egleston (pro hac vice) GAINEY MCKENNA & S. Todd Neal (Cal. Bar No. 174827 - Pro Had Vice) 6 EGLESTON Sean M. Sullivan (Cal. Bar No. 254372 - Pro 501 Fifth Avenue, 19th Floor 7 Hac Vice) New York, NY 10017 Telephone: (212) 983-130 Eric A. Plourde (Cal. Bar No. 320451 - Pro 8 Hac Vice) timckenna@gme-law.com Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch 9 Settlement Counsel for Plaintiff LLP Matthew L. Sharp MATTHEW L. SHARP, LTD. 10 525 B Street, Suite 2200 San Diego, CA 92101 Telephone: 619.238.1900 419 Flint St. Reno, NV 89501 11 Facsimile: 619.235.0398 E-mail: todd.neal@procopio.com Phone: (775) 324-1500 12 Email: matt@mattsharplaw.com E-mail: sean.sullivan@procopio.com E-mail: eric.plourde@procopio.com 13 LOCAL COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANTS 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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EXHIBIT A

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE TERM SHEET

CREDIT FOR PRIOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY CV SCIENCES, INC.

To the extent that (a) any changes, modifications, and improvements to CV Sciences, Inc., previously known as CannaVest Corp. ("CV Sciences" or the "Company") corporate governance and business ethics practices, and (b) any changes to CV Sciences' Board of Directors ("Board") or management personnel were made by the Company following the initiation of the derivative action captioned *Lamont, et al. v. Mona, Jr., et al.*, No. 2:15-cv-00481 (U.S.D.C., District of Nevada) (the "Derivative Action"), the Board, acting by unanimous resolution, has determined and acknowledges that the filing and pendency of the action entitled *Lamont v. Mona, et al.*, Case No. Civil Action No.: 2:15-cv-00481-RFB-VCF (D. Nev.) (the "Derivative Action") was a contributing factor thereto. CV Sciences further acknowledges and agrees that the filing, pendency and settlement of the Derivative Action contributed to the Company's decision to adopt, implement and maintain the Reforms, and CV Sciences and its Board also acknowledge and agree that the Reforms confer a material corporate benefit upon CV Sciences and its stockholders.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REFORMS

Except as otherwise set forth herein, the Company shall implement changes, modifications, and improvements to CV Sciences' corporate governance and business ethics practices (the "Reforms") set forth below within sixty (60) days of final approval of the settlement of the Derivative Action.

CV Sciences shall maintain the Reforms for at least four (4) years following final settlement approval, except for modifications required by applicable law, regulation, or fiduciary duty. The Reforms may be amended or eliminated only if the independent members of the Board determine in a good faith exercise of their business judgment that the implementation or maintenance of the Reform(s) would be contrary to applicable laws or regulations, including the Board's fiduciary duties. In such event, the independent directors, to the extent their fiduciary obligations allow based upon their good faith exercise of business judgment, shall adopt an amended or substitute reform that addresses the same goals, purposes and/or functions of the original Reform(s) as soon as practicable. Any changes made pursuant to this provision shall be published in the Company's next regular quarterly filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any modification of the Reforms shall be publicly reported by CV Sciences.

I. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

CV Sciences shall adopt a resolution to amend the Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee Charter shall be amended to account for the Related Party Transactions Policy and its responsibilities thereunder. This resolution shall sate:

"In addition to those obligations set forth herein, the Audit Committee shall satisfy all of its obligations as set forth under the Related Party Transaction Policy."

II. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES

Within ninety (90) days of final approval of the settlement of the Derivative Action, the Company's Nominations and Corporate Governance Committee shall develop, formalize, and recommend to the Board a set of corporate governance guidelines as required by its present charter. The Corporate Governance Guidelines shall be promptly finalized, approved, adopted, and published by the Board

III. THE RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION POLICY

Currently, CV Sciences has a formal written policy relating to related party transactions (the "Related-Party Transactions Policy").

The Related Party Transaction Policy shall be amended to add:

"To the extent they have not already done so, all Board members and executive officers shall submit to the Audit Committee and the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") an up-to-date list of companies in which they are a director, an officer, and/or of which they own a controlling interest, and to will promptly update the list when any changes occur."

IV. BOARD APPROVAL OF M&A TRANSACTIONS EXCEEDING \$1,000,000

CV Sciences shall enact through resolution of the Bboard of Directors a new Internal Control requiring Board approval of all M&A transactions in excess of \$1,000,000 with the following language:

"Any merger or acquisition involving the Company which exceeds \$1,000,000 shall be approved by simple majority vote of disinterested directors prior to the Company engaging in such transaction."

V. ADDITIONAL MATTERS

In addition to the corrective actions described above, CV Sciences shall immediately complete and/or otherwise agrees to the following:

a. Updating of All Governance Documents – All Company Corporate Governance Documents shall be revised to include its date of adoption and (at least) its last revision date.

b. **Publishing of Governance Documents** – The Company shall post on its website, the Related Party Transactions Policy and the Corporate Governance Policy with its other governance documents.

c. **Board Resolution Required** – Any stipulation of settlement entered into by the parties shall reflect that the Board, acting by unanimous resolution, has determined that: (i) the settlement confers substantial benefits on CV Sciences and its

stockholders; (ii) Plaintiff's pursuit of the Derivative Action and subsequent resolution efforts were a contributing cause in CV Sciences' implementation of the reforms outlined herein; and (iii) the settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders;

d. **Notice of Proposed Settlement** – The parties will propose that the reviewing court order notice of the proposed settlement to be given in the following manner: (i) publication of the notice of settlement in *Investor's Business Daily* or *GlobeNewswire*; and (ii) inclusion of the notice of settlement and stipulation of settlement on the Company's website. The Company shall pay for all costs associated with this notice program or any other form and manner of notice required by the reviewing court; and

e. Attorneys' Fees and Expenses – As part of the settlement, the Company and the Defendants agree to negotiate in good faith after the parties have agreed to all other material terms of the settlement for the purpose of agreeing on a reasonable amount of attorneys' fees and expenses to the Derivative Plaintiff's counsel and any terms related to payment of same.

