

# NATIVE SUN WELLNESS, INC. MRN281800

#### **BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Native Sun Wellness, Inc. 37 Coolidge Street, Hudson, MA 01749

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

Retail

3. Applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment license(s):

Cultivation, Tier 5/Indoor (30,001 to 40,000 sq. ft) (application submitted in Fitchburg) Product Manufacturer (application submitted-Fitchburg)

4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Timothy Caraboolad—Director Mark Schuparra—Director Geoffrey Bernstein—Director Daniel Linsky—Close Associate Michael Drayer—Close Associate

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Native Sun Holdings, LLC — is the sole owner of Native Sun Wellness, Inc.

6. Applicant's priority status and information pertaining to co-located operations:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 31, 2018.

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- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on August 8, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on December 3, 2018 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following programs for its Positive Impact Plan:
  - a. Conduct industry-specific educational seminars in marijuana cultivation, marijuana product manufacturing and marijuana business training;
  - b. Institute hiring practices that prioritize the hiring of individuals from areas of disproportionate impact; and
  - c. Partner with and support organizations that provide jail diversion and restorative justice programs.

# SUITABILITY REVIEW

- 11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.
- 12. There were disclosures of past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within seven (7) months of receiving their provisional license.
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- 15. The applicant submitted all applicable and required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.
- 16. The applicant proposed the following programs for its Diversity Plan:
  - a. Provide cultural training on cultural sensitivity and recognizing unconscious bias;
  - b. Utilize suppliers who are also committed to diversity and inclusion; and
  - c. Host career fairs in underrepresented and minority communities.
- 17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable.

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

Not applicable.

19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Applicant has applied for cultivation and product manufacturing licenses and plans to provide its own marijuana products.

20. ISO 17025 Certifying Body and Certificate Number (if applicable):

Not applicable.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations;
- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
- 3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff;
- 4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee; and
- 5. Final licensure is subject to the licensee providing Commission staff with a revised Positive Impact Plan that specifies the number and locations of educational seminars that will be provided, as well as, the listing of organizations it plans to partner with for its program related to jail diversion.

The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.