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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Recall of Green Investment Partners, LLC Tangie Power Plant Material
February 15, 2023

I. Introduction

The Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program (MMCP) is administered by three state agencies: the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy (Pharmacy Board), the Ohio Department of Commerce (Commerce), and the Ohio State Medical Board (Medical Board). Green Investment Partners, LLC (GIP), located in Columbus, Ohio, is licensed as a level one cultivator and processor by the Ohio Department of Commerce. On December 6, 2022, the MMCP issued a voluntary recall[1] of medical marijuana plant material distributed to dispensaries by GIP. This recall notified the public that GIP reported to the MMCP that some batches of medical marijuana plant material did not pass all state-required laboratory testing prior to distribution and sale to patients. The MMCP placed an administrative hold on and quarantined the product, preventing any further plant material from being sold to patients.

II. Background

The Pharmacy Board is responsible for the licensing and regulation of dispensaries, and the registration of patients and caregivers. Commerce is responsible for the licensing and regulation of cultivators, processors, and testing laboratories. GIP is both a cultivator and processor licensed to grow, manufacture, and sell medical marijuana products to dispensaries.

Licensed cultivators and processors manufacture medical marijuana products and are required to track their inventory in MMCP's seed-to-sale inventory tracking system, Metrc. This system tracks the medical marijuana product as it grows, is manufactured, and tested. A sample of each batch of medical marijuana product is required to be tested before the product is transferred to a dispensary. After the required testing is performed and the product passed the required analysis, the product can then be sold to a dispensary.

The GIP Tangie Power plant material subject to this recall did not pass all required testing prior to being delivered to dispensaries.

III. Recall

On December 6, 2022, GIP reported to the MMCP that medical marijuana plant material that failed required testing for Total Yeast and Mold was distributed to seven dispensaries for sale to patients due to an inventory tracking error. It was determined that the products posed a public health concern and were subject to recall.

The Department of Commerce MMCP, in coordination with the Ohio Board of Pharmacy, on December 6 issued a voluntary recall on the affected products, placed an administrative hold

[1] See Attachment A

on the products at the processor, and quarantined the products at the dispensary so they could not be sold to patients.

On December 6, the Commerce MMCP staff coordinated with GIP representatives and instructed them to retrieve all products subject to the recall and quarantine them until further instruction was given by MMCP. On December 29, GIP destroyed the remaining products subject to the recall.

The MMCP performed the following actions as a result of the product recall and administrative hold:

- Identified all products located at the cultivator/processor and dispensaries that were affected by the recall
- Communicated to patients that recalled products may be returned to dispensaries
- Required GIP to collect all unsold products located at dispensaries
- Required product returned by patients to be destroyed at the return dispensary location
- Required GIP to destroy any remaining product subject to the recall
- Issued an Order imposing conditions on the GIP license

GIP performed the following actions related to the product recall:

- Initiated a voluntary recall by reporting the error to the MMCP
- Cooperated with the MMCP investigation into the matter and responded to all requests from Commerce
- Conducted an internal investigation of product issues
- Updated their Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for improved inventory tracking
- Retrained staff on proper inventory tracking procedures
- Terminated employees responsible for inventory tracking error

IV. Recall Metrics

Products Recalled

- Tangie Power Plant Material for Vaporization

Product IDs[2] Recalled

- M00000280205: Tier 2 Vap- Hybrid 23.3 – 0 – Tangie Power 2.83
- M00000280207: Tier 2 Vap- Hybrid 23.3 – 0 – Tangie Power 14.15

Product and Dispensary Metrics

- Retail units delivered to dispensaries: 240
- Number of patients that purchased product: 65
- Number units dispensed to patients: 79

[2] All medical marijuana products must have an assigned Product ID to be accepted by a dispensary and to enable submission of dispensation data to the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System. This applies to each medical marijuana strain and medical marijuana form and dose. The assignment of a Product ID is to ensure that only products in compliance with MMCP regulations are available to patients and their caregivers.

Patient Adverse Events

- No reports of adverse events were received.

V. Conclusion

After receiving notification from GIP that products which failed state-required testing for Total Yeast and Mold were erroneously distributed to dispensaries for sale to patients, the MMCP suspended sales and recalled previous sales of the two affected batches of GIP's Tangie Power plant material for vaporization.

In coordination with Commerce, GIP investigated the issues leading to the inventory tracking errors at the licensed facility and subsequent recall. GIP updated their SOPs, including improved inventory tracking measures, and provided more employee training with the intention of preventing similar issues in the future.

ATTACHMENT A

OHIO MEDICAL MARIJUANA CONTROL PROGRAM
MANDATORY PRODUCT RECALL

December 6, 2022

TOPIC: Voluntary Product Recall

ISSUE: The Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program ("MMCP") is issuing a voluntary product recall on plant material products sold to dispensaries by cultivator, Green Investment Partners, LLC ("GIP"). GIP initiated the present recall and reported to MMCP that certain batches of medical marijuana plant material did not pass all state-required laboratory testing prior to distribution and sale to patients. Specifically, the recalled products do not meet state testing requirements for total yeast and mold. The MMCP is continuing to investigate and will issue an executive summary at the conclusion of the investigation.

AFFECTED PRODUCT:

Product Names: Tangie Power plant material for vaporization

Purchase Dates: November 29, 2022 – present

Cultivator Name: Green Investment Partners, LLC

Product ID:

- M00000280205: Tier 2 Vap - Hybrid - 23.3 - 0 - Tangie Power - 2.83
- M00000280207: Tier 2 Vap - Hybrid - 23.3 - 0 - Tangie Power - 14.15

Affected Batches:

- 1A407010000300D000013361
- 1A407010000300D000013362

Affected Product Sold at the Following Dispensaries:

- MMD.0700063 Sunnyside Cincinnati
- MMD.0700061 Sunnyside Newark
- MMD.0700002 Sunnyside Wintersville
- MMD.0700062 Sunnyside Marion

- MMD.0700036 Verdant Creations Columbus
- MMD.0700093 Ethos Ohio (formerly About Wellness Ohio) Lebanon
- MMD.0700046 Pure Ohio Wellness Dayton

No reports of adverse reactions for this product have been reported to the MMCP at this time.

Patients who have purchased the recalled product should stop using it. All unused product should be returned to the dispensary where purchased. Returned products will not count toward a patient's 90-day possession limit. For more information on returns, please contact the dispensary where the product was purchased.

Anyone who thinks that they may be experiencing serious or life-threatening issues should seek immediate medical attention. Patients are reminded that any adverse reactions should be reported to the MMCP toll-free helpline (1-833-464-6627).