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EXHIBIT B

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1 2		DISTRICT COURT						
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6 7	OTILDA LAMONT, Derivatively on Behalf of CANNAVEST CORP.,	Case No.: 2:15-cv-00481-RFB						
8	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED] PRELIMINARV						
9	v.	[PROPOSED] PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER						
10	MICHAEL MONA, JR., BART P. MACKAY, and LARRY RASKIN,							
11	Defendants,							
12	and							
13 14	CANNAVEST CORP., now known as CV Sciences, Inc.							
15	Nominal Defendant.							
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17	Presented to the court for preliminary approval is a settlement of all claims							
18	asserted against all Defendants in the above-captioned action. The terms of the							
19	Settlement are set out in a Stipulation of Settlement executed by counsel for the							
20	Parties as of April 19, 2022 ("Stipulation"). All capitalized terms used herein have							
21	the meanings set forth and defined in the Stipulation.							
22	The Court, upon reviewing the Stipulation, declares that it is hereby ORDERED,							
23	ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:							
24	1. CannaVest Corp. is now known as CV Sciences, Inc. ("CV Sciences").							
25	2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the above-captioned							
26	action ("Derivative Action"), the Settlement, and over the Parties to the Stipulation.							
27	3. The Court preliminarily fit	nds that the proposed Settlement should be						

approved as being fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of CV Sciences and its shareholders.

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4. In connection with preliminary approval of the proposed Settlement, the Court preliminarily finds, for purposes of the Settlement, that the Derivative Action was properly brought pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1 as a shareholder derivative action on behalf of CV Sciences, and that Plaintiff fairly and adequately represents the interests of CV Sciences shareholders in enforcing the rights of CV Sciences.

A hearing ("Final Hearing") will be held on 5. . 2022 at : a.m./p.m. before the Honorable Richard Franklin Boulware II in Courtroom of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, 333 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89101, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1, to among other things: (i) determine whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate and in the best interests of CV Sciences and CV Sciences shareholders; (ii) consider any objections to the Settlement submitted in accordance with the Notice; (iii) determine whether a Final Judgment substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C to the Stipulation should be entered, dismissing all claims in the Derivative Action with prejudice and releasing the Released Claims against the Released Persons; (iv) consider the payment to Plaintiff's Counsel of attorneys' fees and for the reimbursement of expenses ("Fee and Expense Award"); (v) consider the payment of a Service Award to Plaintiff to be paid from the Fee and Expense Award; and (vi) consider any other matters that may properly be brought before the Court in connection with the Settlement.

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6. CV Sciences shall cause the notice of the proposed Settlement, in the form attached as Exhibit B-1 hereto ("**Notice**"), to set forth the date for the Final Hearing at which the Court will decide whether to grant final approval of the Settlement. The Notice shall also include the general terms of the proposed Settlement set forth in the Stipulation, contact information for Plaintiff's Counsel, the date of the Final Hearing, and shall note that a copy of the Stipulation of Settlement is posted on the Company's

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7. Within twenty (20) calendar days of the entry of this Order, CV Sciences shall, with all costs borne by CV Sciences' insurers, (i) publish the Notice of Settlement in *Investor s Business Daily* or *GlobeNewswire*; and (ii) include the Notice of settlement and stipulation of settlement on the Company's website. The Notice shall be substantially in the form of the Notice attached as Exhibit B-1 to the Stipulation. The Parties believe the content and manner of such procedure constitutes adequate and reasonable notice to CV Sciences Shareholders pursuant to applicable law. Such notice is hereby found to be reasonable and sufficient under the circumstances, to comply with the provisions of Rule 23.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the requirements of due process of the United States Constitution, and to constitute due and sufficient notice to all Persons affected by the proposed Settlement and entitled to participate in the Final Hearing. Non-material changes to the form of the Notice may be made upon agreement by the Parties without further approval of the Court.

8. At least ten (10) days prior to the Final Hearing, counsel for CV Sciences shall file proof by declaration of the posting and publication of the Notice, as set forth in Paragraph 7 above.

9. Any CV Sciences Shareholder who wishes to object to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Settlement, to any term of the Stipulation, or to the proposed Fee and Expense Award and Service Awards, may file an objection. An objector must file with the Court a written statement of his, her or its objection(s): (a) clearly indicating that objector's name, mailing address, daytime telephone number, and e-mail address (if any); (b) stating that the objector is objecting to the proposed Settlement and/or proposed Fee and Expense Award and Service Awards; (c) specifying the reason(s), if any, for each such objection made, including any legal support and/or evidence that such objector wishes to bring to the Court's attention or introduce in support of such objection; and (d) identifying and supplying documentation showing how many shares of CV Sciences common stock the objector

