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May 25, 2023

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Re: Application for MMTC Licensure – Errors and Omissions Letter

Dear East Coast Packers LLC,

On April 27, 2023, the Florida Department of Health received your application for MMTC licensure (the “Application”). The Department has identified the following apparent errors or omissions in your Application.

**1. Subsection 4.3.3, Level 2 Background Screening**

Subsection 4.3.3 of the Medical Marijuana Treatment Center License Application Instructions, Requirements and Forms (the “Application Instructions”) requires an applicant’s owners and managers to submit a full set of fingerprints to a Livescan Service Provider for purposes of level 2 background screening. The Department has not yet received an FDLE background report for the following individual, who is identified as an owner or manager in Subsection 4.3.3 of your Application:

- **435.09** (rejected for fingerprint quality)

Please ensure that this individual has successfully submitted a full set of fingerprints to a Livescan Service Provider for purposes of level 2 background screening. Individuals rejected for fingerprint quality must resubmit a full set of fingerprints to a Livescan Service Provider. As provided in Subsection 4.3.3 of the Application Instructions, if an individual’s fingerprints are rejected twice for image quality, the individual must participate in the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s name check procedure for fingerprint submissions rejected due to image quality. The Department will notify an individual whose fingerprints are rejected twice for image quality and provide direction regarding the FBI name check procedure.

**2. Subsection 4.13.3, Capitalization Tables, Change of Control, and Related Entities**

Section 381.986(8)(e)2., Florida Statutes, prohibits an MMTC, and any individual or entity who directly or indirectly owns, controls, or holds the power to vote 5 percent or more of the voting shares of an MMTC, from acquiring direct or indirect control of any voting shares or other form of ownership of any other MMTC.

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For purposes of ownership attribution, please provide the nature of the familial relationship, if any, among and between the individuals listed in Subsection 4.13.3 of the Application, **119.0715**  
[REDACTED]

Additionally, if any natural person meets the definition of “owner” or “manager,” even if by familial attribution of ownership (as provide by Department rule), such natural persons must submit a completed Form 2 to the Department and a full set of fingerprints to a Livescan Service Provider for purposes of level 2 background screening. Those natural persons must also be added to an updated list of owners and managers in Subsection 4.3.3 of your Application and submitted to the Department.

### **Deadline to Respond**

The Department must receive the above-requested documentation and information within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the date on which the Department emails this letter to you. See Section 5.1 of the Application Instructions for the submission address and requirements. Failure to supply the requested documentation and information identified above may result in denial of your Application.

If any materials submitted to the Department in response to this letter contain confidential information, you must comply with the requirements of Section 2.4 of the Application Instructions when submitting such information.

Sincerely,

*Christopher Kimball*

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Director  
Office of Medical Marijuana Use