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1 owned as of , when the objector purchased or otherwise acquired such 2 shares, and whether the objector still owns any such CV Sciences shares. 3 The objector must file such objections and supporting documentation with 10. 4 the Clerk of the Court, U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, Sandra Day O'Connor 5 United States Courthouse, 333 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas, NV 89101 not later 6 than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Final Hearing, and, by the same date, copies of 7 all such papers must also be received by each of the following persons: 8 **Counsel for Plaintiff:** 9 Thomas J. McKenna **GAINEY MCKENNA & EGLESTON** 10 501 Fifth Avenue, 19th Floor 11 New York, NY 10017 12 **Counsel for Defendants and BBHC:** S. Todd Neal 13 Sean M. Sullivan 14 Eric A. Plourde **PROCOPIO, CORY, HARGREAVES & SAVITCH LLP** 15 525 B Street, Suite 2200 16 San Diego, CA 92101 17 An objector may file an objection on his, her or its own or through an attorney hired at 18 his, her or its own expense. If an objector hires an attorney to represent him, her or it 19 for the purposes of making such objection pursuant to this paragraph, the attorney must 20 effect service of a notice of appearance on the counsel listed above and file such notice 21 with the Court no later than twenty-one (21) days before the Final Hearing. Any CV 22 Sciences Shareholder who does not timely file and serve a written objection complying 23 with the terms of this paragraph shall be deemed to have waived, and shall be 24 foreclosed from raising, any objection to the Settlement, and any untimely objection 25 shall be barred. Any submissions by the Parties in support of final approval of the 26 Settlement shall be filed with the Court and served at least twenty-eight (28) days 27 before the Final Hearing, and any submissions by the Parties in opposition to objections

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or in reply shall be filed with the Court no later than seven (7) days before the Final Hearing.

Any objector who files and serves a timely, written objection in 11. accordance with the instructions above and herein, may appear at the Final Hearing either in person or through counsel retained at the objector's expense. Objectors need not attend the Final Hearing, however, in order to have their objections considered by the Court. Timely objectors or their attorneys intending to appear at the Final Hearing are required to indicate in their written objection (or in a separate writing submitted to the counsel listed in the preceding paragraph no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Final Hearing) that they intend to appear at the Final Hearing and identify any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Final Hearing. Objectors or their attorneys intending to appear at the Final Hearing must also, no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Final Hearing, file with the Court, and serve upon counsel listed in the above paragraph, a notice of intention to appear, setting forth the name and address of anyone intending to appear. Any objector who does not timely file and serve a notice of intention to appear in accordance with this paragraph shall not be permitted to appear at the Final Hearing, except for good cause shown.

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12. Defendants' Counsel and Plaintiff's Counsel shall promptly furnish all Parties with copies of any and all objections and notices of intention to appear that come into their possession.

13. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, Plaintiff and all other CV Sciences Shareholders, and anyone who acts or purports to act on their behalf, shall not institute, prosecute, participate in, or assist in the institution, prosecution, or assertion of, any Released Claim against any of the Released Persons.

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Stipulation. In such event, paragraphs 14 and 16 of the Stipulation shall govern the rights of the Parties.

15. This Order shall not be construed or used as an admission, concession, or presumption by or against any of the Released Persons of any fault, wrongdoing, breach, or liability or as a waiver by any Party of any arguments, defenses, or claims he, she, or it may have in the event that the Stipulation is terminated, nor shall it be used in any manner prohibited by paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Stipulation. In the event this Order becomes of no force or effect, it shall not be construed or used as an admission, concession, or presumption by or against the Released Persons or the Plaintiff.

16. All proceedings in this action are stayed until further order of the Court, except as may be necessary to implement the Settlement or comply with the terms of the Stipulation and this Order. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction over the Derivative Action to consider all further matters arising out of or connected with the Settlement.

17. The Court reserves the right to approve the Stipulation and the Settlement with modifications agreed to by the Parties and without further notice to any CV Sciences Shareholders. The Court further reserves the right to adjourn the date of the Final Hearing or modify any other dates set forth herein without further notice to CV Sciences Shareholders and retains jurisdiction to consider all further matters related to the Derivative Actions or the Settlement. The Court may decide to hold the Final Hearing telephonically or via video without further notice to CV Sciences shareholders. Any CV Sciences shareholder (or his, her or its counsel) who wishes to appear at the Final Hearing should consult the Court's calendar and/or the CV Sciences' corporate website for any change in date, time or format of the Final Hearing.

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1 2	SO ORDERED this day of, 2022.
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EXHIBIT B-1
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

OTILDA LAMONT, Derivatively on Behalf of CANNAVEST CORP.,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL MONA, JR., BART P. MACKAY, and LARRY RASKIN,

Defendants,

and

CANNAVEST CORP., now known as CV Sciences, Inc.

Nominal Defendant

Case No. 2:15-cv-00481-RFB

NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE ACTION, PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND SETTLEMENT HEARING

TO: ALL PERSONS HO O NED CANNAVEST CORP., NO KNO N AS CV SCIENCES, INC. ("CV SCIENCES"), COMMON STOCK AS OF APRIL 1 , 2022.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. THIS NOTICE RELATES TO A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF A SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE ACTION AND CLAIMS ASSERTED ON BEHALF OF BBHC (THE "ACTION").

IF THE COURT APPROVES THE SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSAL OF THE ACTION, SHAREHOLDERS OF CV SCIENCES AND CV SCIENCES ILL BE FOREVER BARRED FROM CONTESTING THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND FROM PURSUING THE RELEASED CLAIMS.

THESE ACTIONS ARE NOT "CLASS ACTIONS." THUS, THERE IS NO COMMON FUND UPON HICH YOU CAN MAKE A CLAIM FOR A MONETARY PAYMENT.

On April 19, 2022, CV Sciences, Inc., formerly known as CannaVest Corp. ("CV Sciences"), in its capacity as a nominal defendant, entered into a Stipulation of Settlement (the

"Stipulation") in the above-captioned shareholder derivative action¹ filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, styled *Lamont v. Mona, Jr., et al.*, Case No. 2:15-cv-00481 (D. Nev.) (the "Derivative Action"), against certain current and former directors and officers of CV Sciences, and against CV Sciences as a nominal defendant. The Stipulation executed by counsel for the Settling Parties on April 19, 2022 and the settlement contemplated therein (the "Settlement"), including dismissal of all claims with prejudice in the Derivative Action, is subject to approval by the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada (the "Court"). The proposed Settlement requires CV Sciences to adopt certain additional corporate governance reforms, as outlined in Exhibit A to the Stipulation, subject to Court approval. The Settlement compromises claims that are contested and shall not be deemed an admission by any Settling Party or Released Person as to the merits of any claim, allegation or defense.

This notice is a summary of the Settlement only and does not describe all of the details of the Stipulation. For full details of the matters discussed in this notice, please see the full Stipulation by visiting CV Sciences' website at ______, or contact Plaintiff's Counsel at the address listed below. All capitali ed terms used in this notice, unless otherwise defined herein, are defined as set forth in the Stipulation.

Summary 3 1

The Derivative Action alleged that the Defendants willfully or recklessly made and/or caused the Company to make false or misleading representations regarding: (1) the value of the PhytoSphere acquisition; and (2) CV Sciences' financial position and results of operations. As a result of the foregoing, the Plaintiff alleged that Defendants had breached their fiduciary duties to the Company and to its shareholders. Defendants deny each and every claim and contention alleged by Plaintiff and also expressly deny all charges of wrongdoing or liability arising out of the allegations in the Actions

After the Court's denial of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss in substantial part and discovery proceedings undertaken, the Parties engaged in extensive settlement negotiations. The Parties memoriali ed their agreement as to the substantive terms of the proposed settlement in a Settlement Term Sheet on January 13, 2022.

In recognition of the benefits achieved on behalf of CV Sciences in the Derivative Action, the Parties shall attempt to negotiate in good faith and with the assistance of a mediator if necessary an agreed amount of attorneys' fees and expenses (the "Fee and Expense Award") to be proposed to the Court prior to the Final Hearing as payment to Plaintiff's Counsel for the benefits achieved on behalf of CV Sciences. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement, Plaintiff may make a motion to the Court seeking an award of attorneys' fees and expenses for the benefits achieved on behalf of CV Sciences in the Derivative Action. Defendants reserve the right to oppose any such motion.

¹ A derivative claim is a claim brought by a shareholder on behalf of a company, rather than on behalf of himself or herself or the other shareholders of the company. The recovery sought in

a derivative action is for the benefit of the company rather than directly for individual shareholders.

The Settlement compromises claims that are contested and shall not be deemed an admission by any Settling Party or Released Person as to the merits of any claim, allegation or defense.

On , 2022, the Court entered an order preliminarily approving the Stipulation and the Settlement contemplated therein and providing for notice of the Settlement (the "Preliminary Approval Order"). The Preliminary Approval Order further provides that the Court will hold a hearing ("Final Hearing"), on ______, 2022 at _: ___a.m./p.m. before the Honorable Richard F. Boulware, II in Courtroom of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, 333 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89101, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1, to among other things: (i) determine whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate and in the best interests of CV Sciences and its shareholders; (ii) consider any objections to the Settlement submitted in accordance with the Notice; (iii) determine whether a Final Judgment substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C to the Stipulation should be entered dismissing all claims in the Derivative Action with prejudice and releasing the Released Claims against the Released Persons; (iv) consider the payment to Plaintiff's Counsel of attorneys' fees and for the reimbursement of expenses as requested in the Fee and Expense Award; (v) consider , which will be the payment to Plaintiff of a Service Award in an amount not to exceed funded from the Fee and Expense Award; and (vi) consider any other matters that may properly be brought before the Court in connection with the Settlement.

The Court may, in its discretion, change the date and/or time of the Final Hearing without further notice to you. The Court also has reserved the right to hold the Final Hearing telephonically or remotely without further notice to you. If you intend to attend the Final Hearing, please consult the Court's calendar and/or CV Sciences' website at ______ for any change in date, time or format of the Final Hearing.

Any CV Sciences Shareholder who wishes to object to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Settlement as set forth in the attached Stipulation, or to the proposed Fee and Expense Award and Service Awards, may file an objection. An objector must file with the Court a written statement of his, her or its objection(s): (a) clearly indicating that objector's name, mailing address, daytime telephone number, and e-mail address (if any); (b) stating that the objector is objecting to the proposed Settlement and/or proposed Fee and Expense Award and Service Awards; (c) specifying the reason(s), if any, for each such objection made, including any legal support and/or evidence that such objector wishes to bring to the Court's attention or introduce in support of such objection; and (d) identifying and supplying documentation showing how many shares of CV Sciences common stock the objector owned as of ______, when the objector purchased or otherwise acquired such shares, and proof that the objector still owns such CV Sciences shares.

The objector must file such objections and supporting documentation with the Clerk of the Court, U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, 333 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89101, not later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Final Hearing, and, by the same date, copies of all such papers must also be received by each of the following persons:

Counsel for Plaintiff:

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Gregory M. Egleston GAINEY McKENNA & EGLESTON 501 Fifth Avenue, 19th Floor New York, NY 10017

Counsel for Defendants and CV Sciences:

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An objector may file an objection on his, her or its own or through an attorney hired at his, her or its own expense. If an objector hires an attorney to represent him, her or it for the purposes of making such objection pursuant to this paragraph, the attorney must effect service of a notice of appearance on the counsel listed above and file such notice with the Court no later than twenty-one (21) days before the Final Hearing. Any CV Sciences Shareholder who does not timely file and serve a written objection complying with the terms of this paragraph shall be deemed to have waived, and shall be foreclosed from raising, any objection to the Settlement, and any untimely objection shall be barred. Any submissions by the Parties in opposition to objections or in reply shall be filed with the Court no later than seven (7) days before the Final Hearing.

Any objector who files and serves a timely, written objection in accordance with the instructions above and herein, may appear at the Final Hearing either in person or through counsel retained at the objector's expense. Objectors need not attend the Final Hearing, however, in order to have their objections considered by the Court. Timely objectors or their attorneys intending to appear at the Final Hearing are required to indicate in their written objection (or in a separate writing submitted to the counsel listed in the preceding paragraph no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Final Hearing) that they intend to appear at the Final Hearing and identify any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Final Hearing. Objectors or their attorneys intending to appear at the Final Hearing must also, no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Final Hearing, file with the Court, and serve upon counsel listed above, a notice of intention to appear, setting forth the name and address of anyone intending to appear. Any objector who does not timely file and serve a notice of intent to appear in accordance with this paragraph shall not be permitted to appear at the Final Hearing, except for good cause shown.

If you are a current holder of CV Sciences common stock and do not take steps to appear in this action and object to the proposed Settlement, you will be bound by the Final Judgment of the Court and will forever be barred from raising an objection to such settlement in this or any other action or proceeding, and from pursuing any of the Released Claims.

You may obtain further information by contacting Plaintiff's Counsel at: Gregory M. Egleston, Esq., Gainey McKenna Egleston, 501 Fifth Avenue, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10017, Telephone: (212) 983-1300; Email: gegleston gme-law.com.

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PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE COURT OR CV SCIENCES REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

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EXHIBIT C

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	UNITED STATES DISTRICT OTILDA LAMONT, Derivatively on Behalf of CANNAVEST CORP., Plaintiff, v. MICHAEL MONA, JR., BART P. MACKAY, and LARRY RASKIN,	DISTRICT COURT OF NEVADA Case No. 2:15-cv-00481-RFB [PROPOSED] FINAL UDGMENT Judge: Richard F. Boulware Courtroom: 7C
11 12	Defendants, and	
13	CANNAVEST CORP., now known as CV Sciences, Inc.	
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This matter came before the Court for a hearing pursuant to the Order of this Court entered on ______, 2022 ("Preliminary Approval Order"), on the application of the Parties for approval of the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement executed by counsel for the Parties as of April 19, 2022 (the "Stipulation"). All capitali ed terms used herein have the meanings set forth and defined in the Stipulation.

The Court has received a declaration that: (1) the publication of the notice of 8 settlement was issued in nve tor al or lo e e re; and (ii) the 9 ne notice of settlement and stipulation of settlement was posted on the Company's website. 10 Therefore, due and adequate notice having been given to CV Sciences Shareholders as 11 required by the Preliminary Approval Order, and the Court having considered all papers 12 filed and proceedings in the Derivative Action and otherwise being fully informed of 13 the matters herein, and good cause appearing therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, 14 ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows: 15

This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Derivative
 Action, including the terms and conditions of the Stipulation and all exhibits thereto,
 and over Parties to the Stipulation.

Based on evidence submitted by CV Sciences' counsel, the Court finds
 that the Notice was posted and published according to this Court's Preliminary
 Approval Order. This Court further finds that the form and content of the Notice, as
 previously preliminarily approved by the Court, complied with the requirements of
 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1, satisfied the requirements of due process, and
 constituted due and sufficient notice of the matters set forth therein.

3. A full opportunity has been offered to CV Sciences Shareholders to object
to the proposed Settlement and to participate in the hearing thereon, and, as such, all
CV Sciences Shareholders are bound by this Order.

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4. The Settlement is found to be fair, reasonable, adequate and in the best interests of CV Sciences and CV Sciences Shareholders.

5. The Court finds, for settlement purposes, that: (1) the Derivative Action was properly brought as a shareholder derivative suit pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1; and (2) Plaintiff Lamont adequately represented the interests of CV Sciences Shareholders in enforcing the rights of CV Sciences.

6. The Stipulation and the terms of the proposed Settlement set forth therein are, in all respects, hereby finally approved. The Parties to the Stipulation are directed to consummate the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Stipulation.

(A) In accordance with Paragraph 1(p) of the Stipulation, for purposes of this Final Judgment the term "Released Persons" means: (a) CV Sciences and the Defendants, as well as any person, partnership, bank, firm, corporation, limited liability company, trust or other entity or organi ation in which CV Sciences or any Defendant has a controlling interest or which is or was related to or affiliated with any of them; and (b) with respect to each of the Persons in subsection (a), their respective past, present or future directors and officers, including but not limited to Michael Mona Jr., Bart P. MacKay, and Larry Raskin and their respective past, present or future employees, insurers, reinsurers, attorneys, agents, partners, principals, advisors, investment advisors, auditors, accountants, trustees, underwriters, investment bankers, subsidiaries, parents, successors, predecessors, heirs, Immediate Family, and anyone acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of any of them or their successors.

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(B) In accordance with Paragraph 1(0) of the Stipulation, for purposes of this Final Judgment the term "Released Claims" means: any and all claims, rights, demands, causes of action or liabilities of any kind, nature and character whatsoever (including, but not limited to, any claims for damages, interest, attorneys' fees, expert or consulting fees, and any other costs, expenses or liability whatsoever), whether based

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whether foreign or domestic, whether fixed or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, liquidated or unliquidated, at law or in equity, matured or unmatured, whether known or unknown including, without limitation, Unknown Claims (as defined below) (collectively "**Claims**") against any of the Released Persons that have been, could have been, or could in the future be, asserted in the Derivative Action or in any other derivative action in any other forum or proceeding by any Person (including but not limited to Plaintiff) derivatively on behalf of CV Sciences, or by CV Sciences itself against any of the Released Persons that arise out of or are related, directly or indirectly, in any way to:

(a) any of the facts, matters, occurrences, actions, practices, conduct, events, transactions, statements, disclosures, representations, misrepresentations, omissions, or failures to act that were involved, set forth, referred to, asserted, alleged, or that could have been alleged in the Derivative Action including, but not limited to, claims for securities law violations, breach of fiduciary duty, abuse of control, mismanagement, gross mismanagement, waste of corporate assets, unjust enrichment, contribution and indemnification, money damages, disgorgement, any and all demands, actions, damages, claims, rights or causes of action, or liabilities whatsoever; or

- (b) that would have been barred by res judicata had the Derivative Action been fully litigated to a final judgment, *rov ded t at* Released Claims shall not include claims to enforce the Settlement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Released Claims" also does not include the claims asserted in the Securities Class Action, *n re anna et or*. *e rte Lt at on*, 14-cv-2900 (PG) (S.D.N.Y.)
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Final Judgment the term "Unknown Claims" shall mean: any Released Claims that

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Plaintiff, CV Sciences or any CV Sciences Shareholder (claiming in the right of, or on behalf of, CV Sciences) does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Persons which, if known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her or its settlement with and release of the Released Persons, or might have affected his, her or its decision not to object to this Settlement. Unknown Claims include those claims in which some or all of the facts comprising the claim may be suspected, or even undisclosed or hidden. With respect to any and all Released Claims, Plaintiff and CV Sciences stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, they shall expressly waive, and every CV Sciences Shareholder shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, expressly waived the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code 1542, which provides:

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Plaintiff and CV Sciences shall expressly waive, and every CV Sciences Shareholder 17 shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, expressly 18 waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or 19 territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is 20 similar, comparable or equivalent in effect to California Civil Code 1542. 21

Plaintiff, CV Sciences and any CV Sciences Shareholder may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which he, she or it now knows or believes to 23 be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but Plaintiff and CV Sciences shall expressly have, and every CV Sciences Shareholder shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever 26 settled and released any and all Released Claims, known or unknown, suspected or

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unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or 4

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coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, reckless, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. Plaintiff and CV Sciences acknowledge, and every CV Sciences Shareholder shall be deemed by operation of the Final Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waivers were separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.

8. The Derivative Action and all claims contained therein, as well as all Released Claims, are hereby dismissed with prejudice in their entirety, on the merits, as against all Released Persons. Each party shall bear its own fees and costs, except as set forth herein.

9. Upon the Effective Date, Plaintiff, CV Sciences and all current and former CV Sciences Shareholders, on behalf of themselves, and each of their respective personal representatives, Immediate Family, trustees, heirs, executors, administrators, parent entities, associates, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns, and any other Person claiming (now or in the future) to be acting on behalf of any of them, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, settled and discharged all Released Claims against the Released Persons and shall be permanently barred and enjoined from instituting, commencing, participating in, continuing, maintaining, asserting or prosecuting any Released Claim against any of the Released Persons, or assisting any Person in instituting, commencing, participating in, continuing, maintaining, asserting or prosecuting any Released Claim against any of the Released Persons. Nothing herein shall in any way impair or restrict the rights of any of the Parties to enforce the terms of this Stipulation.

10. Upon the Effective Date, the Released Persons shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have fully finally and forever released

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Unknown Claims), arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the defense, institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of the Released Claims. Nothing herein shall in any way impair or restrict the rights of any of the Parties to enforce the terms of this Stipulation.

Plaintiff's Counsel in the action is hereby awarded attorneys' fees and a 11. reimbursement of expenses collectively totaling ("Fee and Expense Award"). This Court finds that this amount is fair and reasonable under the facts and circumstances of this case. Payment of such award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Stipulation.

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Plaintiff is awarded a Service Award in the amount of _____, which 12. shall be funded from the Fee and Expense Award.

This Final Judgment, the Stipulation and all of its provisions, and any 13. negotiations, proceedings or agreements relating to the Stipulation and the Settlement, and any matters arising in connection with such negotiations, proceedings or agreements, and any acts performed or documents executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Stipulation:

shall not be offered or received against any of the Released Persons a) as evidence of a presumption, concession, or admission of any kind; 19

shall not be offered or received against any of the Released Persons b) as evidence of an admission by any of those Released Persons with respect to the truth of any fact alleged in the Derivative Action or the validity of any Released Claim, or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of the Released Persons;

shall not be offered or received against the Released Persons as c) evidence of any fault, misrepresentation, omission or other actionable conduct with respect to any statement or written document approved or made by any of the Released Dercone

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d) shall not be offered or received against the Released Persons as evidence of any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Released Persons, in any other civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation; provided, however, that if this Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Released Persons may refer to it to effectuate the release of Released Claims and other liability protections granted them hereunder;

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e) shall not be construed against any of the Released Persons as an admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount that could be or would have been recovered after trial;

f) shall not be construed as or received in evidence as an admission, concession or presumption against Plaintiff that any of her claims are without merit, or that any defenses asserted by the Defendants have any merit, or that damages recoverable in the Derivative Action would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount; and

g) shall not, in the event of a Termination, be used by any Party for any purpose in any trial in the Derivative Action, *rov ded t at*, any Party may file or introduce this Stipulation and/or the Final Judgment in any action or proceeding that may be brought to enforce the terms of this Stipulation and/or the Final Judgment, or any action or proceeding related to rights or claims of Defendants relating to indemnification and/or advancement in connection with the Derivative Action.

14. Except in the event of a Termination, the Parties agree not to assert under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or any similar law, rule or regulation, that the Derivative Action was brought or defended in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. The Parties agree that the terms of this Settlement were negotiated at arms' length and in good faith by the Parties and reflect a settlement that was reached voluntarily based upon adequate information and after consultation with their respective

experienced legal counsel.

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15. Without in any way affecting the finality of this Final Judgment, this Court shall retain jurisdiction over the Parties to the Stipulation and the Released Parties with respect to all matters related to the Derivative Action and over all proceedings related to the implementation and enforcement of the terms of the Stipulation, including all matters pertaining to requests for attorneys' fees and expenses.

16. Any order regarding an award of attorneys' fees and expenses, or any appeal, modification or change of such an order, shall in no way disturb or affect the finality of this Final Judgment and shall be considered separate from this Final Judgment.

17. This Settlement shall be a final and complete resolution of all disputes among the parties. No party to the Stipulation may assert in any forum that the Derivative Action was brought, commenced or prosecuted by the Plaintiff or her counsel in bad faith or that the Derivative Action was not filed or raised in good faith or was not settled voluntarily after negotiating at arm's-length and in good faith after consultation with competent legal counsel.

18. Nothing in this Final Judgment constitutes or reflects a waiver, release or discharge of any rights or claims of Defendants against their insurers, or their insurers' subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, affiliates, or representatives.

19. The Parties are hereby authori ed, without further approval of the Court, to unanimously agree to and adopt in writing such amendments, modifications, and expansions of the Stipulation and all exhibits attached thereto, provided that such amendments, modifications, and expansions of the Stipulation are done in accordance with the terms of Paragraph 20 of the Stipulation, are not materially inconsistent with this Final Judgment and do not materially limit the rights of CV Sciences Shareholders or the Released Persons under the Stipulation.

20. In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, then this Final Judgment shall be rendered null and

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vacated, and in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation, and the provisions of Paragraph 16 of the Stipulation shall apply. The provisions of this Final Judgment constitute a full and complete 21. adjudication of the matters considered and adjudged herein, and the Court determines that there is no just reason for delay in the entry of judgment. The Clerk is hereby directed to immediately enter this Final Judgment. IT IS SO ORDERED: The Honorable Richard F. Boulware United States District Court Judge

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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Nominal Defendant

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TO: ALL PERSONS WHO OWNED CANNAVEST CORP., NOW KNOWN AS CV SCIENCES, INC. ("CV SCIENCES"), COMMON STOCK AS OF APRIL 18, 2022.

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a derivative action is for the benefit of the company rather than directly for individual shareholders.

The Settlement compromises claims that are contested and shall not be deemed an admission by any Settling Party or Released Person as to the merits of any claim, allegation or defense.

On February 8, 2023, the Court entered a minute order preliminarily approving the Stipulation and the Settlement contemplated therein (the "Minute Order"). The Minute Order further provides that the Court will hold a hearing ("Final Hearing"), on May 15, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. before The Honorable Richard F. Boulware, II in Courtroom 7C of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, 333 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89101, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1, to among other things: (i) determine whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate and in the best interests of CV Sciences and its shareholders; (ii) consider any objections to the Settlement submitted in accordance with the Notice; (iii) determine whether a Final Judgment substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C to the Stipulation should be entered dismissing all claims in the Derivative Action with prejudice and releasing the Released Claims against the Released Persons; (iv) consider the payment to Plaintiff's Counsel of attorneys' fees and for the reimbursement of expenses as requested in the Fee and Expense Award in an amount to be determined by the Court not to exceed \$650,000; (v) consider the payment to Plaintiff of a Service Award in an amount to be determined by the Court not to exceed \$3,500, which will be funded from the Fee and Expense Award; and (vi) consider any other matters that may properly be brought before the Court in connection with the Settlement.

The Court may, in its discretion, change the date and/or time of the Final Hearing without further notice to you. The Court also has reserved the right to hold the Final Hearing telephonically or remotely without further notice to you. If you intend to attend the Final Hearing, please consult the Court's calendar and/or CV Sciences' website at <u>www.cvsciences.com</u> for any change in date, time or format of the Final Hearing.

Any CV Sciences Shareholder who wishes to object to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Settlement as set forth in the attached Stipulation, or to the proposed Fee and Expense Award and Service Awards, may file an objection. An objector must file with the Court a written statement of his, her or its objection(s): (a) clearly indicating that objector's name, mailing address, daytime telephone number, and e-mail address (if any); (b) stating that the objector is objecting to the proposed Settlement and/or proposed Fee and Expense Award and Service Awards; (c) specifying the reason(s), if any, for each such objection made, including any legal support and/or evidence that such objector wishes to bring to the Court's attention or introduce in support of such objection; and (d) identifying and supplying documentation showing how many shares of CV Sciences common stock the objector owned as of April 19, 2022, when the objector purchased or otherwise acquired such shares, and proof that the objector still owns such CV Sciences shares.

The objector must file such objections and supporting documentation with the Clerk of the Court, U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, 333 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89101, not later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Final Hearing, and, by the same date, copies of all such papers must also be received by each of the following persons:

Counsel for Plaintiff:

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An objector may file an objection on his, her or its own or through an attorney hired at his, her or its own expense. If an objector hires an attorney to represent him, her or it for the purposes of making such objection pursuant to this paragraph, the attorney must effect service of a notice of appearance on the counsel listed above and file such notice with the Court no later than twenty-one (21) days before the Final Hearing. Any CV Sciences Shareholder who does not timely file and serve a written objection complying with the terms of this paragraph shall be deemed to have waived, and shall be foreclosed from raising, any objection to the Settlement, and any untimely objection shall be barred. Any submissions by the Parties in opposition to objections or in reply shall be filed with the Court no later than seven (7) days before the Final Hearing.

Any objector who files and serves a timely, written objection in accordance with the instructions above and herein, may appear at the Final Hearing either in person or through counsel retained at the objector's expense. Objectors need not attend the Final Hearing, however, in order to have their objections considered by the Court. Timely objectors or their attorneys intending to appear at the Final Hearing are required to indicate in their written objection (or in a separate writing submitted to the counsel listed in the preceding paragraph no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Final Hearing) that they intend to appear at the Final Hearing and identify any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Final Hearing. Objectors or their attorneys intending to appear at the Final Hearing must also, no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Final Hearing, file with the Court, and serve upon counsel listed above, a notice of intention to appear, setting forth the name and address of anyone intending to appear. Any objector who does not timely file and serve a notice of intent to appear in accordance with this paragraph shall not be permitted to appear at the Final Hearing, except for good cause shown.

If you are a current holder of CV Sciences common stock and do not take steps to appear in this action and object to the proposed Settlement, you will be bound by the Final Judgment of the Court and will forever be barred from raising an objection to such settlement in this or any other action or proceeding, and from pursuing any of the Released Claims.

You may obtain further information by contacting Plaintiff's Counsel at: Gregory M. Egleston, Esq., Gainey McKenna & Egleston, 501 Fifth Avenue, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10017, Telephone: (212) 983-1300; Email: gegleston@gme-law.com.

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PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE COURT OR CV SCIENCES REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

CV Sciences, Inc. Announces Proposed Settlement of Shareholder Litigation

San Diego, CA - March 2, 2023 (PR NEWSWIRE) - CV Sciences, Inc. (OTCQB:CVSI) (the "Company", "CV Sciences", "our", "us" or "we"), a preeminent consumer wellness company specializing in hemp extracts and other proven science-backed, natural ingredients and products, announced today that CV Sciences has received preliminary approval a proposed settlement of a derivative lawsuit pending in Nevada. The lawsuit alleged breach of fiduciary duty and other claims premised on the same events that were the subject of a purported class action filed in the Southern District of New York on April 23, 2014. On July 2, 2019, the court entered a final order dismissing the class action complaint with prejudice.

The parties agreed to a settlement in principal in January 2022. Plaintiff filed a motion for preliminary approval of proposed settlement on June 1, 2022. On February 7, 2023, the U.S. District Court, District of Nevada granted preliminary approval of the proposed settlement. On May 15, 2023, the U.S. District Court will hold a hearing to determine whether to grant final approval of the settlement agreement. The proposed settlement, if approved by the court, will resolve all claims asserted in the action without any admission, concession or finding of any fault, liability or wrongdoing by the Company or any defendant. CV Sciences and the individual defendants continue to deny any wrongdoing. The proposed settlement contemplates the implementation by the Company of certain corporate reforms within 60 days of final approval. The Company currently anticipates that plaintiff's counsel will file a motion seeking an award of attorney's fees.

Additional details regarding the proposed settlement are included in that Current Report on Form 8-K filed by CV Sciences with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 2, 2023. The Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement and Notice of Proposed Settlement ("Notice") are available at https://ir.cvsciences.com/governance-docs. A copy of the Notice is attached.

Notice of Settlement

About CV Sciences, Inc.

CV Sciences, Inc. (OTCQB:CVSI) is a consumer wellness company specializing in hemp extracts and other proven, science-backed, natural ingredients and products, which are sold through a range of sales channels from B2B to B2C. The Company's PlusCBDTM branded products are sold at select retail locations throughout the U.S. and are one of the top-selling brands of hemp extracts in the natural products market, according to SPINS, the leading provider of syndicated data and insights for the natural, organic and specialty products industry. CV Sciences follows all guidelines for Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and the Company's products are processed, produced, and tested throughout the manufacturing process to confirm strict compliance with company standards and specifications. With a commitment to science, PlusCBD[™] product benefits in healthy people are supported by human clinical research data, in addition to three published clinical case studies available on PubMed.gov. PlusCBD[™] was the first hemp extract supplement brand to invest in the scientific evidence necessary to receive self-affirmed Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) status. CV Sciences, Inc. has primary offices and facilities in San Diego, California. The Company also operates a drug development division focused on developing and commercializing CBD-based novel therapeutics. Additional information is available from OTCMarkets.com or by visiting www.cvsciences.com.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release may contain certain forward-looking statements and information, as defined within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is subject to the Safe Harbor created by those sections. This material contains statements about expected future events and/or financial results that are forward-looking in nature and subject to risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements by definition involve risk and uncertainties.

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